



**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field  
Mr. Mike Doucette, Chester  
Mr. Ron Montalto, Fallsburg  
Mr. Bernard McIlwain, Homestead School  
Mr. Chris Vero, Monroe-Woodbury  
Mr. Billy Brunner, Tuxedo

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. Jared Kahmar, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake  
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:43 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (September 20, 2022)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Rich Steger (Valley Central) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX Report – Ms. Linda Trapani
  - a. NIL Workshop  
This workshop was a success. Extra packets are available, if needed.
  - b. Budget  
Due to six (6) classifications, there will be an increase in next year’s budget \$225 to \$260.
  - c. Pixellot  
Pixellot is offering two (2) free cameras for new customers or a third one at cost for current customers.
1. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
  - a. Representation Rule - Reduce from 6 to 3 in Sports of: Indoor Track, Alpine & Nordic Skiing, Gymnastics.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Steger (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.*

- b. OCIAA Constitution
  - It has been discussed by the OCIAA Executive Committee that the Constitution should be reviewed, as it has not been updated since 1999. Items such as what is outdated, membership growth, and the way business is conducted in modern times will be reviewed.
- 2. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
  - Items of Concern:
    - a. Section IX Wrestling Duals
      - Bracket Draft in materials for your review.
      - Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mel Wesenberg (Chester). All in favor. Motion carried.*
    - b. Ratings of Officials
      - Please speak with your coaches and make sure they are entering ratings. The ratings can be entered on the app only. Scores can be reported immediately after the game, but ratings cannot be entered for 24 hours. Discussion about the rSchoolToday program and some of the challenges Athletic Directors are facing was had.
    - c. BEDS Chart 2023-2024
      - The first draft of this chart is available at this meeting for your reference. When the chart is completed, it will be redistributed. We are waiting for NYSPHSAA
    - d. 2023-2024 Sports Teams Form
      - These forms are due today. Please submit immediately, if you haven't done so already.
    - e. Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings
      - Mr. Dan Morse will send out information as it becomes available. Most meetings will be virtual, but some may be in person.
    - f. Winter Coaching Courses
      - i. Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) will be announcing the dates for the next course of Health Sciences.
      - ii. Ms. Amanda York has several dates scheduled for this school year. Coaches can email her directly to register for initial and refresher courses.  
[Amanda.york@ouboces.org](mailto:Amanda.york@ouboces.org)
    - g. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
      - The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20.
    - h. Transportation Issues
      - This continues to be challenging for several districts. Continue working together and consider playing on Saturdays when deemed a good option. There was also discussion about switching Varsity and JV Basketball game times, as well as the very limited number of officials for Wrestling. Discussion on swapping Varsity and JV times was had. Mr. Coates (Middletown) wondered if it would be best if the League as a body would implement the change as a policy, rather than only some schools initiating a change. Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) suggested that making a change at this point in the school year might be difficult to manage with parents and game workers, and might be something we look at carefully in the future after all areas are looked at including officials' availability. Mr. Mayo explained that part of the issue is the time of games, as putting games at 4 pm starts or 4:30 starts already create a shortage. If games were 5:00 and 6:30 instead, more officials would be available even if the Varsity game started first. Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and Mr. John Giametta (Beacon) spoke about their experience in Section I with Varsity playing before the JV. Pros and Cons of making a change were

talked about. Mr. Bellarosa asked the Athletic Directors to talk with their administration regarding this discussion to gauge their interest in making such a change. It was suggested that Athletic Directors get together for a special AD meeting after AD's have some time to discuss different options with their Superintendents, and after the OCIAA Executive Committee discusses any potential changes to Basketball starting times.

i. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

SPORT	LEVEL	HOST SCHOOL	COMB SCHOOL		RATIONALE	Year
			#1			
Girls Lacrosse	Varsity	FDR	Spackenkill		FDR-18, Spack-1	Spring 2023
Boys Lacrosse	Varsity	FDR	Spackenkill		FDR-20, Spack-2	Spring 2023

OCIAA Approve	10/18/2022	X
MHAL Approve	9/21/2022	
S9 Approve	11/1/2022	

Girls' Basketball	JV	Roscoe	Liv. Manor	R-8, LM -2	Winter 2022-23
Boys' Basketball	Modified	Roscoe	Liv. Manor	R-11, LM-4	Winter 2022-23
Wrestling	Varsity	Fallsburg	Tri-Valley	TV-2, Falls-6	Winter 2022-23
Wrestling	JV	Fallsburg	Tri-Valley	TV-0, Falls-5	Winter 2022-23
Wrestling	Modified	Fallsburg	Tri-Valley	TV-1, Falls-5	Winter 2022-23

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*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.*

5. Old Business

- a. Ballots for Section IX Athletic Council Representatives were counted and appointments were announced:

- i. Jason Semo (Cornwall)
- ii. John Giametta (Beacon)

*Motion to approve ballots vote made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen (Sullivan West).*

Discussion then took place: Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) felt that a Sullivan County Athletic Director should be appointed to one of the seats, since it was previously occupied by a Sullivan County Athletic Director. Mr. Mayo reminded the body that the positions on the Section IX Athletic Council are LEAGUE-based, not County-based. Mr. Mayo then explained that if they were County-based, we would need seats on the Council for our Athletic Directors from Ulster and Dutchess County as well. Mr. David Coates (Middletown) agreed and said perhaps that is something that should be looked at in our Constitution, as we review it, if there is an issue. Mr. Mayo also pointed out that the OCIAA Constitution only stipulates League Representation of four (4) Athletic Directors

and does not allude to County Representation at all. Mr. Bellarosa stated that League Representatives on the Section IX Athletic Council vote as the League directs, so it is never about what county you come from, it is about supporting your League. Mr. Mayo also explained to Mr. Bult that Sullivan County does in fact have an AD from Sullivan County on the Section IX Athletic Council in Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley). Mr. Closs then told the body of Athletic Directors that he is there on the Section IX Athletic Council to support the League and also looks out for the interests of all small schools, as part of his responsibility to the League. The discussion was concluded at that point.

*All Athletic Directors were in favor, except one (1) abstain. Motion carried.*

6. New Business

a. Cheerleading

Goshen was to participate in Washingtonville's competition, but it was cancelled, so a waiver request to participate in Sections was submitted to Mr. Greg Ransom.

b. Mr. Mayo welcomed to Mr. Stephen Veeder, Monticello Interim AD! Mr. Veeder introduced himself as did all of the ADs in the room. Mr. Mayo told Mr. Veeder that the ROIA is here for anything he needs.

c. LTC 631 – Athletic Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletics Events will be held at Orange-Ulster BOCES Special Education Auditorium on Monday, October 31, 2022. There is a QR code to register on the flyer. Section IX will be billing attendees upon completion of the workshop.

d. Clerical Support Staff Luncheon/Workshop

The support given for this event by the Orange-Ulster BOCES Administrators, District Superintendents, and Athletic Directors is greatly appreciated. The event will be held at Orange-Ulster BOCES on Tuesday, November 15, and an invitation will be sent to your clerical staff member shortly.

e. Modified Committee

A meeting was held on September 30 and Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) reported the following proposals coming down the pike, which will most likely be voted on at the next meeting:

- i. Removal of Mouthpieces in Modified Soccer
- ii. Modified Track & Field Changing from three (3) to four (4), which would include one (1) relay and three (3) events

f. Code of Conduct

Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) brought to our attention that the Section IX website is not properly linking to the Code of Conduct for Spectators. Mr. Mayo will correct the link.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.  
at Orange-Ulster BOCES **Conference Room B/C ~ back to where we used to meet!**

Section IX Meeting – Wednesday, November 1, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom

8. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.*