



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

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Howie Harrison, Monroe-Woodbury  
Mr. Ronald Jackson, Newburgh  
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary  
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:41 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (January 17, 2023)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. James Osborne
  - a. Payment of Officials  
Section IX will pay officials for Boys Volleyball, then bill back school districts.
  - b. Girls Flag Football  
Checks were distributed from the Jets. Schools should have received an email with a coupon code for uniforms.
  - c. Section IX Basketball
    - i. Point Cards
    - ii. Gate List – include name and position (no parents)
    - iii. GoFan Link
    - iv. NFHS Link
  - d. Information included in your materials:
    - i. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights
    - ii. NYSPHSAA Championships – 5-Year Calendar
    - iii. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Items

- e. FAT – Fully Automatic Timing  
Discussion ensued regarding options to alleviate this rising expense.

3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa

a. Section IX Items – VOTE

- i. 2023-2024 Membership Dues – NYSPHSAA Dues will be \$1,000 per school and \$1 per student over 300. No Vote – point of information.
- ii. All Championships – Distribute Digital Certificates for Regional & States via E-mail/NYSPHSAA Website  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- iii. NYSPHSAA Meeting Structure & Timeline – Change for meeting structure for NYSPHSAA  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All opposed. Motion failed.*
- iv. Girls/Boys Tennis – Classification Cut-Off Numbers  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Rich Steger (Valley Central) and seconded by Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- v. Game Day Cheer: Revise State Championship to Sunday of Week #18  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Steger (Valley Central) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- vi. Football – Early Season Practice Language  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- vii. Football – Practice Start Date  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- viii. Boys Golf – Allow Cell Phones to be Used as Distance Measuring Devices  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- ix. Girls Golf – Establish a Maximum of Scoring at Three Times Par for Each Hole at the State Championship (Create New NYSPHSAA Rule)  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Mr. Steger (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- x. Outdoor Track & Field – Classification Cut-Off Numbers  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Steger (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- xi. Outdoor Track & Field – Remove Hand Timing from Qualifying Standards  
Discussion occurred. This will be voted on at State meeting in May.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All opposed. Motion failed.*
- xii. Outdoor Track & Field – Meet Format for Super Qualifier  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*

- b. Fan expectations  
Proposal for Sportsmanship in materials: NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation. Mr. Bellarosa discussed this and Ms. Lenzian shared a few suggestions in line with this regulation, ie, she had large posters clearly posted and a procedure in place for the opposing team. Mr. Mayo suggested the BOCES Print Shop could create a sportsmanship card.
  - c. Athlete behavior and expectations –  
The group discussed the current atmosphere pertaining to Athlete behavior as well as fan behavior.
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
- Items of Concern:
- a. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Awards – June 1, 2023, at Otterkill Country Club  
The link for biographical sketches has been emailed to you. The bios are due no later than Friday, April 21, 2023.
  - b. Tyler Muise Award  
The application is included in your materials. All submissions are due by Monday, May 1, 2023. Applicants who do not receive this award will be given the Gold Medal Award as recognition for their commitment and dedication to a school team.
  - c. 2023-2024 Proposed Athletic Calendar  
This is included in your materials. Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.  
*Motion to approve made by Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - d. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
    - i. Scheduling and playoffs – Committee Meeting on Thursday
    - ii. Schedules will be released on Thursday afternoon.
    - iii. Proposals to host Championship games on November 10-11, 2023, are currently being accepted.
    - iv. New Committee members include: Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley); Mr. David Eggleton (Livingston Manor/Roscoe); Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis); Mr. John Giametta (Beacon); Mr. Howie Harrison (Monroe-Woodbury); Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall); Bryan Wilson (Highland Falls)
  - e. Fall Schedules 2023 – Discussion
    - i. Committee met, information included in materials for your review, and schedules will be released this afternoon.
    - ii. Vote will take place at the next meeting.
    - iii. Modified Cross Country Multi-Meet – is anyone interested in hosting the last Saturday in October 2023? Mr. Sirico (Warwick) offered their facility at Sanfordville ES.
  - f. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
    - i. COT application from Onteora and Rondout Valley for Varsity Softball. This does move the COT team to a Class A school.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.*
    - ii. Proposal: The Section IX Combining of Teams Co-Chairpersons (currently Tim Bult/OCIAA & Dom Zarrella/MHAL) are granted the authority to approve Combining of Teams applications received from Section IX member schools for

