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Tuesday, May 15, 2023 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field
Mr. Jason Semo, Cornwall
Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, Sullivan West
Mr. Jason Closs, Tri-Valley
Mr. Rich Steger, Valley Central

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. Doug Murphy, Monticello

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (April 18, 2023)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Update – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
In addition to reviewing the voting items below, Mr. Ransom reviewed several previous items that were approved at May's NYSPHSAA meeting. The following proposals are included in the meeting materials.

NYSPHSAA Voting Items:

- **CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE-Continue Use of Standby Official on the Field for Football State Semifinals and Finals for 2023 Season**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Championship Advisory Committee: NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Handbook Committee: Adding Language to the Representation Rule**
Motion to approve made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis). All in favor. Motion carried
- **Under Influence Prescribed Penalty**
No Motion.
- **Safety Committee: Mandating Anyone Can Save a Life Program**
*Motion to approve **with the amendment of the effective start date changed to Fall 2024** made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- **Modified: Addition to Modified Wrestling OT**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **NFHS Implicit Bias Course**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Structure**
*Motion to approve with **“three students per section” and eliminating the rest of this sentence** made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Jasper (Monticello). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- **Penalties: Derogatory or Inappropriate behavior**
- **Sportsmanship: Derogatory or Racially Explicit Language; Discriminatory Harassment or Bias Conduct**
Motion to approve both proposals made by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL - IMPLEMENT "PURPLE CARD" SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**
No Motion.
- **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL- REVISE STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT TO BRACKET PLAY**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL- NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2023-25**
- **GIRLS SOCCER- NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2023-2030**
- **BOYS SOCCER- NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2021-2026**
*Motion to approve all three new regional rotations made by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) and seconded by Mr. Gass (Port Jervis). All opposed. **Motion defeated.***
- **Cheerleading: Classification Cut Off Numbers**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **GYMNASTICS - Approval of Revised Scoring Changes to Its Technical Handbook**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **GIRLS AND BOYS BOWLING: Classification Cut-Off Numbers**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester). All in favor. Motion carried.
- **BOYS SWIMMING and DIVING -QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON**
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.

- **BASEBALL - NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2024 2029**
- **BOYS LACROSSE -New Regional Rotation for 2028-33 creating equitable number of out bracket games for all regions**

*Motion to approve the above two regional rotations made by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All opposed. **Motion defeated.***

- **BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE- Request Earlier Start Date for 2024 and beyond**

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All opposed. **Motion defeated.***

- **GIRLS SWIMMING - QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON**

Informational Item: The NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Committee will continue to use the same State Qualifying Standards for the 2023-2024 school year as they did in 2022-2023 due to participation staying between 5%-8%, per Championship Philosophy Committee requirements.

- **Safety Committee: Addition to NYSPHSAA Heat Index Regulation**

Action Item/Already approved: The Safety Committee Is recommending adding the Wet Bulb Temperature specific guidance (see attached) to the current NYSPHSAA Heat index Regulation. The Safety Committee Is also recommending adding the map which identifies the different categories to follow depending on the location of the site. Effective Start Date: Immediately

3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
In Mr. Bellarosa’s absence, Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) led with the voting process as Mr. Ransom reviewed all of the NYSPHSAA Voting Items above.
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
 - a. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
The Rules Interpretation Meeting will be held in June. The date is to be announced.
 - b. Scholar Athlete Ceremony – June 1, 2023
 - i. Thursday, June 1, at Otterkill Country Club at 9 am
 - ii. Please review your district’s page before the final approve to print.
 - c. Tyler Muise Award
Jeffrey Morgan from Eldred HS has been selected as the recipient of this award. Congratulations to Jeffrey!
 - d. OCIAA Community Service Challenge
Congratulations to the Middletown ECSD for being this year’s recipient!
 - e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

Baseball	Modified	Tuxedo	Suffern - S1	Yes	Tux -8, Suff-4	team	Spring 2023
Softball	Modified	Tuxedo	Burke	Yes	Tux - 3	team	Spring 2023
			COT Comm Approve	4/21/2023			
			OCIAA/MHAL Minutes	5/15/2023 & 5/8/2023	(sub-Varsity - committee approval)		
			S9 Minutes	5/9/2023			

- f. Seeding Meetings
The meetings are scheduled and coming up this week. Brackets will be posted as soon as possible after the meetings.

5. Old Business

a. Unified Sports

- i. Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) brought medals to the meeting for distribution to those districts who are currently participating in Unified Sports.
- ii. The culminating event for Unified Basketball will be held next Tuesday, May 23.

b. Varsity 845 Reporting

Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) expressed his concerns regarding the newspaper coverage. Mr. Mayo discussed the concept of an online magazine possibly being presented at the June meeting. It is currently in the early stages but hopeful better coverage can be reported in the future.

6. New Business

a. Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) shared this information:

On Saturday, May 13, the NYS AHPERD Catskill Zone held their physical education student leadership awards at Washingtonville High school. This is a great way to celebrate and acknowledge students leaders in physical education classes and is offered each year in May. Nominating physical educators need to be a member of NYS AHPERD. More information can be found here: <https://nysahperd.org>

b. Retirement Gifts

Mr. Rob Gravelle (Florida) and Deb Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill), two former Athletic Directors, who have been very committed to the Athletic Program in their respective school districts for many years will both be attending our next AD meeting in June, where we will present them with gifts and our thanks for their dedication and all of their hard work.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 9:30 am
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

Section IX Meeting – Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 8 am @ Apple Greens Restaurant

8. Adjourn

Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Doucette (Chester) and seconded by Mr. Howie Harrison (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.