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Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Adam Kless, Burke
Ms. Michelle Ahart-Bosland, Homestead
Mr. David Coates, Middletown
Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, Sullivan West
Mr. Rich Steger, Valley Central

Guests Present: Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Jared Kahmar, Greenwood Lake, Associate Member
Mr. Doug Murphy, Monticello

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:42 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (June 8, 2023)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Update – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
 - a. Section IX pass cards and directories were distributed.
 - b. Cheerleading: Classifications Cut-Off Numbers approved. The registration form is on the back of the proposal.
 - c. Jay Hammes has provided some small posters for your taking.
 - d. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting Recap was reviewed and included in the materials.

- e. Discussion Items were reviewed and included in the materials.
 - f. Mr. Ransom congratulated Mr. Osborne on his recent award: NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2023.
 - g. Thank you to the League for your great efforts and another great year!
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
- a. Mr. Bellarosa thanked Mr. Ransom and Mr. Osborne for having their input from the State meetings.
 - b. Schools of Excellence and Distinction were announced. Congratulations to all!
 - c. Welcome back ... hope everyone is off to a good start!
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
Items of Concern:
- a. Fall Changes – Added / Dropped Teams for 2023
No updates to report at this time. Please be sure to contact our office as soon as possible if there are any changes.
 - b. OCIAA 2023-2024 Events Risk & Emergency Plan
The plan was included in the materials.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. OCIAA Sport Chairpeople
Mr. Mayo reviewed the changes on the sheet from the materials. Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) and Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Washingtonville) volunteered to step in as the AD Liaisons for Swimming.
 - d. Fall 2023 Rules Interpretations Meetings
Meetings have already started now and will carry into next week. Mr. Dan Morse reviewed the schedule and has also shared it on Google Docs.
 - e. Modified Football Rules Meeting
This meeting will be scheduled for September. Information will be provided as soon as it is available.
 - f. Coaching Courses
Ms. Amanda Zampini is currently on maternity leave and will resume course offerings in November 2023. Mr. Morse can offer a course before then in the event of an emergency.
 - g. Spring Schedules 2024
Please review the schedules included in the materials and inform Mr. Mayo about any issues or concerns before the next meeting. The Spring Schedules will be voted on at the next meeting in September.

h. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult
All COTs were approved over the summer.

Football (8-Man)	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-12/Ros-7	Team	Fall 2023
Girls Soccer	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-8/Ros-7	Team	Fall 2023
Boys Soccer	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-10/Ros-4	Team	Fall 2023
Boys XC	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-2/Ros-2	Ind.-5	Fall 2023
Girls XC	Varsity	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-3/Ros-1	Ind.-5	Fall 2023
Field Hockey	Modified	Taconic Hills	Webutuck	Yes	Webutuck-1	Team	Fall 2023

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Girls Soccer	* Modified	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-10/Ros-8	Team	Fall 2023
Volleyball	* Modified	Liv. Manor	Roscoe	Yes	LM-7/Ros-5	Team	Fall 2023
			COT Spec Approval -->	7/17/2023			
			S9 Minutes	9/7/2023			

Football	* Modified-11	Warwick	Greenwood Lake	Yes	G.L - 4	Team	Fall 2023
			COT Spec Approval -->	8/18/2023			
			OCIAA Minutes	8/22/2023			
			S9 Minutes	?? - 9/7/2023			

i. Tennis

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This recommended clarification to clean up ambiguous language regarding moving players up in line-up if an absence occurs has been included in the materials.

Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Michael Doucette (Chester) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.

ii. B/G Team Tennis Representation

This procedure is included in the materials.

Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.

j. OCIAA Calendar 2023-2024

This has been included in the materials for your reference.

5. Old Business

- a. Mr. Ransom reminded all about the NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop on September 11. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 am.

- b. Letters of Recommendation for Ms. Robbie Greene are still welcome. Please submit yours as soon as possible.
6. New Business
- a. Section IX entry forms for team sports will now be an automatic spreadsheet. Once the link is available, Mr. Mayo will post it on the website.
 - b. Mr. Mayo shared that Mr. Chris Russo, BCANY Monticello Basketball Coach, would like to have an earlier start for basketball. The timeline will not fit in for this year.
 - c. Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) inquired about Coaching Certification for Concussion Testing. It has been confirmed to certify every two (2) years.
 - d. Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) thanked all who have stepped up into leadership positions for Section IX. She thanked everyone for information, ideas, and the camaraderie that is shared amongst the ADs.
 - e. Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) announced that Alison O'Donnell from Goshen HS is the new Student Representative.
 - f. Student Leadership Conference
Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) will share the information when it is available. Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) thanked Ms. Lenzian for her commitment and hard work.
 - g. Community Service Challenge
Mr. Patrick Rossi will be handling the submissions again this year. He reviewed the process and acknowledged last year's winner of the award, Middletown HS.
 - h. B/G Soccer
Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) has confirmed that the visiting Soccer shorts can be a different color than the tops.
 - i. Cross Country will not be hosted by Bear Mountain this year due to storm damage. The Championships will be held at Sanfordville ES in Warwick this year. Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley) thanked Mr. Sirico (Warwick) for stepping up.
 - j. Mr. Chris Hodge (Newburgh) briefly discussed the NYSAAA Mentor Program and an email was forwarded to all ADs. His goal is to also have to LTI classes offered. He would like to put together an AAA Awards Committee.
 - k. Support Staff Meetings
Ms. Margaret Oettinger has scheduled a virtual meeting with the support staff on August 29, and we hope to host another in-person meeting between the Fall and Winter seasons. These meetings have received positive feedback thus far.
 - l. State Committee – NFHS – must take this free course: Explicit Bias Course

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – **Thursday, September 21, 2023** - 9:30 am
Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center
*(Please note date change from 9/19 and room change to **Conference Room A.**)*
8. NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop - Monday, September 11, 2023 - 9:30 am
Otterkill Golf Club
9. Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, Sept 7, 2023 – 9:30 am
Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center
10. Adjourn
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.