

**MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 14, 2024 - 9:30AM
DUTCHESS BOCES
MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING- MOTION BY TOM CASSATTA, SECOND BY STEVE BOUCHER. MOTION CARRIED

2. SECTION REPORT-MR. GREG RANSOM/ MR. JAMES OSBORNE- NYSPHSAA--EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT AND SECTION IX BUSINESS -**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR MEETING MATERIALS. #1 NYSPHSAA HIGHLIGHTS: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. #2 ITEMS FOR REVIEW BY THE SECTION IX ATHLETIC COUNCIL.**

BE PREPARED TO VOTE ON ITEMS LABELED "DISCUSSION" AT OUR MARCH MEETING. ANY QUESTION CONTACT DENNIS.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- MR TOM CASSATA

4. REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT.- MR. CHRIS MAYO- **IF ANY MEMBER SCHOOLS HAVE SOMEONE WHO WAS APPROVED TO TEACH FIRST AID, CPR ETC. PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS MAYO. THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL NEED TO REVIEW AND APPROVE CREDENTIALS.**

ALL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS SHOULD BE AWARE OF INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED RECENTLY IN SECTION 1. OFFENSIVE CHANTS OR COMMENTS SHOULD NEVER BE TOLERATED OR IGNORED. WE ALL NEED TO BE VIGILANT AND AGGRESSIVELY DEAL WITH FAN BEHAVIOR THAT IS INSENSITIVE TO RACE, SEX, BODY IMAGE ETC. OUR LEAGUE IS NOT IMMUNE TO POOR FAN BEHAVIOR. WE NEED TO WORK TO MAKE OUR GYMS A HEALTHY COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE.

5. ATHLETIC COORDINATOR'S REPORT- MR. DENNIS BURKETT

Please access meeting materials

6/10 DATE OF SCHOLAR ATHLETE BREAKFAST AT WILT WYCK. FORM AND TEAM WITH YOUR ADMINISTRATORS AND GUIDANCE STAFF WHEN CHOOSING YOUR 2 SCHOLAR ATHLETES.

DO NOT ENTER CONTESTS IN ANY SPORT AS "MHAL."

-WE WILL BE DISCUSSING A REQUEST BY LIVINGSTON MANOR AND ROSCOE TO FACILITATE A MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THEIR MERGER REQUESTS IN MARCH.

DO WE WISH TO CHANGE MODIFIED BASKETBALL GAMES TO A “PIGGY BACK” SCHEDULE?

6. COMBINING OF TEAMS- MR FRANK ALFONSO

7. MODIFIED REPORT AND NYSAAA- MR. GREG WARREN

8. OLD BUSINESS- **EXTRA MURAL BOYS VOLLEYBALL WILL BE HOSTED BY RHINECK AND PORT JERVIS. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT STEVE BOCHER. THE MHAL MAY BE MOVING FORWARD TO FORM A VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE AS A “PILOT” BEGINNING 2025. AT THIS TIME IT APPEARS THE SEASON WOULD BE WEDGED BETWEEN THE END OF THE TRADITIONAL WINTER SEASON AND THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRING SEASON. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL OCCUR AT OUR NEXT MEETING.**

9. NEW BUSINESS- **DISCUSSION ABOUT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY. ULTIMATELY, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT EVERY STUDENT ATHLETE MEETS THE STANDARD. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DATE OF BIRTH AND DATE OF ENTRY INTO 9TH GRADE ARE CRUCIAL. EACH AND EVERY TRANSFER NEEDS TO BE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED. A LEGITIMATE CHANGE OF RESIDENCE AND IF PARENTS ARE SEPARATED, LEGAL DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED. SECTION IX IS CURRENTLY IN LITIGATION OVER ELIGIBILITY. BE CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE VERIFYING EACH AND EVERY TEAM/SPORT AND LEVEL ROSTER. ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT TOM CASSATA OR DENNIS BURKETT.**

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DIVISION WINNERS, CONFERENCE AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS IN BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL.**
- **OUR CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS AT DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DREW LARGE CROWDS AND THE TOURNAMENT IN GENERAL WAS A TRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTH OF THE MHAL.**

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN-FRANK ALFONSO, SECOND BY TOM CASSATA. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DENNIS BURKETT**

