



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

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field
Ms. Erin Alvord, Liberty
Mr. Christian Hodge, Newburgh

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

The meeting began at 9:41 am.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (March 19, 2024)
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 Report – Mr. Greg Ransom
 - a. Mr. Ransom received an email regarding players participating in cash tournaments. If cash is accepted, the players no longer have amateur status. He will forward the email from the State Chair to all Athletic Directors for review.
3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
 - a. Livingston Manor / Roscoe Annual Merger
The proposal and documentation have been included in the meeting materials. An in-depth discussion occurred.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Rich Steger (Valley Central) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). Roll call vote: 13 YES; 11 NO; 1 ABSTAIN; 3 ABSENT. Motion defeated.
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
Items of Concern:
 - a. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Awards/Tyler Muise MVP Award – June 6, 2024
 - i. April 19 - Scholar-Athlete Bios & Photos due
 - ii. May 1 – Tyler Muise MVP Award due – no applications received to date
 - b. Winter Schedules 2024-2025 – Discussion
Information in the materials for your review. The Scheduling Committee will be meeting shortly, and this item will be voted on at the May or June AD meeting.

- c. Spring Championships
This is included in the meeting materials for your reference.
 - d. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
 - i. There may a new proposal regarding the Football start date for Monday, August 19, rather than Wednesday, August 21.
 - ii. The proposal to move the 8-man Regional Championship to The Dome was defeated.
 - e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
 - i. The Committee approved this sub-Varsity Combining of Teams application:
JV Baseball – The Homestead School to merge with Liberty – approved 4/12/24
 - f. Anyone Can Save a Life Program
A checklist has been included in your materials. Discussion was held regarding the process.
5. Discussion Topic: Scheduling Priorities, Eligibility Checklist – best practices.

Scheduling Priorities:

- a. Games – make every effort to reschedule division games on the next available date for both schools. Schools should be moving non-league games to a different date to accommodate league games. All games should be palyed sooner than later since weather could affect the the games being played if pushed to the end of the season.
- b. It was suggested that a procedure or guidelines be put in writing. This will be further discussed with the scheduling committee.

Eligibility Checklist:

- c. Eligibility Roster – this is in the materials.
- d. Some Ads shared their eligibility process working with the Registrar/Guidance and having a questionnaire.
- e. Mr. Ransom will be offering an Eligibility Workshop after the next Section IX meeting. It is expected to be about 20-30 minutes.

6. Old Business

Mr. Coates (Middletown) followed up with Mr. Doug Murphy's (Fallsburg) suggestion about restarting the mentor program for new Athletic Directors. Interested parties and veteran ADs who can volunteer could meet at approximately 8:30 am before the AD meeting begins.

7. New Business

- a. Athletic Trainer Award at the Scholar-Athlete Breakfast
Mr. Mayo and Mr. Bellarosa presented the opportunity to start the recognition of an Athletic Trainer at the breakfast. This year, they would like to present this award to Ms. Sharon Delmonico, Valley Central Athletic Trainer. Funding for this award and a potential future scholarship for someone entering the field of Athletic Trainer will be funded by the Bellarosa Family.
- b. Showcase Event for Boys Basketball – event to be held at Middletown High School on May 11. Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) will forward more information regarding this event to the Athletic Directors.
- c. Section IX proposals have been included in the materials for your review (sent as a follow-up email shortly after the agenda and other materials). These items will be voted on at May's AD meeting.
- d. Score and Ratings on rSchoolToday – ADs can enter the score, if your coaches have not done so; the ratings must be entered by the coaches on the app.

- e. We are looking for a venue to host the Throwers Pentathlon on May 14.
- 8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. @ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C
- 9. Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., @ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C
- 10. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. David Eggleton (Livingston Manor/Roscoe) and seconded by Mr. Murphy (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.