



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

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field
Mr. George St. Lawrence, Goshen
Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead School
Mr. Rich Silverstein, Kingston
Mr. Tim Bult, Minisink
Mr. Rich Steger, Valley Central
Mr. Greg Sirico, Warwick

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

Retired Athletic Directors:
Ms. Deb Crowe
Mr. John Landro
Mr. Ron Montalto
Mr. John Russo

The meeting began at 9:44 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (May 23, 2024)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Chris Mayo introduced the retired Athletic Directors who attended the meeting and thanked them for all they have done for Athletics and so many of us who are part of this team.

2. Section IX Information – Mr. Jim Osborne
Mr. Osborne highlighted several NYSPHSAA Proposals:
 - a. Regional Rotations
 - b. Indoor Track - Qualifying Standards
 - c. Girls Wrestling - Freestyle or Folkstyle
 - d. 8-Man Football - Regional Championship/Week 22

- e. Game Day Cheerleading in the Winter for Tournaments, Invitationals, and Competition, but no Sectionals. Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) further clarified this information. This item will be voted on in August.
 - f. Mixed Competition – The deadline to submit questions, not complaints, is July 22, 2024. As school districts, it has been discussed that the information shared on your websites should be about awareness versus stance. Criteria to make a team should be posted on your website as this proposal progresses.
3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
- a. Year-End Remarks
When he first started out, Mr. Bellarosa remembers being told, “Always do the right thing.” This is not always easy today. It has become quite complicated. Thank you, you make things happen! Great year!!!
 - b. Opening for the OCIAA Executive Committee
 - i. Superintendent Representative for Large Schools: Ms. Amy Creeden (Middletown) has been appointed.
 - ii. OCIAA Executive Committee Athletic Director Representative for Small Schools is needed with the departure of David Eggleton. Interested applicants were instructed to contact our nominating Chairperson, David Coates. A vote will take place in August if there is more than one interested candidate.
 - iii. The Athletic Council also needs to replace two AD representatives due to the departure of David Eggleton and the movement of Sue Lenzian to Female Representative on the Council. Interested applicants were instructed to contact our nominating Chairperson, David Coates. A vote will take place in August if there are more than two interested candidates.
 - c. OCIAA Cross Country Chairperson
Vote for Mr. George St. Lawrence to become the Chairperson
Motion to approve made by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. David Eggleton (Livingston Manor/Roscoe). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. OCIAA Cross Country Championship Site Fall 2024
Bear Mountain is ready to host the OCIAA Championships again.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). Discussion occurred suggesting using different courses for the League and Section Championships. Since the Section IX Championship is going to be held at Bear Mountain, Jason Semo suggested that many coaches would be in favor of holding the OCIAA Championship at a different course, such as Warwick. Check with your coaches. An email inquiry was returned to the league by the end of the week. Those results would then be brought to the body for approval.
Motion to TABLE Bear Mountain as the OCIAA Cross Country Championship site made by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Eggleton (Livingston Manor/Roscoe). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. The 69th Annual School Law Conference will be offered on August 2nd. The brochure is included in your materials.
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
- Items of Concern:
- a. Spring 2024-2025 Schedules Discussion
Scheduling setup notes have been included in your meeting materials. Please review and let us know if you see any issues before the vote at the August AD meeting.

- b. Summer Coaching Courses
 - i. Ms. Amanda York is now working at Cornwall CSD and will also continue instructing our CPR/AED/FA courses. We will confirm her email address for registration shortly. The upcoming classes have been included in your materials.
 - ii. Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) will be offering each of the three courses once per school year. This Fall, classes will begin with Philosophy & Principles, followed by Health Sciences and Theory & Techniques.
- c. Fall Rules Interpretations Meetings
Dates will be set up by the Chairpeople and will be virtual, unless the Chairperson wants to set up an in-person meeting. Information will be shared on Google Docs when the dates are confirmed. The Football date has not yet been determined.
- d. Unified Sports – Mr. Rich Silverstein
In Mr. Silverstein’s absence, Mr. Mayo shared that both Bowling and Basketball went well this year. Kingston is starting BOCCE Intramurals and planning an October event for all interested.
- e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
In Mr. Bult’s absence, Mr. Mayo presented these requests.

SPORT	LEVEL	HOST SCHOOL	COMB. SCHOOL #1	RECO	RATIONALE	IS#	YEAR	
Field Hockey	Varsity	Pine Plains	Rhinebeck	Yes	Rhinebeck-0	Team	Fall 2024	Stay Class C
Field Hockey	Modified	Pine Plains	Rhinebeck	Yes	Rhinebeck-0	Team	Fall 2024	
Football	Varsity (8-Man)	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-10, Web-8	Team	Fall 2024	Stay Class C
Football	Modified (8-Man)	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-18, Web-6	Team	Fall 2024	
Girls Soccer	Varsity	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-10, Web-6	Team	Fall 2024	Move to Class B
Girls Soccer	Modified	Millbrook	Webutuck	Yes	Mill-8, Web-8	Team	Fall 2024	
		OCIAA Approve	6/18/24 - ???					
		MHAL Approve	6/20/24 - ???					
		S9 Approve/Mins	email - ??					

Motion to approve Field Hockey COTs made by Mr. Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Football COTs made by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Doucette (Chester). All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Soccer COTs made by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

Please share Discussion/Mentoring Topic suggestions for new Athletic Directors. Veteran ADs are encouraged to present.

6. New Business

- a. Constitution
 - i. A Committee will be established and will include at least one Athletic Director.
 - ii. Procedures need to be reviewed and updated to move with the times, ie, voting procedures, virtual meetings, proxy guidelines.
 - b. OCIAA Executive Committee may have additional meeting dates to cover voting items throughout the year.
 - c. Updated OCIAA Calendar and Meeting Dates list included in your meeting materials.
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, August 20, 2024 - Orange-Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center Rooms B/C at 9:30 am. **A quorum is needed for voting items, so please let us know if you cannot attend.**

Section IX Meeting – Thursday, September 5, 2024 - Orange-Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center Rooms B/C at 9:30am.

NYSPHSAA Mandatory Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2024 – Otterkill Golf Club at 8:30 am.

8. Adjourn

Athletic Directors, thank you for another great year! It's great to see some of our post-Athletic Directors ... congratulations again and keep enjoying your retirement!

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.