



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

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Travis Powers, Highland Falls  
Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead  
Mr. Christian Hodge, Newburgh  
Mr. Patrick Swift, Valley Central

Guests Present: Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary  
Mr. Michael Gillespie, Greenwood Lake

The meeting began at 9:41 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (December 10, 2024)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*

Mr. Chris Mayo welcomed Mr. Aaron Hasbrouck, the new AD of Burke Catholic, and Mrs. Kellie Guerrero, the new Senior Account Clerk at the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics. He also congratulated Ms. Margaret Oettinger on her retirement and thanked her for her years of service.

2. Section IX Update - Mr. Greg Ransom/Mr. James Osborne
  - a. Mr. Osborne reminded all that the calendar is tentative and not to distribute until the final draft is approved.
  - b. Mr. Ransom noted the state meeting is 2/5/25.
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
  - a. Sharon Delmonico Athletic Trainer of the Year Award
    - i. Mike Bellarosa established an account for this foundation.
    - ii. Selection Committee will be established. Mr. Doug Stahl has begun the process. We have also reached out to Sharon's husband, Kevin, and he and his children being involved in the process as well.
    - iii. Athletic Trainer of the Year will be recognized and a \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in the field of athletic training, sports medicine, or related field.
  - b. NYSAAA Conference - Ms. Suzanne Lenzian  
If you are going to the conference, please consider taking Leadership Training Courses.

- c. NYSAAA Awards announced by Mr. Osborne
  - i. Athletic Administrator – Suzanne Lenzian
  - ii. Judith Ann Knight - Beth Fletcher
  - iii. Distinguished Service – Daniel Morse
  - iv. Community Service – Bob Coudrey
  - v. Judith Martens Secretarial – Jenna Manning
  - vi. Liam Frawley Athletic Administrator – Amanda Zgrodek
  
- 4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
Items of Concern:
  - a. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
    - i. Mr. Jason Semo proposed new start dates – meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Two schools from Section 2 are interested in joining Section IX for 8 man Football. The Committee will meet to discuss this and make a recommendation.
    - iii. Scheduling commitment forms are still outstanding from a couple schools. These need to be sent in immediately so the scheduling process can be started.
  
  - b. Fall 2025 schedules – Discussion
    - i. Meeting will be set up with Scheduling Committee
    - ii. Scheduling note sheets included in materials for review
  
  - c. OCIAA Calendar 2025-2026  
The first draft was included in your meeting materials. Mr. Mayo reminded schools that this is only a draft as we do not have the school calendars for next year yet. We do not know what days schools will be taking off for holidays yet. The second draft will be available in February, and a vote will most likely occur in March.
  
  - d. Scholar Athlete Awards
    - i. Breakfast June 12, 2025, at Otterkill Golf Club, 9 am. Mr. Mayo requested that Athletic Directors remind their attendees to be prompt. Last year the breakfast started later than the 9am scheduled time as people were still arriving after the posted start time.
    - ii. Mr. Mayo has been in touch with Tammi Reiss to be the keynote speaker. She is checking her schedule and will get back in touch as soon as possible.
  
  - e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

SPORT	LEVEL	HOST SCHOOL	COMB. SCHOOL #1	RECO	RATIONALE	IS#	YEAR
Boys Lacrosse	Modified	Red Hook	Rhinebeck/PP	Yes	PP-1 & Rhine-2	Team	Spring 2025
			COT Team Approval	1/14/25 - OCIAA Meeting Minutes			
			(sub-varsity level)	1/15/2025 - MHAL Meeting Minutes			
				3/11/2025 - S9 Meeting Minutes			

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*

- f. NYSAAA – Mr. John Giametta
  - i. Scholarship nominees due 1/16/25. Mr. Greg Warren (New Paltz) and Mr. John Giametta (Beacon) will review and submit by 1/17/25.
  - ii. Conference Early Bird ends soon.

iii. Section IX will be hosting a Hospitality Suite.

5. Old Business

a. Lacrosse Shot Clock

Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester) asked what districts are doing if they don't have one. Discussion took place and schools brought forward their practices and plans for making the shot clock issue workable.

b. Mr. Mayo began a discussion on Official's Ratings. He received a FOIL for ratings information from an Official. It was noted that many coaches are not completing the ratings. Further discussion took place on ways to make sure ratings are being entered in a timely fashion. The ROIA is working diligently to get specific reports implemented that would help all recognize what ratings are missing.

6. New Business

a. Mr. Coates (Middletown) suggested consolidating payment for Bowling. He suggested that the home school be responsible for the matches at their home Bowling Centers. Mr. Coates will write a proposal to help streamline the process and Mr. Mayo will distribute this to all bowling schools.

b. Article regarding liability relating to field conditions in your materials for reference.

c. Winter Championship dates included in the materials.

d. Mr. Rich Steger (Valley Central) is on leave until the end of March, and Mr. Patrick Swift will be the Interim Athletic Director.

e. Mr. Mike Gillespie (Greenwood Lake) addressed that Baseball Sections are scheduled to take place over Memorial Day Weekend, including Memorial Day, 5/26/25.

f. Mr. Bult (Minisink) has a Boys JV Wrestling Tournament this weekend, 1/18/25, with openings. It is an individual competition with no fee.

2. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – March, 11, 2025, at 9:30 am  
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

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3. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Kevin Crudele (Tri-Valley). All in favor. Motion carried.*