

**MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
JANUARY 14, 2026 - 9:30AM
Dutchess BOCES
MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING-motion by Tom Cassata, second by Steve Boucher. Motion carried.

2. SECTIONAL REPORT - GREG RANSOM AND JIM OSBORNE-absent

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- TOM CASSATA-no report

4. REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT- CHRIS MAY0- no interest in the MHAL demonstrated for girls ice hockey. Alpine ski finals are now 2/11/26 at Hunter Mountain. Regional will contact basketball associations and ask that officials arriving late give prior notice to athletic directors.

5. ATHLETIC COORDINATOR'S REPORT - DENNIS BURKETT

Important dates:

5/28 Scholar Athlete Breakfast

8/17/26 Football start date

8/24/26 all other fall sports may begin

1. STANDINGS- please insist your coaches keep standings up to date. Only assigned games are "MHAL" all other contests are non-league or non-conference.
2. MARCH MEETING CONFLICT- the March meeting will be rescheduled as zoom date TBD
3. PHILOSOPHY COMMITTEE REPORT- both proposals in your materials were approved
4. GIRLS WRESTLING DUAL CHAMPIONSHIP- 2026-27 approved
 - VIRTUAL BOWLING- virtual bowling is currently not approved by the Section or NYSHPSAA
 - Greg Ransom is polling Unified Sports participating schools
 - a video of a recent altercation at a Long Island basketball contest was forwarded to all
 - a request to move up to class C by ROV in girls lacrosse was approved

-Membership was informed that further requests for class changes may not meet with support. This type of request has been very infrequent in the past. However, the leagues and section will work to introduce a process/policy to be implemented before the 26-27 school year.

6. COMBINING OF TEAMS- FRANK ALFONSO- Boys varsity lacrosse Highland/Marlboro. FDR/Spack girls lacrosse all levels-approved

7. MODIFIED REPORT- MATT SALAMONE- no recent updates

8. OLD BUSINESS-Ray Castellani asked all athletic directors to discuss recent developments by some superintendents in Section 1 with their school chiefs. The issues deal with the process of post season play and non public schools. Call Dennis or Ray for more information.

9. NEW BUSINESS- everyone is encouraged to submit "combining of teams" documents asap. It is risky to "assume" that all requests will be met with approval.

10.MOTION TO ADJOURN- motion by Jonnah O'Donnell, second by Frank Alfonso. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Burkett