

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
October 4, 2018 9:30am Baxter Mountain Inn

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance
Officers: J. McDonald, B. Norcross
Staff: M. Walentuk
MVAC: M. Mills, J. Toney, M. Douglas
CVAC: V. McMillan, G. Myers, W. Larrow
Executive Committee: S. Broadwell, C. Staves, P. Curry
MVAC Executive Secretary: R. McAuliffe
Absent Excused: J. Harrica, K. Lopez, D. Snide, T. Farrell, J. Barnhart, C. Mazzella
Proxies:
 K. Munson for J. Harrica
 M. Graney for T. Farrell
 R. McAuliffe for D. Snide

2. Approval of May 31, 2018 Minutes – Staves, Curry **APPROVED**
3. Corporate Meeting – Myers, Curry **APPROVED**

4. Regular Meeting – Toney, Myers **APPROVED**
5. Financial Report – Walentuk – Toney, Norcross **APPROVED**
 - a. Review of 2017-18 Budget
 - Income exceeded expenses by \$5,503.00
 - Our Post-Season Receipts and Championships are tough to project. (16-17 year they were 111,000 and 119,000 respectively). Dependent on weather and teams involved.
 - b. Review of Spring Championships
 - Class C Rainout in baseball increased expenses.
 - Track & Field – Tent and Port-a-Potties increased expenses for facilities
 - Tennis – Held first 2 days of girls at AuSable. Thanks for not charging!
 - Overall with the revenue from t-shirt sales on par with last year. Our Spring Championships do not bring in the revenue that our Fall and Winter do.
 - c. Review 2018-19 Budget
 - Received our NYSPHSAA revenue share for GoFan and Spectrum contract.
 - Questions for upcoming year:
 - i. Certificates do they do go to champions or runners up.

1. We used to have 2 different certificates
 2. We do not give certificates for individual sports. They are to go to the runner-ups in team sport championships.
 3. Do we want to go back to the coordinators?
 - a. The questions were coming from the coordinators.
 4. Hand Spalding ball to losing team in Sectionals.
 - ii. We talked about increasing personnel fees – Do not recommend doing anything drastic. We paid 395 separate personnel fees last year. \$5 increase is \$2,000. Officials are increasing \$1 so that's \$315.
 - iii. GoFan – we could do something similar to NYSPHSAA \$5 digital tickets \$6 at the gate to offset an increase to personnel. Or an hourly rate of \$12/\$15.
4. Conference reports/concerns
- a. CVAC
 - Consider getting rid of sectional intent form.
 - Section 2 has one form that they send out in August
 - Schools must let the coordinators aware of their decision not to compete in sectionals.
 - If you're not going to Sectionals there should be form.
 - A few years ago we had problems individual sports champions not going to states.
 - It should be responsibility for schools to let coordinators know.
 - Until we have a problem let's not have a fine.
 - **Motion by Myers McMillan to let get rid of Sectional Intent Form. Effective Winter 18-19** **APPROVED**
 - Ask for Schools to give notice to sport coordinators a least one week prior to the seeding meeting.
 - b. MVAC
 - C Boys/Girls will be seeded holistically in soccer
 - Some schools are rescheduling games until after sectional seeding. The meeting will be Saturday October, 13th in the afternoon.
5. Executive Director Report – Walentuk
- a. Actions of the Executive Committee
 - Approved Contract with NFHS Network
 - NFHS Network will broadcast the finals in Volleyball, Football, & Soccer.
 - The NYSPHSAA/Spectrum contract has been suspended. The NFHS network will be streaming State Championships.
 - NFHS Network is place for five years, beginning this school year. Section VII receives \$3,000 annually.
 - Approved mergers:

- **Fall Sports**
 - Football – Lake Placid w/ Saranac Lake (all levels)
 - Football – Seton w/ PHS (all levels)
 - Gymnastics – Saranac w/ Beekmantown
 - Gymnastics – AuSable Valley w/ Plattsburgh
 - Girls Swim – Saranac, Seton, Beekmantown w/ Peru
 - Boys Soccer – Elizabethtown-Lewis/Westport (Combined team)
 - Girls Soccer – Elizabethtown-Lewis/Westport (Combined team)
 - Boys/Girls Cross Country – Moriah/Westport (Combined team)
 - Boys/Girls Cross Country – Keene w/ Lake Placid
 - Cheerleading – AuSable Valley w/ Peru
- **Winter Sports**
 - Boys Hockey – Chazy w/ Beekmantown
 - Boys Hockey – Seton w/ Plattsburgh
 - Boys Hockey – Keene w/ Lake Placid
 - Boys Hockey – Tupper Lake w/ Saranac Lake
 - Girls Hockey – Chazy, NCCS w/ Beekmantown
 - Girls Hockey – Saranac, Peru, Seton, AuSable w/ Plattsburgh
 - Girls Hockey – Saranac Lake/Lake Placid (Combined team)
 - Boys Nordic Ski – Keene w/ Lake Placid
 - Boys Swim – Seton w/ Plattsburgh
- **Spring Sports**
 - Boys Tennis – Saranac Lake w/ Lake Placid
- Approved Section VII Media Policy
- Approved Off the Field Sports as our vendor for Sectional souvenirs
 - \$3,200 bid and 75 event staff t-shirts, plus 7% of total sales to towards apparel.
- Approved Travel request for executive director
 - Attending NIAAA National Athletic Directors' Conference in San Antonio.
- b. Actions of the Appeals Committee
 - Approved Mixed Competition requests for two males to compete on Beekmantown Gymnastics team
- c. Consider approval of Combining of Schools: Curry, Larrow – **APPROVED** (pending conference approval)
 - Boys Hockey – Peru, NAC w/ Saranac
 - Girls Hockey – Saranac, Peru, Seton, AuSable w/ Plattsburgh
 - Boys/Girls Indoor Track & Field – Chazy w/ Plattsburgh
 - Girls Bowling – Chazy w/ Peru

- Girls Alpine Ski – AuSable w/ Lake Placid
 - Boys Swim – Peru w/ AuSable
- d. Stay in the Game Recognition for 2017-18 Season
- Press Release for the Stay in the Game
 - Picture of ADs gathered around the trophy was released on Twitter
 - Reminder to follow Section VII on Twitter: @Section7Sports
- e. Mandated AD meeting – September 11, 2018
- Great turnout. Robert Zayas and Todd Nelson presented along with a Sergeant from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Council.
 - New AD Orientation was conducted after lunch with four new Athletic Directors.
- f. [2018-19 Sectional Calendar](#) – This is a live link, it is always up-to-date.
- g. Professional Development Update
- Scott Sugar, AD from Fayette Manilus, taught two sessions on 8/15. The morning session had 11 athletic directors and afternoon we had 10 athletic directors. The morning session was Strategies for Organization Management (AD 101). The afternoon session was Legal Issues – Liability for Sports Injuries and Risk Management.
 - One Item from Scott is that we can get more people certified to instruct 1st Aid for us. Have 1 maybe 2 interested. The issue is compensation. Current model is unsustainable. \$750 for each session. This would allow us to do it more regionally. Potentially shared expense between host school and section – this way they can set the date/time.
 - Future sessions – Dr. Shelley reach out but am happy to talk more about my services, fees, and programming. I don’t have any kind of brochure (document) outlining set fees and programming - as I typically talk/work through all details (fees, topics, scheduling, etc.) with each client/organization and try to work with them (the best I can) given their budgets, etc. I will however provide a fee schedule (range) below. Just know what else you need Potential sessions are:
 - Programming and Continuing Coach Education (sample workshop topics)
 - Developing Confident (Mentally Tough) Athletes
 - Developing Effective Coach and Staff Leadership
 - Building Productive and High-Performing Teams
 - Creating, Maintaining, and Growing Championship Team Cultures
 - Developing Team Trust, Respect, and Character
 - Establishing Effective Coach-Athlete Communication
 - Developing Athlete Commitment, Responsibility, and Accountability
 - Empowering, Developing, and Coaching Team Captain-Leaders
 - All dates, times, and locations TBD.

- All coaching sessions are designed for 90 minutes but can be tailored based on group needs/requests . . . many workshops are 2 hours in length - if time allows.
 - All workshops are interactive in nature, including small and large-group discussions, Q&A sessions, individual/group assessments, and/or handouts.
 - Compensation for workshop programming and any handouts, etc. ranges from \$3,500-\$4,500. I will do my best to accommodate budgets, etc. but what is listed is my typical fee schedule . . . and \$4,000 would be an average fee for my speaking services.
 - Please note: All hotel/lodging, round-trip mileage, and food expenses are typically separate – but can be included in the final agreed upon fee (if that is easier from a budgetary point).
 - The consensus was to setup a date and run through BOCES given the cost.
- h. Oversight Committee letter (pg. 28/29)
- First meeting wasn't well organized. Section IX and VII Directors weren't on the call.
 - The second meeting was in August included both Section's Executive Directors. Section IX discussed their process in placing non-public schools.
 - The Oversight Committee did not recommend any change to the Classification of Mount Academy's Boys Soccer Team.
- i. Girls Golf Potential
- Keep posted, reach out coordinator and schools to see how many girls there are currently playing golf.
- j. Sport Coordinator Vacancies
- The Section needs indoor track (2) and tennis (2) coordinators.
- k. Girls Hockey Sectional Championship –
- Sunday 2/3 at 12:30 PM. Saturday not available and State Coordinator says he needs rosters before Monday. So Monday is out.
 - A motion was made pending schools' approval that the Girls Ice Hockey Championship to be played on Sunday, 2/3 at 12:30 PM. – Myers, Staves
- APPROVED**
- l. Participation Survey Results (pg. 28-30)
- Over 8,200 participants for 17-18 school year. The decisions of the Athletic Council do have an impact. Thank you to all of our Council members.
- m. BEDS Numbers updates
- Numbers have come out for 19-20, there are no changes in classifications for our schools.
- n. Other
- Indoor Weight Throw, do we want to score at Sectionals?

- i. Bring back to CVAC. If approved at CVAC then we will approve at next Athletic Council meeting.
 - o. Important Dates:
 - October 16th – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - October 28th – Winter Coaches First Aid – Yokum Hall SUNY Plattsburgh
 - November 5th – Winter Sports Start Date
 - November 15th – Appeals Committee Meeting
6. NYSPHSAA Reports
- a. NYSPHSAA Office Report –
 - Hockey video replay protocol new discussion item
 - Philosophy Committee meeting
 - Voted in favor of NFHS rules 6-4
 - Discussion of 6 classes defeated 9-1
 - NOCSAE stamp on baseballs delayed until January 2020
 - Hazing Program up and going free of charge on NYSPHSAA website.
 - Community Service Challenge – new platform free. Teams will be recognized every season.
 - Scholar Athlete deadline 12/3
 - Question on how 8 man football was running.
 - Instant Replay – Basketball, Cheer, and Ice Hockey
 - Specific technology needed for instant replay.
 - b. Highlights July 24-26 Central Committee Report – Curry, Farrell, McDonald
Committee Reports
 - Moved Baseball and Softball a week later
 - c. Modified Committee Report – McMillan
 - Reminder that Sections can be more restrictive.
 - Does the Section support for increasing games.? Currently there are low numbers of games in soccer (12) and basketball (14).
 - One of the reasons for the committee not requesting an increase is due to the reduction in varsity contests back in 2008. There is some support from Superintendents to bring back those numbers.
 - d. CAC Report – Curry, Broadwell
 - Looking for softball regionals to be played Thursday-Monday.
 - Indoor/Outdoor track wheelchair procedures.
 - Not in favor of Hockey officials fee increase.
 - Discussed Championship Sites.
 - e. SAAC Report – Douglas

- Kristen Jadin asked to reach out about scholar-athlete kids with less than 90 but on the team, should they get a pin?
 - There was some support for this with discussion on letting the schools decide.
- f. Safety Committee Report – Drucker
- g. Sportsmanship Committee Report – Denis
- Issue with yellow/red cards in Sections VIII and XI.
- h. Unified Committee Report – Sutphen
- i. Handbook Committee Report – Walentuk
- Girls Wrestling Proposal
 - Adding gift cards and gift certificates to compensation that is not allowed under amateur rule.
 - Transfer rule – eligibility is determined upon registration at new school. This way can't work to gain if determined ineligible
- j. October 16, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting: Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs
- **Action Items:**
 - Consider to recommend the NYSPHSAA Handbook Recommendations include every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage to the athletic program. - **NO**
 - Consideration to support revised age requirement within NYSED Regulations for Unified Sports – **Yes**
 - Consideration of endorsing a NYSAAA Resolution related to LTC 631 Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic Events - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections
 - i. Do we want to go 6 to 4 in indoor track and skiing?**
 - Consider approval to revise football nights rest & maximum contest rules. - **Yes**
 - Consideration of Vernon-Verona for 2020 & 2022 and Chenango Valley State Park for 2021 Cross Country State Championships. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Regular Season Standard Operating Procedures. - **No**
 - Consideration of requiring wrestling teams to finalize their schedule no later than Saturday of Week #28. - **Yes**
 - Consideration to permit a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency. - **Yes**
 - Consideration when a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment. - **Yes**

- Consideration approval of Ocean Breeze to host 2020-2022 Indoor Track & Field State Championships. - **Yes**
- Consideration of requiring softball regionals to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only prior to the State Tournament. - **Yes**
- Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Championship format for a separate NYS Federation Championship. **Yes**
- Consideration of approval of Track & Field Wheelchair procedures. **Yes**
- **Discussion Items:**
- Consideration to revise NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule for clarity.
- Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule by adding: “Note: a student’s Eligibility is determined by the situation/facts that exists at the time of registration.”
- Consideration of revision to the classifications to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships. - Football
- Consideration of a proposal to address receivership situations or similar NYSED situations that affect enrollment numbers.
- Consideration of a proposal to address an influx or decrease in enrollment numbers.
- Consideration to use NFHS Playing Rules when available.
- Consideration to revise the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths.
- Consideration to revise the Practice Requirements for all Sports.
- Consideration of the future implementation/exploration of e-sports.
- Consideration of the Section IX Girls Wrestling Proposal regarding the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule.
- Consideration of approval of the NFHS Baseball Rule 3-1-4 “Designated Hitter.” **Allows coach to designate pitcher as p/dh to allow the pitcher to become a designated hitter, after he stops pitching without having to put him in the field.**

7. Officials Report – Walentuk

a. Fall Assignors:

Randy Brown	Football	rbrown10@charter.net
Julie Dandrow	Girls Swim	dpi2@verizon.net
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Barry Norton	Soccer North	norton@charter.net
Jim Monty	Soccer South	montyj@westelcom.com
Paul Spilman	Volleyball	paspilman@gmail.com

b. Winter Assignors:

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Paul Spilman	BB North	paspilman@gmail.com
Steve Stahl	BB South	stevestahl@yahoo.com
Phalon Miner	Wresting	dminer2176@aol.com
<i>Mark Stata</i>	<i>Ice Hockey</i>	statamp@hotmail.com
Bill Wrisley	Indoor T & F	wrizzz@wriznet.us

c. Officials Information Forms

- Negotiating Committee- would like a superintendent and negotiations will start this winter.

8. Spring Post Season Reports:

a. Baseball

- Discussed pitch count discrepancy between Sections 2 and X and that we need to ensure our schools are using the official pitch count sheet and signing off on it. We may also want to have a designated pitch count tracker for Sectional finals and regionals.

b. Softball

- Discussed Ralph Cross' opposition to the proposal of scheduling Regionals between Thursday and Monday. Ralph feels that Sections should not set schedule but rather adhere to the schedule proposed by the State Committee.

c. Golf

- North Country did a good job hosting Sectionals.
- There were a couple issues with markers taking carts and carts being a distraction. This will be taken care of at the pre-season meeting next year.

d. Track & Field

- Peru did a great job hosting the track and field sectionals.
- Saranac did a great job hosting State Qualifiers.

e. Tennis

- Recommendation for one boys and one girls coordinator.

9. Fall Pre-Season Reports:

a. Volleyball

b. Football

c. Boys Soccer

d. Girls Soccer

e. Gymnastics

- Sectionals will be 10/27 at Plattsburgh High School at 2 PM.

f. Girls Swimming

- Sectionals will be 10/25 at AuSable Valley at 5 PM

f. Cross Country

- State Qualifiers will be Friday, 11/2 at Cobble Hill Golf Course in Elizabethtown. Girls will race at 2:15. Boys will race at 3:00.

10. Other

11. Adjournment – Graney, Munson

APPROVED

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2018

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