SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING New York State Public High School Athletic Association **October 6, 2022** 9:30am High Peaks Resort

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance

- Officers: J. Barnhart, J. Dann, J. Gardner B. Norcross
- Staff: M. Walentuk, R. Lozier
- MVAC: M. Douglas, A. Gonyo,
- CVAC: G. Myers, V. McMillan, J. Manchester, W. Larrow
- Executive Committee: M. Graney, J. Harrica, K. McCoy
- Guests: R. Zayas NYSPHSAA
- Absent Excused K. Lopez, M. Mills, S. Broadwell

i. Proxies:

1. R. McAuliffe for M. Mills – Myers, Dann APPROVED

2. Approval of September 8, 2022 Minutes – Harrica, Larrow **APPROVED**

3. Financial Report – Myers, Douglas

APPROVED

- Review of 2021-22 End of Year •
 - i. We had a healthy year, arguably because we hosted several regionals in soccer, football, basketball, baseball and softball.
- **Review of Spring Sectionals Financials**
 - i. Was the first time since 2015 where we had a profit in the spring.
 - **ii.** Hosting several regional baseball and softball games helped our bottom line.
 - iii. Factoring in our reimbursements from state we broke even for the spring.
- 22-23 Budget Update •
 - i. Purchased our awards for the year.

4. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- Consider approval of Combining of Schools: Manchester, McMillan APPROVED a.
 - Boys Ice Hockey Beekmantown (host) w/ Chazy •
 - Girls Ice Hockey Beekmantown (host) w/ Chazy & NCCS
 - b. Actions of the Executive Committee
 - Heard a hardship transfer appeal and overturned the decisions of the appeal and transfer committees
 - c. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Girls Representative
 - Kendra McCoy of Ticonderoga now serves in this role, which terms serves • through 2024.

- d. Sectional Ticket Pricing
 - Due to New York State passing a ticket transparency act, we must set the ticket prices for Sectionals with the total cost including fees.
 - Went over three separate proposals. Ultimately decided to keep the prices the same. Ticket prices will be \$7.30, \$8.35, and \$9.40 which includes the fees from GoFan.
- e. Transfer Committee
 - Discussion centered around ensuring schools submit as much documentation as possible to ensure the transfer committee can make the most informed decisions.
- f. Fall Sectionals Update
 - Discussed locations and dates of various fall sectional events.
- g. Section7sports.com
 - Presentation centered on this website and the potential benefits it can give the student-athletes and fans of Section VII.
- h. Off the Field Sports Donation to charity
 - Would we want to donate any profits from the Section VII branded gear to charity?
- i. 23-24 Enrollment Numbers
 - BEDS numbers for 23-24 have been released, we are waiting for the 6 classification program numbers to be verified before we know where each school will be placed.
 - Concern about the combining of teams percentages and we would like to see them increased as opposed to the current percentages.
- j. Important Dates:
 - October 11th MVAC AD's Meeting, Schroon Lake Library
 - October 12th CVAC AD's Meeting, Peru HS
 - October 19th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting, Embassy Suites Saratoga

5. Conference reports/concerns

- a. CVAC
 - No concerns
- b. MVAC
 - Do we need to submit a paper roster at each soccer game on paper? Or we can we use a database to maintain all of these.
 - Due to rescheduling in soccer, the seeding meeting is pushed back to the day before some potential sectional games.

6. NYSPHSAA report

- a) NYSPHSAA Office Report
 - i) Many committees have met over the last few weeks.

- ii) The wrestling committee would like the track wrestling weigh in sheet to move straight to an action item.
- iii) Girls flag football and girls wrestling are looking for State coordinators beginning in 2023-24
- iv) OCF October 17th
- v) NYSPHSAA Foundation October 14th will be the annual giving day. At the end of the school year will be the first grant opportunities for schools.
- b) Central Committee Report
 - i) Many roll call votes at the meeting, many action items are passed or defeated by slim margins.
 - ii) Passed a new jewelry rule
- c) Committee Reports
 - i) Safety
 - (1) The committee talked about changing windchill factor to 40 degrees or below. This is concerning due to a 50-degree change and implications given our climate in Section VII.
 - ii) Sportsmanship
 - iii) Handbook

(1) Trying to clean up some language in the handbook.

- iv) CAC
 - (1) Josh Harrica is now a CAC representative. We didn't have a rep for the last 2 years since Steve and Patricia left.

d) Upcoming Executive Committee Action Items

- i) Consider approval of the addition of Wrestling officials at the NYSPHSAA Individual Championships. **Yes**
- ii) Consider approval to add Spectator Sportsmanship expectations to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule. **Yes**
- iii) Consider approval to add a Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule. Will be tabled
- iv) Consider approval of a one-year waiver (pilot) of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for Unified sports. **Yes**
- v) Consider approval to require Unified coaches to take the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports Course. **Yes**
- vi) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for
- vii) various sections.

(1) 6-4 in Girls Swimming

- viii) Consider the league placement of Section VI Charter Schools.
- ix) Consider approval of 2023-2024 school enrollment numbers. Yes
- x) Consider approval of Cut-off numbers for six classes. Yes
 - (1) Boys Soccer

- (2) Girls Soccer
- (3) Boys Basketball
- (4) Girls Basketball
- (5) Baseball
- (6) Softball
- (7) Girls Volleyball
- xi) Consider approval to establish a Game Day Cheerleading Championships in the Fall 2023. Yes
- xii) Consider approval to increase the allowable yellow cards in the Boys Soccer post season. **Yes**
- xiii) Consider approval of Queensbury High School (2024 & 2026) and Letchworth State Park (2025) as the hosts of the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships. **Yes**
- xiv) Consider approval to extend the current weight class system (13 weight classes) for the 2022-2023 school year in the sport of Wrestling. **Yes**
- xv) Consider approval of using the NFHS 12 female weight classes along with a NYSPHSAA weight class of 94lbs in Girls Wrestling. Yes
- xvi) Consider approval of a 2-year waiver for the maximum number of tournaments (6) by a wrestler for female only tournaments. **Yes**
- xvii) Consider approval of a 2-year waiver of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule from 6 to 3 for girls wrestling (post season only). **Yes**
- xviii) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA hosting a Girls Only Wrestling Invitational Tournament during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. **Yes**
- xix) Consider approval of a Two-Day tournament in the sport of Softball to be implemented at the 2023 state championships. **Yes**

e) Upcoming Executive Committee Discussion Items

- i) Consider approval of removing the NYSPHSAA Note under the Mixed Competition portion of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- ii) Consider approval of an amendment to the Combined Practice Guidelines for 11-Man Football.
- iii) Consider approval for a member of the Board approved coaching staff be required to attend the pregame conference with the captains and the officials.
- iv) Consider approval to continue having the shot clock reset to 20 seconds, in predefined situations, when the shot clock is below 20 seconds. ***Request immediate action Yes**
- v) Consider approval to continue having the official count the 10-seconds required to get the ball over half court.
- vi) Consider approval to follow the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan, beginning in the 2023-2024 season.
- vii) Consider approval to eliminate the NYSPHSAA honor weigh-in beginning in the 2023-2024 season.

- viii) Consider approval to require all coaches use the Track Wrestling Weigh-In sheet to enter all weigh-ins for dual meets and tournaments.
- ix) Consider approval to use the NFHS weight classes plus a NYSPHSAA lower weight, beginning in the 2023-2024 season.
- x) Consider approval of Boys Wrestling becoming a variation sport with Division cut-off numbers being 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below being Division 2.
- xi) Consider approval of following High school sports standards for Girls Flag Football.
- xii) Consider approval of following the NFHS Football playing rules along with the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules.
- xiii) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA offering a State Championship in the sport of Girls Flag Football starting in the Spring of 2024.
- 7. Officials Report We need more officials!
- 8. Other
- 9. Adjournment Dann, Myers

APPROVED

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2023