SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING New York State Public High School Athletic Association June 6, 2023 – High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid

MINUTES

1) Call to order and attendance

- a) Officers: J. Barnhart, J. Dann, J. Gardner B. Norcross
- b) Staff: M. Walentuk
- c) MVAC: A. Gonyo, N. Short, M. Mills, J. Siddon
- d) CVAC: G. Myers, V. McMillan, J. Manchester, W. Larrow
- e) Executive Committee: M. Graney, J. Harrica, K. McCoy
- f) Guests: R. Zayas NYSPHSAA
- g) Absent Excused K. Lopez, S. Broadwell

(1) Mills, Harrica APPROVED

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3) Approval of April 27, 2023 Minutes – Myers, Dann APPROVED

4) Financial Report

- a) 22-23 Budget Update
 - i) Everything is falling in line
- **b**) Finance Committee
 - i) Motion to approve the finance committee of Brian Norcross, Josh Harrica and Greg Myers. – Mills, Dann APPROVED

5) Conference reports/concerns

- a) CVAC Much turnover in the ADs. Potentially look at more training for people in these games. Discussion about advocating for ADs and their responsibilities. Promoting the NYSAAA
- b) MVAC Joint Concern echoing what the CVAC stated.

6) Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- a) 2023-24 Sectional/Regional Dates
 - i) Schedule is being finalized and shared with ADs to help plan out next year.
 - ii) Four classes gives us more games. We are hosting 5 sub-regional soccer games on 11/1, hosting at 3 sites.
- b) Confirmed dates of 2023-2024 Athletic Council Meetings
 - i) Thursday, September 14th, 2023(virtual)
 - ii) Thursday, October 5th, 2023
 - iii) Friday, January 19th, 2024
 - iv) Friday, April 19th, 2024
 - v) Thursday, June 6th, 2024

- c) Section VII Classification Committee
 - i) Motion to approve the Classification Committee's recommendation for Seton Catholic to remain in Class D for the 2023-24 school year.
 (1) Harrica, Mills
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- d) NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Rule
 - i) Looked at NYSPHSAA rule and decided that we should model after Section X. The rule will be approved via the Section VII Executive Committee this summer.
- e) Spring Sectionals Update
 - i) Chip Cummings Field was unplayable for the duration of Sectionals/Regionals
 - ii) Track & Field Sectionals started late, issues with FAT timing and there were scoring errors due to the weather.
 - iii) Discussion about increasing the coordinator stipend and taking a look at it
- f) Central Committee Meeting
 - i) July 25-26 at Turning Stone
- g) Social Media Platform Gipper
 - i) Looking to use Gipper for Social Media. Reached out to Joe DeGuzman regarding a potential sponsorship.
- h) Digital Certificates
 - i) Going to create digital certificates for 1st and 2nd place teams.
- i) Important Dates:
 - i) June 12th MVAC AD's Meeting Pitkin's Restaurant
 - ii) June 14th CVAC AD's Meeting Harmony Golf Course
 - iii) June 30th NYSPHSAA School of Distinction/Excellence Application Deadline
 - iv) July 25-26th NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting, Turning Stone

7) NYSPHSAA report

- a) NYSPHSAA Office Report
 - i) Robert shared that NYSPHSAA continues to focus on the strategic plan. The DEI committee has several proposals moving forward to the Central Committee meeting.
- b) Executive Committee Report
 - i) Voting went as expected at the last meeting. Spectator sportsmanship was the big rule that passed.
- c) Committee Reports
 - i) Safety Anyone can save a life Emergency Action Plan on the Central Committee agenda.
 - ii) Modified A couple of items coming up the Central Committee meeting. Discussed playing back/back games and there's provisions in the NYSPHSAA handbook.
 - iii) Sportsmanship -
 - iv) Handbook A couple of items coming up for Action at the Central Committee Meeting
 - v) CAC Meeting June 21st
- d) Upcoming Executive Committee Action Items

- i) Consider approval to continue to use of the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official in the sport of Football for one year. **Yes**
- ii) Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees & Policies Document for 2023-2026. Yes
- iii) Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Representation, letter d. "Board Approved Coaches may help facilitate practice." Yes
- iv) Consider approval to add language to the NYSPHSAA Undue Influence Rule. Yes
- v) Consider approval to mandate the *Anyone Can Save a Life* program for all NYSPHSAA teams. **Yes**
- vi) Consider approval of an addition to the current overtime procedure in Modified Wrestling. Yes
- vii) Consider approval to require all NYSPHSAA Standing Committee members and staff to take the free NFHS Implicit Bias course. **Yes**
- viii) Consider approval to restructure the NYSPHSAA SAAC by expanding to three students per section, removing the gender requirement and requiring one member be a representative of diversity. Removed from agenda
- ix) Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Penalties section: *"NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place school on probation that fail to protect those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being."* Yes
- x) Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Sportsmanship section: "Use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or bias conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place schools on probation that fail to protect those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being." Yes
- xi) Consider approval to implement a "Purple Card" to assist with management of sportsmanship issues with spectators in the sports of Boys and Girls Volleyball. **Yes**
- xii) Consider approval to revise the Girls Volleyball state tournament format to bracket play (semifinals in place of pool play), beginning with the 2023 state tournament. **Yes**
- xiii) Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Rotations for 2023-2025. Yes
- xiv) Consider approval of Girls Soccer Rotation for 2023-2030. Yes
- xv) Consider approval of Boys Soccer Rotation for 2023-2026. Yes
- xvi) Consider approval of Classification cut-off numbers for Competitive and Game Day Cheerleading. **Yes**
- xvii) Consider approval for scoring changes in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook. Yes
- xviii) Consider approval of Boys/Girls Bowling becoming a variation sport and keep the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and above for D1 and 599 and below for D2. **Yes**
- xix) Consider approval of Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards. Yes
- xx) Consider approval of Baseball Regional Rotations for 2024-2029. Yes
- xxi) Consider approval of Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations for 2028-2033. Yes

- xxii) Consider approval to start Boys and Girls Lacrosse on the Saturday of Week #36, two days earlier than the traditional spring sports date. **No**
- 8) Officials Report -
- 9) Other -
- 10) Adjournment Myers, Harrica

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11) NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023