

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
April 19, 2018 9:30am Baxter Mountain Inn

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance

Guests: J. Altieri – NYSPHSAA Ast. Director

Officers: C. Mazzella, B. Norcross, P. Curry

Staff: M. Walentuk

MVAC: M. Mills, D. Snide

CVAC: V. McMillan, J. Harrica, G. Myers, B. Larrow

Central Committee: T. Farrell

Executive Committee: S. Broadwell, K. Lopez, P. Curry

CVAC Executive Secretary: M. Farmer

MVAC Executive Secretary: R. McAuliffe

Absent Excused: C. Staves, J. McDonald, J. Toney, M. Douglas

Confirmation of Proxies

M. Farmer for C. Staves

M. Graney for J. McDonald

J. Reynolds for J. Toney

R. McAuliffe for M. Douglas - **Harrica, Lopez**

APPROVED

2. Approval of January 25, 2018 Minutes – Curry, Myers

APPROVED

3. Financial Report – Walentuk

a. Review of Winter State Championship Report

- Track & Field ran at a loss due to FAT timing
- Overall down compared to last year. It evens out on the year because the Fall season profited \$10,000 more than the previous year.
- Question: Are schools happy with basketball semifinals?
 - Have not heard complaints with current system of D's at AuSable, C's at Beekmantown and B's at the Fieldhouse.
- Another thing of note is the cost of entrance to the B Semifinals is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with the potential of watching 4 games.

b. 2017-18 Budget to Date

- Post Season Receipts line has already surpassed the budgeted income of \$110,000 with the spring season yet to begin.

c. Proposed 2018-19 Budget

- To better project post season receipts for 2018-19, going to reach out to coordinators to see how many regional games will be hosted in Section VII next year.
 - Recommendation to have a separate income line for championship souvenir sales.
4. **Conference reports/concerns**
- a. CVAC
- Football is losing Section X Class D Superbowl due to Tupper Lake joining 8 man football league in Section 3.
 - Cross over games a concern now with the lack of playoff games. Issues with Section X and Section 2 crossovers.
- b. MVAC
- Baseball/Softball season having issues with weather and then the pitch count restricts consecutive days of games
 - The MVAC adopted the 10 run rule in baseball league play
 - Wanted to let the baseball/softball seeding committees to know that teams may not be playing each other.
5. **Executive Director Report – Walentuk**
- a. Actions of Section VII Executive Committee
- Voted against adopting 10 run in Sectionals
 - Approved allowing leagues to adopt the 10-run rule in league play
 - Approved purchase of media backdrop
 - Approved combining of teams for Wells and Lake Pleasant varsity softball
- b. Spring 2018 Championships RFP
- Awarded Spring Championship Souvenir sales to Off the Field Sports
- c. Potential dates of 2018-19 Athletic Council Meetings
- Thursday, October 4, 2018
 - Thursday, December 13, 2018
 - Thursday, January 24, 2019
 - Thursday, April 11, 2019
 - Thursday, May 30, 2019
 - Want to ensure the December date does not conflict with superintendents conference in Lake Placid.
- d. Consider 2018-19 Season Start Dates:
- Fall – Monday, August 13, 2018
 - Winter – Monday, November 5, 2018
 - Spring – Monday, March 4, 2019
- Note: Leagues/schools may be more restrictive within these dates
- e. Mandated AD Workshop – Tuesday, September 11, 2018
- f. NFHS Network – Interested in our Section VII Events

- Steve Broadwell
- Karen Lopez
- Tim Farrell
- Also, Matt Walentuk, Executive Director will be a proxy
- j. Other
 - A motion was made to appoint Mike Douglas as a representative to the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee as the MVAC representative.
 - Farrell, McMillan **APPROVED**
 - Mike is replacing Matt Winslow as the representative.
 - Follow Section VII on Twitter - @Section7sports
- k. Important Dates:
 - Friday, May 4th – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - Tuesday, 7/24 – Thurs, 7/26 – NYSPHSAA Central Committee Mtg

6. NYSPHSAA Reports

- a. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Joe Altieri
 - Coaches Appreciation Day – May 16th
 - Scholar Athlete portal is open until May 21st
 - Participation survey deadline is May 14th
 - There were a couple adjustments to the Championship Philosophy Committee
 - A survey will be designed regarding NFHS vs NCAA handbook discussion.
 - A proposal from the football committee is reviewing allowing those players who play under 10 plays the ability to play the next day (Var/JV)
- b. Highlights of February 2, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting – Curry/Staves
- c. CAC Report – Curry/Broadwell
 - Reviewed items in the Action/Discussion items section
- d. Championship Philosophy Committee Report – Broadwell
 - Looking at emerging sports. If three sections have 3 teams in each sport it will be classified as an emerging sport.
 - Looking at a 3-year moratorium on the 6 sections/4 teams participating for state championships
 - E-gaming being looked at.
 - Read Robert Zayas’ proposal for Gameday Cheer in the Fall.
 - Wrestling to go from 25-30 wrestlers in dual meet tournaments due to teams realizing they had enough points in the semifinals to not wrestle in the finals.
 - Swimming/Diving and Outdoor requests for increased numbers at State Championships still meets the 5-8% number.
 - Recommended a statewide survey given to all coaches, ADs and officials regarding the NFHS vs NCAA rulebook discussion. Hope to be as objective possible.

- e. SAAC Report – Douglas
 - Community Service Challenge deadline is May 1st
 - Section VIII is starting their own SAAC
- f. Modified Report – McMillan
 - Considering the modified to mirror more of the high school rules
 - More games – not getting pushed because some varsity sports have not received their pre-reduction games back.
 - Discussion that some do not agree with holding off on the increase of number of game. We are in favor of adding more games to modified.
 - Considering a change to a different name (Mid-level?)
 - More emphasis on modified rules at mandatory AD workshop
 - Want to look like more like HS sports than modified.
 - Every sport coordinator was there to talk about the difference between modified/high school.
- g. Sportsmanship Report – Denis
 - Coaches Appreciation Day May 16th
- h. Other
- i. May 4, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting: Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
 - Action Items:**
 - Consider approval to promote Kristen Jadin to the position of Assistant Director - **Yes**
 - Consider approval to standardize NYSPHSAA Championship ticket prices to \$10 on site and \$8 online. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of 2018-19 NYSPHSAA Budget - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of Sections intent to participate in the 2018-19 NYSPHSAA State Championships - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of Binghamton as host site of NYSPHSAA Baseball Championships 2019-2021 - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of Carrier Dome as the site of 2019-2021 NYSPHSAA Football Championships - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of Middletown HS as the site of 2019, 2020, & 2021 NYSPHSAA East Football Semifinals- **No**
 - Dietz Stadium in Kingston is closer, has new turf, and new scoreboard. Issues with press box and parking lot.
 - Middletown has more seating and larger press box. There was an issue with hotels in Middletown
 - Section VII and Section X Coordinators voted for Dietz Stadium
 - Consider approval of CNS (2019,2021) and Union Endicott (2020) as sites of NYSPHSAA West Football Semifinals - **Yes**

- Consider approval to support revised age requirements with NYSED regulations for Unified Sports - **Yes**
 - Consider approval to amend representation rule to permit girls who participate on a boys' team through mixed competition to participate in their Section's girls' championship. – **Yes**
 - This may grow a sport such as girls golf in Section VII.
 - Consider approval of appeal process for graduated scale for merged teams. – **No**
 - Just revised last year. Coming from Section VIII.
 - Consider approval to add NYSPHSAA Baseball tournament regional tie breaker system to the NYSPHSAA Handbook – **No**
 - Baseball Committee is against this. Formula hurts our Section VII teams.
 - Consider approval of 2018-19 Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Championship Qualifying Standards. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Regional rotation for 2018. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of revisions to the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule at the Section's request. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools. - **Yes**
- Discussion Items:**
- Consideration of adding "+ guest" to the NYSPHSAA school complimentary pass. - **Yes**
 - Consideration to add Representation Rule related to "practice" to the "Practice Rule" - **Yes**
 - NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2018. - **Yes**
 - Consideration of using NFHS rules for all sports that currently do not abide by NFHS rules (Girls basketball, boys/girls volleyball, and softball) - **Yes**
 - NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2018 - Redundant
 - Consideration of revisions to the format of the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to include a scoresheet and Game Day competition – **Yes**
 - Coaches are engrained to current rubrics, so change is difficult
 - Every other state uses a Varsity scoresheet
 - NYSPHSAA fired State Cheer Coordinator
 - Section VII coordinator is in favor of changes as long as detailed information is given well in advance.
 - Consideration to support NYSAAA Resolution related to LTC 631 *Athletic Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic Events* course. - **No**
 - Consideration of revisions to NYSPHSAA Handbook for the sport of tennis. – **Not ready yet**

- Consideration of regular season standard operating procedures for Girls Volleyball. - **Yes**
- Consideration of moving the Bowling Championships from Week #35 to Week #36. - **Yes**
- Consideration of moving Bowling Championships from a two-day tournament to a three-day tournament and eliminate official practice day at facility. – **Yes**
 - There’s also a recommendation to allow a substitute and we support this.
- Consideration of revision to the Girls and Boys Bowling maximum contest rule. - **Yes**
- Consideration of the addition of a “Super Qualifying Standard” for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor State Track & Field Championships. - **Yes**
- Consideration to adopt Outdoor Track & Field Wheelchair procedures. - **Yes**
- Consideration of Ice Hockey regional rotation.
 - Section VII has an issue when teams are travelling across the state for a regional game.
 - Second time in recent years that State final was between two teams out of the same section.
- Consideration of Ice Hockey post season games to use video replay for determining goals, undetected goals and determining correct time on the game clock (NFHS rule 9-13). - **Yes**
- Consideration of Ice Hockey regular season warmup procedures. - **Yes**
- Consideration of Eight Man Football NFHS Waivers. - **Yes**
- Consideration of Boys Lacrosse variation classification numbers for 2019. - **Yes**
- Approved Senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams. – **Yes**
- **There will be additional discussion items**
 - **Restructuring of Championship Philosophy Committee**
 - **Nights Rest rule**

7. **Officials Report** – Walentuk

- a. Winter Assignor Reports
- b. Request from Track & Field Officials
 - No action was taken

8. **Winter Post Season Reports:**

- a. Girls Basketball
 - Girls Basketball Coaches are in support of the current NCAA rulebook
 - General consensus of coaches is that they do not like the Spalding Basketball
- b. Boys Basketball
 - May want to consider moving Regional games to Friday to resolve scheduling conflict with SUNY Plattsburgh’s Hockey teams.
- c. Indoor Track/Field

- Several recommendations will be referred to the CVAC regarding charging admission and incorporating the weight throw during regular season meets.
- Action will be taken in May at Athletic Council meeting regarding incorporating weight throw as a sectional scoring event.
- A motion was made to approve the positions of boys and girls indoor track and field coordinators (one for each gender)

– McMillan and Lopez

APPROVED

d. Wrestling

- Request to purchase Sectional wrestling singlets – tabled for next meeting

e. Boys Swim

- Gouveneur has expressed an interest in hosting 7/10 championship.

f. Boys Ice Hockey

- Concern of the potential travel to the State Championships in Buffalo.
- Lack of Section VII hockey officials a concern.

g. Girls Ice Hockey

h. Competitive Cheer

i. Alpine/Nordic Ski

j. Gymnastics

- Coaches were relieved for having a Charter Bus for the trip due to the bad weather.

k. Other

- Cheerleading
 - A sectional venue needs to be determined well in advance.
 - Need to continue recruiting officials.
 - Coaches need to be sure to follow coaching standards and sport guidelines for fall and winter cheerleading.

9. Spring Pre Season Reports:

a. Baseball

- Seeding May 15th & 16th
- Sectionals begin May 16th
- The 10 run rule will not be used in Sectional play.

b. Golf

- Sectionals – May 24th & 25th @ North Country Golf Club
- Push/Pull carts are allowed in Sectionals

c. Softball

- Seeding May 15th
- Sectionals being May 17th

d. B & G Tennis

- Sectionals May 16th-18th

- There may be an issue with sectionals being hosted at PHS due to court conditions
- e. B & G Track & Field
- Sectionals will be hosted by Peru on May 24th beginning at 2 PM
 - State Qualifiers will be hosted at Saranac on June 1st

10. **Other**

11. **Adjournment**

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 31ST, 2018