

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
April 28, 2022 9:30am High Peaks Resort

MINUTES

- 1) **Call to order and attendance**
- 2) **Approval of January 20, 2022 Minutes – Harrica, Myers** **APPROVED**
- 3) **Financial Report – Walentuk – Harrica, McMillan** **APPROVED**
 - a) 2021-22 Budget to Date
 - b) Proposed 2022-23 Budget
 - c) Winter Sectionals Report
 - d) Finance Committee
 - i) Finance Committee will consist of: President, Past President, Cosigner of bank account and Treasurer. Finance committee will meet at 9 AM prior to the 6/2 meeting. – **Myers, Graney** **APPROVED**
- 4) **Conference reports/concerns**
 - a. CVAC – Nothing to report
 - b. MVAC – Nothing to report
- 5) **Executive Director Report – Walentuk**
 - a. Actions of the Executive Committee
 - Approved NSL Soccer Schedule
 - Approved Combining of Teams (Spring 2022)
 - i. Softball – Lake Placid (host) w/ Keene (all levels)
 - ii. Softball – Bolton and Schroon Lake (all levels)
 - iii. B&G Track & Field – Moriah & Boquet Valley
 - iv. B&G Track & Field – Lake Placid (host) w/ Keene
 - v. B&G Track & Field – NCCS (host) w/ Chazy
 - vi. Girls Track & Field – AuSable (host) w/ Willsboro & Adirondack Christian School
 - vii. Boys Track & Field – AuSable (host) w/ Willsboro
 - viii. Baseball – Bolton & Schroon Lake (hosts) w/ Newcomb (all levels)
 - ix. Baseball – Lake Placid (host) w/ Keene (all levels)
 1. Baseball – Boquet Valley (host) w/ Willsboro (all levels)
 - x. B&G Tennis – Lake Placid (host) w/ Saranac Lake
 - xi. Mod/JV Baseball – AuSable Valley (host) w/ Seton
 - b. Actions of the Appeals Committee
 - Denied Transfer Request from Keene Central
 - i. Will come forward with a proposal to develop a standing transfer committee at the June meeting. Will consist of a MVAC representative, CVAC representative and an at-large.

- c. Hall of Fame
 - Brian Norcross will chair an ad-hoc committee to look into developing a Section VII Hall of Fame
- d. Lake Placid Boys Soccer Classification Request
 - Request to move to Class C in boys soccer for the 22-23 & 23-24 school years.
 - i. Will revisit in June once formal request has been sent from the LP superintendent.
- e. Potential dates of 2022-2023 Athletic Council Meetings
 - Thursday, September 8, 2022 (virtual)
 - Thursday, October 6, 2022
 - Thursday, January 19, 2023
 - Thursday, April 27, 2023
 - Thursday, June 1, 2023
- f. NYSAAA Membership
 - Would like to promote the value of the NYSAAA. This is a professional organization
- g. OCF Committee Member
 - A motion was made that we formally accept with regret Joe Staves resignation. – **Harrica, Mazzella** **APPROVED**
 - A motion was made to approve Randy Lozier as new OCF member – **Dann, Graney** **APPROVED**
- h. NYSPHSAA Central Committee
 - A motion was made for Josh Harrica to be the Section VII male PE representative – **Myers, Graney** **APPROVED**
- i. Section VII Social Media
 - Joey LaFranca has been using his photos on the Section VII Social Media and has increased the number of followers. We also have an advertising form to promote sponsors for our various social media posts.
- j. New Member School: North Country School (Lake Placid)
 - A motion was made to approve North Country School as a new member – **Graney, Harrica** **APPROVED**
- k. Important Dates:
 - May 4th – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - May 10th – MVAC Meeting
 - May 11th – CVAC Meeting
 - May 17-20th – Coaches Appreciation
 - May 23rd – NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Deadline
- l. Other

- Will look into hosting the June 2nd Athletic Council meeting at Craig Wood.
- Looking for a new boys ice and indoor track coordinators.
- Chris Mazzella will head the committee to seek nominations for the 2nd Vice President position (Superintendent).

6) NYSPHSAA Reports

a) NYSPHSAA Office Report

- i) Strategic Plan is moving forward
- ii) Looking to amend the jewelry rule to allow hair beads as long as they secured.
 1. "Hair adornments, including beads, may be worn provided they are secured and do not present a safety hazard to the player, teammates, or opponent(s)."
- iii) Homeschool – must be a bona fide student to participate. Home schoolers are not allowed.

b) Committee Reports

- i) Modified Committee Report – McMillan
 1. Brought forward some of our Section VII concerns. There was a lot of turnover on the committee.
- ii) CAC Report
- iii) Safety Committee Report – Walentuk
 1. NYSPHSAA looking to add a tornado policy and add more members to the committee.
- iv) SADC Report – Douglas
 1. Highlighted the Section VII SAAC spearheaded by Reid LaValley and Nick Trombley at NCCS
- v) Sportsmanship Committee Report - Walentuk

c) February 2nd Executive Committee Meeting: Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs

i) Do we have any Sectional Concerns?

ii) Action Items

1. Consider approval of Adam Stoltman as the NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President - **Yes**
2. Consider approval of no longer differentiating between 7-10 grade students and 11-12 grade students when determining the eligibility of non-corresponding transfer students. - **No**
3. Consider approval to establish a Regional Football Championship for 8-man football for a two-year period. - **Yes**
4. Consider approval to amend the NYSPHSAA Disqualification Rule for the act of "Targeting" in the sport of football. - **Yes**
5. Consider approval of Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for 2023 season. **Yes**
6. Consider approval of starting on Monday of Week #7 for Sections VIII and XI in the sport of football. **No**
7. Consider approval of starting on Saturday of Week #7 for all sections that participate in NYSPSHAA Championships in the sport of football. **Yes**

8. Consider approval of Cicero-North Syracuse High School (2023 & 2025) & Vestal High School (2024) as the hosts of the Football WEST Semifinals. **Yes**
9. Consider approval of Middletown High School as the host of the Football EAST Semifinals (2023-2025) **Yes**
10. Consider approval of Syracuse University's Carrier Dome as the host of the NYSPHSAA Football Finals (2023-2025). **Yes**
11. Consider approval to remove the waiver of a fifth set and instead play to 15 points only for the varsity level for Girls Volleyball. **Yes**
12. Consider approval to waive NYSPHSAA Rule #3 which does not allow any warmups behind or adjacent to the playing court (May 2005) and adopt the NCAA warmup rule which allows teams to warmup behind or adjacent to the competition court if there is 6'6" of space around the border of the warmup area. **Yes**
13. Consider approval to adopt the 75-second NCAA timeout rule (Girls VB) **Yes**
14. Consider approval of the Girls Volleyball Regional Rotations for 2022-2025 **Yes**
15. Consider approval to establish a format to play for 9th and 10th place in singles at both Girls and Boys Tennis Championships (Individual). **No**
16. Consider approval to amend Field Hockey current regional rotation/assignments for 2022-2025 and include at-large berths to fill the byes. **Yes**
17. Consider approval to revise the current Classification Cut-Off numbers for Boys Lacrosse. **Yes**
18. Consider approval of the Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations for 2022-2027. **Yes**

iii) Discussion Items

1. Consider approval of a change in the submission of the Football Officials for the NYSPHSAA Semifinals & Finals
2. Consider approval of a one-year pilot program to use the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official.
3. Consider approval to add voting members to the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee.
4. Consider approval of a NYSPHSAA Tornado Policy.
5. Consider approval of John Doerner as the Swimming & Diving Coordinator
6. Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan (2022-2027).
7. Consider approval to use enrollments of grades 9, 10, and 11 for the NYSPHSAA Classifications for the following school year.
8. Consider approval to add the following positions on the NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit committee - Two outside CPA Representatives with not-for-profit experience and one School Business Official.
9. Consider approval for the following sports to begin competition in six classifications starting in the 2023-2024 school year: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Girls Volleyball.
10. Consider approval to change overtime procedures in regular and post season in the sport of Girls Soccer.
11. Consider approval of the NFHS rules for 8-man football with waivers and NYSPHSAA specific rules.

12. Consider approval to implement a new championship format for Boys and Girls Tennis, which eliminates consolations and adds medal playoffs for the top 8 participants (only if the 9th and 10th place proposal is not approved).
13. Consider approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Ice Hockey 13.08 Post Season Overtime.
14. Consider approval of a change in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Boys Ice Hockey 13.08 #10 to read, "A maximum of TWO minutes warm-up per substitute goaltender per game shall be required."
15. Consider approval to allow spandex shorts to be worn during competition in sport of Gymnastics.
16. Consider approval of scoring changes in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook.

7) Officials Report

- a) We need officials. We do not have enough to cover games.
- b) School based official – Needs to be reworked to get the program going.

8) Other

9) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022