

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
April 30, 2019 9:30am Baxter Mountain Inn

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance

Guests: Chris Joyce – NYSPHSAA

Officers: J. McDonald, B. Norcross, C. Mazzella, J. Barnhart

Staff: M. Walentuk

MVAC: M. Mills, M. Douglas,

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

Executive Committee: C. Staves, P. Curry, T. Farrell, K. Lopez

MVAC Executive Secretary: R. McAuliffe

Absent Excused: D. Snide, D. Gotetze, S. Broadwell

Proxies:

R. McAuliffe for D. Goetze

M. Graney for D. Snide

2. Approval of January 30, 2019 Minutes - Myers, Mills

APPROVED

3. **Financial Report** – Walentuk

a. Review of Winter Championship Report

- Sports on par from prior years
- Basketball exception – we had over 3,100 people at the Fieldhouse between both B Regional games. GoFan ticket sales were great, we received a check for over \$16,000 for the B Regionals.
- We used GoFan for Beekmantown C Regionals as well and sold more than half of the tickets presale. Very quick and efficient to get people in as well.

b. 2018-19 Budget to Date

- We are holding \$10,000 of CVAC funds while they structure their organization.

c. Finance Committee

- Met prior to meeting. Everything looks good from the 2017-18 fiscal year. Budget is approved for the 2019-20 year.

d. Proposed 2019-20 Budget – Staves, Douglas

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- Balanced between income and Expenses
- We have seen what a bad weather fall can do (\$20,000 less in revenue)
- Have to bring up Championships line in expenses due to the additional teams going to states (cheer/wrestling every year).

4. Conference reports/concerns

a. CVAC

- Compensation for AD's who are site supervisors hosting Sectional events.
 - We have limited facilities in hosting larger events, those ADs that have the facilities are putting in the time and energy.
 - Sport Coordinators, ADs are responsible for hosting neutral site semifinals.
 - **Will work to have a proposal for the next meeting.**
- CVAC requests that the preseason meeting for all fall coaches be Thursday, 8/15 at 7 PM at AuSable Valley HS
- Greg Myers, interim CVAC Executive Secretary with Mark Farmer resigning.
- Found an old CVAC Constitution, looking for an updated version.
- Joe Staves gave Greg Myers the history in the CVAC.
- Met with Brenden Owens setting up the financials for moving forward.

b. MVAC

- Basketball schedule coming out
- Class D seeding will be difficult in baseball/softball.
- Reduction from 6-4 to baseball/softball representation rule for - Staves, Norcross

APPROVED

5. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

a. Actions of Section VII Executive Committee

- Approved the following mergers:
 - Varsity Boys Lacrosse – Plattsburgh (host) w/ Saranac, Peru, Seton, Northeastern Clinton
 - Softball (all levels) – Lake Placid (host) w/ Keene
 - Softball (all levels) – Elizabethtown-Lewis and Westport
 - Baseball (all levels) – Elizabethtown-Lewis and Westport
 - B/G Track & Field (all levels) – Moriah, Westport, and Elizabethtown-Lewis (MEW)
 - B/G Track & Field (all levels) – Plattsburgh (host) w/ Chazy
 - B/G Track & Field (all levels) – Lake Placid (host) w/ Keene
 - B/G Tennis – Schroon Lake and Newcomb
 - Modified Baseball – Johnsbury (host) w/ Minerva
- Recommended Paul Lamoy as assignor for Northern Softball
 - Volleyball had a sub-assignor last year

b. Discussion Items from December 13th

- Golf Sectionals
 - Running Team Sectionals/Boys Qualifier as regular season events
- Potential dates of 2019-20 Athletic Council Meetings – Staves, McMillan

- Conference call w/ Executive Committee will take place in August if necessary.
- Thursday, 10/3/19
- **Wednesday, 12/11/19**
- **Thursday, 1/30/20**
- Tuesday, 4/28/20
- Thursday, 6/4/20
- Mandated AD Workshop – Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- c. Consider 2019-20 Season Start Dates: - Myers, Harrica
 - Fall – Monday, August 19, 2019
 - Winter – Monday, November 11, 2019
 - Spring – Monday, March 9, 2020
 - Consider approval of 2019 NSL Soccer Schedule – McAuliffe, Douglas
APPROVED
 - Available at section7athletics.org
- d. Consider approval of Adirondack Christian School for Section VII membership. – Barnhart, Mazzella
APPROVED
 - To be able to merge with AuSable Valley
- e. Consider approving Modified Softball rule that states: “Ten (10) player teams optional with section approval.” – Staves, Mazzella
APPROVED
 - Ralph Cross, softball coordinator, could not find where the Section ever approved this NYSPHSAA rule.
- f. Consider requests for Combining of Schools (2019-2020)
 - a. Minerva/Johnsburg – Softball, Baseball, B&G Basketball, B&G Soccer (mod/var) – Larrow, Staves
APPROVED
- g. Coaches DASA Training
 - Held a session in February, had over 20 coaches attend. Was well received.
- h. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee, Boys PE representative
 - Interested candidates please submit a letter of interest to Executive Director by Friday, 5/24.
- i. Other
- j. Important Dates:
 - Wednesday, May 8th – CVAC Meeting, Peru HS
 - May 15-17th – Tennis Sectionals
 - May 23 – Track Sectionals – Plattsburgh HS
 - May 23-24 – Golf Sectionals at Craig Wood
 - May 31st – Track Qualifiers – AuSable Valley
 - 5/30, 5/31, 6/3 – Softball Sectional Finals – Cardinal Park
 - 5/31, 6/1, 6/3 – Baseball Sectional Finals – Chip Cummings

- Thursday, May 2nd - NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
- Tuesday-Wednesday July 30-31st – NYSPHSAA Central Committee Mtg.

6. NYSPHSAA Reports

- a. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Chris Joyce
 - SAAC for Section VII – rising Junior female representative, deadline 5/13.
 - Coaches appreciation day May 15th.
 - May 20th Scholar Athlete Deadline.
 - Traffic Safety Program – revising program for next year, trying to get coaches to communicate with kids. Hearing it from coaches may be impactful, no cost to school.
 - GoFan – continues to change and use Box office. Better reports and ability to use credit cards at the gate.
- b. Highlights of February 1, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting – Curry/Staves
 - i. Items 5 & 13 – Approved Ice Hockey to go back to 15 min periods and defeated the ability to establish criteria for 6 classifications.
- c. CAC Report – Curry/Broadwell
 - a. Will come up further in agenda
- d. Championship Philosophy Committee Report – Staves
 - Nothing at this time.
- e. SAAC Report – Douglas
 - This week is mental health awareness week
- f. Modified Report – McMillan/Douglas (**Pgs 35-40**)
 - **Football should be shade, not gap. Went against the recommendation because it supposed to be gap not shade. If it does pass we can be more restrictive.**
 - **Soccer going to halves**
 - **Wrestling wants to be able to accumulate an extra point per week. Would go from 3 to 4.**
- g. Safety Committee Report – Drucker
 - We were asked to keep promoting Everyone can save a life (emergency action plan for every team), and to remind everyone that the codes for IMPACT and Easy Scat are different and to please make sure that the test providers have the right codes for billing purposes. As far as our Section Concern with officials overriding school medical professionals it has been addressed and NYSPHSAA will continue to work with the officials on this issue.
 - Things of interest are Flex Football which uses softshell shoulder pads/helmets
- h. Sportsmanship Committee Report – Denis
 - Community Service award. Looking for Section VII applicants.
- i. May 2nd Executive Committee Meeting: Embassy Suites - Saratoga Springs
 1. **Action Items:**

1. Consider approval to abide by NFHS Rules in all sports when NFHS Rules are available. **Pg. 34 - Yes**
2. Consider approval to revise the jewelry rule to include practice. - **Yes**
3. Consider approval to revise the Fall, Winter & Spring sport season lengths. **Pg. 44-46 - No**
4. Consider approval to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500. **Pg. 47 - Yes**
5. Consider approval of updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policies & Procedures. - **Yes**
6. Consider approval of Football 7-year regional rotation. **Pg. 61 - Yes**
7. **Consideration of approval to revise the classification cut-off numbers for the sport of Football. (straight to action) Pg. 64 - No**
8. Consider approval of Cortland or Rochester as the host of the 2020-2022 Girls Soccer State Championships. **Pg. 67-68**
 - i. Tim Mulligan voted for Cortland – Thinks both sites are quality, the negative against Rochester is that they do not have a tournament director and the Section V coordinator is brand new. - **Cortland**
9. **Consideration of approval to revise the classification cut-off numbers for the sport of Boys Volleyball. (straight to action) - Yes**
10. Consider approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday-Saturday format. - **Yes**
11. Consider approval of At-Large Rotation to fill byes at Girls Tennis State Championships. - **Yes**
12. Consideration of approval to implement 2 year experiment for Girls Tennis to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8. - **Yes**
13. Consider approval of Girls Lacrosse 3-year regional rotation. - **Yes**
14. Consider approval to require any officials working a Girls Lacrosse Regional, Semi or Final to attend a transitional clinic. - **Yes**
15. **Consideration of approval to revise the classification cut-off numbers for the sport of Girls Lacrosse. (straight to action) - Yes**
16. **Consideration of approval to revise the classification cut-off numbers for the sport of Boys Lacrosse. (straight to action) - Yes**
17. Consider approval to implement a Baseball post-season pitch count summary form. **Pg. 79-80 - Yes**
18. Consider approval of At-Large Rotation to fill byes at Boys Tennis State Championships. **Pg. 81-82 - Yes**
19. Consider approval of Hofstra University as the host of the 2020-2022 Boys Lacrosse State Championships. - **Yes**
20. Consider approval of University of Albany as the host of the 2020-2022 Boys Lacrosse East Semifinals. - **Yes**

21. Consider approval of SUNY Cortland as host of the 2020-2022 Boys Lacrosse West Semifinals. - **Yes**

• **Discussion Items:**

1. Consideration to revise Modified Sport Standards
 - Against football due to gap
 - Breakdown mod football to varsity breakdown for practices
2. Consideration to create an Officials Appreciation Day, Wednesday of Week #13 (end of September)
3. Consideration of approval to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures for an increased fee and unanimous decision by the panel. **Pg. 48**
4. Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests with restrictions on the number of scrimmages. **Pg. 49-54**
 - **Several sports with 24 games why the disparity**
 - **Hockey wanted 24 to compete with youth hockey**
 - **Non-league game increase**
 - **Disparity in regional play**
 - **Saturdays - back to backs**
5. Consideration of approval to revise the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of games/contests. **Pg. 55**
 - **Not in favor of \$1,000**
 - **Buy-out**
 - **R. Zayas brings this up**
 - **1 person ok**
 - **Fine based on number of games exceeded by**
 - **Get a feel from the administrators**
 - **Perhaps a cracker barrel at Central Committee**
 - **Not in favor of kids suffering for adults mistake**
 - **A little vague, repeated offenses, harsher penalty, mistakes happen**
 - **It happens infrequently due to the severe consequence**
 - **AD workshops – maximum number of games**
6. Consideration of approval to permit students (grades 7, 8, 9, & 10) who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice & participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11th and 12th who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only. **Pg.56 - Yes**
7. Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility. **Pg. 57 - Yes**

8. Consideration of approval for NYSPHSAA Championship Operation Packets to serve as the official operation documents of the NYSPHSAA Championships. - **Yes**
9. Consideration of adding Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling as sports to the Scholar-Athlete program. - **Yes**
10. Consideration of approval to start a NYSPHSAA Foundation. **Pg. 58-60**
 - **Where is the money to come from?**
 - **Who is it going to?**
 - **There needs to be oversight.**
 - **Why say no to money?**
11. Consideration of approval to institute a penalty for practicing on courts at the Girls Tennis Championships during the tournament. - **Yes**
12. Consideration to revise the nights rest rule for Modified Cross Country to 2 nights instead of 3 nights to increase opportunities for student-athletes. - **Yes**
13. Consideration of approval of four quarters to serve the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship penalty for the sport of Football instead of the “next regularly scheduled game.” **Pg. 65-66**
 - **Targeting, rules changes.**
 - **Lose ¼ of the season due to lower number of games played.**
14. Consideration of approval of a policy for combined practices for the sport of Football. **Pg. 69 - Yes**
15. Consideration of approval to revise the NCAA Volleyball warm-up procedure for regular season for the sport of Boys Volleyball. - **Yes**
16. Consideration of approval to revise pool play tie breaking procedures for the NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Championships. - **Yes**
17. Consideration of approval for the Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation. **Pg. 70-74**
 - **Concern of Vickie that this brainstorm.**
 - **Want to do it this fall.**
 - **If it this gets passed, not this fall.**
 - **Not designed to go forward, should go to CAC.**
18. Consideration of approval to waive NCAA court lines for Girls and Boys Volleyball. **Pg. 75**
 - **Outside line on court.**
19. Consideration of approval to revise the Standard Operating Procedure to include the NCAA pre-match warmup for Girls Volleyball post season. **Pg. 76-77 - Yes**
20. Consideration of approval for Boys Swimming & Diving qualifying standards. - **Yes**

21. Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 mins) and penalties (2/5 & 10 mins) to begin with 2019-20 season with a recalculation of post-season (Regionals, Semifinals, and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019. **Pg. 78 - No**

7. **Officials Report** – Walentuk

- a. Winter Assignor Reports

8. **Winter Post Season Reports:**

- a. Girls Basketball

- Beekmantown was a great host for Regional Final.

- b. Boys Basketball

- Boys States back to Glens Falls next 3 years.
- Advanced ticket sales made a huge difference for our Regional games.

- c. Indoor Track/Field

- Officials need to be better trained for events they work at qualifiers.
- Entry process for State meets is a mess.
- Recommended adding an additional indoor track meet for the regular season.

- d. Wrestling

- We had 4 place winners at States, with Jacob Nolan winning at 170.
- Peru and Saranac competed at Team Dual State Championships.

- e. Boys Swim

- Recommends hosting Boys Swim Sectionals at SUNY Potsdam every year.

- f. Boys Ice Hockey

- g. Girls Ice Hockey

- Section VII is hosting State Championships next year.
- Ad-Hoc Committee to be formed to help with the planning – Staves, Mazzella

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- h. Competitive Cheer

- Still trying to recruit more judges from Section VII.

- i. Alpine/Nordic Ski

- j. Gymnastics

- k. Other

• **Spring Pre Season Reports:**

- a. Baseball

- New P/DH rule in effect

- b. Golf

- Sectionals at Craig Wood May 23,24 at 9 AM

- c. Softball

- Last year of Ralph Cross as coordinator. Ralph has done a tremendous job over the years.

- d. B & G Tennis
 - e. B & G Track & Field
 - Sectionals 5/23 at PHS
 - Qualifiers 5/31 at AuSable
 - Other
 - a. Golf States – Golf Championship same day as Global Regents which affects sophomores.
11. Adjournment – Staves, Larrow

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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY JUNE 6TH, 2019