

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
December 11, 2019 9:30am Baxter Mountain Inn

MINUTES

2019-2020 Athletic Council Dates:

- *Thursday 1/30/20*
- *Tuesday 4/28/20*
- *Thursday 6/4/20*

1. Call to order and attendance

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

Staff: M. Walentuk

MVAC: M. Douglas, M. Mills

CVAC: V. McMillan, W. Larrow

Executive Committee: J. Harrica, S. Broadwell, P. Curry

Absent Excused: D. Snide, J. McDonald, D. Goetze, T. Farrell, J. Manchester, K. Lopez

Proxies:

R. McAuliffe for T. Farrell

C. Hartmann for J. Manchester

J. Swinton for D. Snide

M. Lawrence for D. Goetze

C. Staves for J. McDonald

2. Approval of October 3, 2019 Minutes – Mills, Harrica

APPROVED

3. Financial Report – Walentuk – Myers, Mazzella

APPROVED

a. Review of Fall Championships

- The Fall started great but ended cold.
- Gymnastics was a little better because we didn't pay facility use for Peru.
 - i. Should we propose something for those Championships?
 - ii. Should schools charge when they compete in the Sectional event and the event is rotated?
- Volleyball was profitable because we hosted a Regional.
- Soccer was profitable. BCS a great site along with Chazy and PSUC stepping up in a pinch.
- Football – PHS was a great host, thanks to Chris and Jim for their assistance. Lost revenue due to not being able to host the Class D Regional final (had to move down to Section 2)
- Cross Country – A rare revenue source, albeit that we have some leftover bills to pay. The Invitational was great, but still waiting on 3 schools to pay entry fees. Brian Kiely did a phenomenal job hosting States. Will talk later in Reports.

- Girls Swim – Molly Wilkins did a great job as a new coordinator. Thanks to AVCS for hosting again.
 - Yearly Comparison – Fall season overall better than last year.
 - Still have to reimburse schools \$4000. Waiting on mileage check from NYSPHSAA.
 - Girls Swim – Hotel won't work with us on leaving a day early. We will look elsewhere.
- b. 2019-20 Budget to Date
- Showing a profit now, still have to pay some expenses for the fall. Should get Spalding ball adoption money around the New Year.
- c. Finance Committee
- Meet prior to next meeting? We will meet at 9 AM.

4. Conference reports/concerns

- a. CVAC
- b. MVAC

5. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- a. Actions of the Executive Committee
- Approved NYSPHSAA Spalding Ball Adoption Extension
 - Approved new boys indoor track coordinator – Heith Ford.
 - Approved combining of teams:
 - **Winter Sports**
 - Plattsburgh (host) w/ Seton, Saranac, Peru and Willsboro – Girls Ice Hockey
 - Moriah and Boquet Valley – B/G Indoor Track
 - AuSable (host) w/ Saranac Lake & Peru – Boys Swimming
- b. Consider approval of Combining of Schools:
- Nothing – Conferences need to get Spring mergers in by 1/30.
- c. [2019-20 Sectional Calendar](#)
- Basketball – B Semis going to Clinton CC on Saturday, 2/29
 - Looks like SUNY Plattsburgh will have removable turf (not a done deal yet, but looking likely)
 - Cheerleading will be at SUNY Plattsburgh this year.
- d. InBody Wrestling Scales
- Working with wrestling coordinators to figure this out. Looking to see how many we want to order.
- e. TPG – National Sponsorship Company
- This company will taking over NYSPHSAA's sponsorships and give them guaranteed money every year. Hopefully this will trickle down to Sections.
- f. Legal Update

- Ed Law 2.0 – Might make parents sign affirmative consent to release directory information (name, grade, etc) for roster. Renee James, NYSPHSAA attorney will keep us updated. She may draft some guidelines for NYSED.
- g. Officials Appreciation Week/Day
 - Section 3 is going to have weeks in the Winter/Spring. Do we want to join in? Did we have some schools participate in the Fall? - Yes
 - i. Yes we are interested in continuing in the winter and spring.
- h. NOCSAE Stamped Baseballs
 - Robert Zayas talked with BSN Sports. They have a large stock on hand with more being shipped.
- i. Awards at State Championships
 - Individual awards at team championships. Looks like NYSPHSAA may do it differently or keep the ceremony for team trophies only.
- j. Assignor Position Update
 - Working with Eric Bell and Teri Gray to setup timeline and job description. I already reached out to Todd in Section 1 for theirs.
- k. Rental Cars
 - Working with Joe Altieri to potentially use NYSPHSAA corporate account to have coordinators rent cars in lieu of big mileage reimbursements.
- l. Action Items:
- m. Other – Soccer Schedule update
 - Coming out in January 2020
- n. Important Dates:
 - December 9th – NYSPHSAA Tennis Committee Meeting
 - December 11th – NYSPHSAA Softball Committee Meeting
 - January 8th – NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Meeting
 - January 8th – Championship Advisory Committee Meeting
 - January 9th – NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee Meeting

6. NYSPHSAA Reports

- a. NYSPHSAA Office Report –
- b. Highlights of October 10th Executive Committee Report – Curry, McDonald
- c. Committee Reports
 - Modified Committee Report – McMillan (Nothing)
 - CAC Report – Curry, Broadwell – Jan 8th Meeting
 - SAAC Report – Douglas
 - OCF Report - Nothing
- c. February 7, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting: Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs
 - **Action Items:**

- Consider approval to restructure the NYSPHSAA Director of Sales & Marketing position.
- Consider approval to add recommendation to NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding overuse injuries and specialization.
- Consider approval to change Boys Lacrosse length of overtime to 4 minutes.
- Consider approval to endorse an NCAA June Scholastic Basketball Event.
- Consider approval to adopt the video replay protocol with an additional criterion regarding onside.
- Consider approval to utilize the NFHS weight classes for all Dual Meets and Dual Meet Tournaments in the year 2020-2021 for a two year pilot in the sport of wrestling.
- Consideration of approval to allow individual sections determine their spring start date to either Week #36 or #37 for Boys Lacrosse.

- **Discussion Items:**
- Consideration of approval to add Ex-Officio members for School Districts.
- Consideration of approval to amend Bowling Rule #9 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- Consideration of approval to amend Bowling Rule #5.08, #4 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding Baker Tournaments.
- Consideration of approval to implement a shot clock in the sport of Girls Lacrosse.
- Consideration of approval to revise 11.08 #4 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to “Girls Golf – Point of Emphasis, coaches may coach their athletes during their round.”

7. Officials Report – Walentuk

8. Fall Post-Season Reports:

a. Volleyball

- Saranac did a great job hosting
- Beekmantown did a great job hosting
- Modified played opposite JV/Varsity
 - lack of officials when that happened
- Varsity coaches unable to mentor the varsity coaches with the current schedule

b. Football

- Snow removal issues for Regionals
- Issue with Crossovers and JV schedule

- c. Boys Soccer
- d. Girls Soccer
 - We want to fix regional rotation with B's travelling to Section 3 this season.
- e. Gymnastics
- f. Girls Swimming
 - Molly Wilkins has done a great job as new coordinator.
- d. Cross Country
 - Brian did an amazing job coordinating the State Meet. Big thanks to all the volunteers, the Fieldhouse for pulling this off in the face of the weather.

9. Winter Pre-Season Reports

- a. Boys Basketball
- b. Girls Basketball
- c. Bowling
- d. Boys Ice Hockey
- e. Girls Ice Hockey
 - Bad Weather clause, do we agree?
 - Motion to approve language , "In the event that weather events cause a cancellation of playoffs, the Highest Remaining Seed will be declared the Section VII Representative for the Regional Final Four. (Highest Seed meaning #1 seed is highest.)" – Harrica, Mills **APPROVED**
- f. Boys Swim
- g. Competitive Cheer
- h. Indoor Track
- i. Skiing
 - Going with Section 3 at Snow Ridge for Sectionals
- j. Wrestling
 - Team Duals in January.

10. Other -

- The shortened seasons will begin starting Fall 2020.

11. Adjournment – Myers, Mazzella

APPROVED

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2019