

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
January 20, 2022 9:30am High Peaks Resort

MINUTES

- 1) Call to order and attendance – Harrica, Dann** **APPROVED**
 - a) Officers: B. Norcross, J. Barnhart, J. Dann, C. Mazzella
 - b) Staff: M. Walentuk,
 - c) MVAC: M. Douglas, , D. Snide, A. Gonyo
 - d) CVAC: W. Larrow, G. Myers, V. McMillan, J. Manchester
 - e) Executive Committee: J. Harrica, M. Lawrence, M. Graney, S. Broadwell
 - f) Guests: J. Altieri– NYSPHSAA,
 - g) Absent Excused – K. Lopez, M. Mills
 - h) Proxy – R.McAuliffe for M. Mills
- 2) Approval of December 9, 2021 Minutes – Manchester, Myers** **APPROVED**
- 3) Financial Report – Walentuk – Harrica, McMillan** **APPROVED**
 - a) Review 2020-21 Budget
 - i) Spalding Ball Adoption money coming soon
 - b) Review of Fall Championships
 - i) Revenues were similar to past years even without neutral site semifinals in soccer.
 - ii) Had multiple teams make it to State Championships which creates extra expenses for us as we reimburse schools for Regionals and State Championships.
 - iii) Working with Steve Preston of Travel Director to book hotels for skiing and gymnastics
 - c) Finance Committee
- 4) Conference reports/concerns**
 - a. CVAC – None at this time.
 - b. MVAC - None at this time.
- 5) Executive Director Report – Walentuk**
 - a. Actions of the Appeals Committee
 - Approved Mixed Competition requests for Beekmantown and Plattsburgh for Competitive Cheer.
 - b. Conflict of Interest Forms
 - c. Winter Sports Update
 - Vaccination Requirements
 - i. Requirements vary based on the venue. Large events such as wrestling and boys basketball would be subject to the large gathering guidance of NYSDOH.

- d. NYSDOH/NYSPHSAA Memos
 - NYSDOH guidance
 - i. Updated guidance on returning to school after Covid
 - Revised NYSPHSAA Championship Protocols
 - i. Updated guidance to clarify which Health Dept has jurisdiction.
- e. Potential dates of 2022-2023 Athletic Council Meetings
 - In lieu of the December Meeting can we have a beginning of the year organization meeting which can be held virtually.
 - We would have in-person meetings in October, January, April and May/June.
- f. Consider approval of Combining of Schools – **Harrica, Douglas** **APPROVED**
 - Rifle – NCCS w/ Willsboro
- g. Winter Sectionals Update
 - Basketball is hosted at the higher-seed through semifinals
 - i. C Finals at Saranac HS on 3/4/22
 - ii. B&D Finals at Clinton Community College 3/5/22
 - iii. B&D Regionals at CCC on 3/12/22
 - NFHS Network plans on streaming basketball, hockey and wrestling.
- h. Soccer Schedule
 - Request from Saranac Lake to move to division 2 in boys/girls soccer.
 - i. Motion to grant the request. **Harrica, Dann** **APPROVED**
- i. NYSPHSAA Central Committee
 - Going to look into why two members are up
- j. NYSPHSAA Strategic Planning Committee
 - Need 1 representative from Section VII for 2/9, 2/16-2/17
 - Motion for Mike Graney to serve as our rep– **Dann, Lawrence** **APPROVED**
- k. SAAC opening for 2022-23 (rising male junior)
 - Reid LaValley is trying to build a Section-side SAAC.
- l. Important Dates:
 - January 27th – MVAC AD’s Meeting
 - January 29th – NYSPHSAA Wrestling Team Dual Championships
 - February 2nd – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - February 9th – CVAC AD’s Meeting
 - February 28-March 1st – NYSPHSAA Ski Championships, Gore Mountain
 - March 9th – CVAC AD’s Meeting
 - March 10th – CVAC Preseason Coaches Meeting, 7 PM @ AuSable Valley
 - March 14th – Spring Sports Start Date
 - March 14th – Winter Scholar Athlete Deadline
 - March 16-18th – NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga
- m. Other

- Would like the modified promotion rule language amended to do away with the 50% of the season rule, so an athlete can be promoted at any point in the season.

6) NYSPHSAA Reports

- NYSPHSAA Office Report
- Committee Reports
- February 2nd Executive Committee Meeting: Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs
 - Do we have any Sectional Concerns?

ii) Action Items

- Consider approval to amend the Officials fees for Boys Ice Hockey. **No**
- Consider establishing criteria for the creation of a sixth classification for sports with 501 or more teams competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships. **Yes**
- Consider approval to establish a timeline, process and criteria for the classification cut off numbers for non-variation sports. **Yes**
- Consider Kurt Ehrensbeck as the Modified Girls Basketball Coordinator. **Yes**
- Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections.
 - May ask for a reduction in tennis.

iii) Discussion Items

- 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.
- Consider approval to establish a Regional Football Championship for 8-man football for a two-year period.
 - This would be for Class C & D schools.
- Consider approval to amend the NYSPHSAA Disqualification Rule for the act of “Targeting” in the sport of football.
 - If disqualified in the first half of the game, their penalty would be 2 consecutive halves, which would allow them to play in the 2nd half of the next game.
- Consider approval to remove the waiver of a fifth set and instead play to 15 points only for the varsity level for Girls Volleyball.
- 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.
- Consider approval to adopt the 75-second NCAA timeout rule (Girls VB)
- Consider approval of the Girls Volleyball Regional Rotations for 2022-2025
 - Class B works for us as we won’t compete vs. Section 3 in a sub-regional

8. Consider approval to establish a format to play for 9th and 10th place in singles at both Girls and Boys Tennis Championships (Individual).
 - (a) It would take the bottom 24 players and allow them to play for 9th and 10th place.
9. Consider approval to amend Filed Hockey current regional rotation/assignments for 2022-2025 and include at-large berths to fill the byes.
10. Consider approval of the Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations for 2022-2027.
 - (a) Reach out to Section X and see if they are in favor.

7) Officials Report

- a) Many basketball officials are doing doubles this year (mod/var) (jv/var).

8) Other

9) Adjournment – Myers, Dann

APPROVED

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022