

**SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**New York State Public High School Athletic Association**  
**June 6, 2019 9:30am Baxter Mountain Inn**

**AGENDA**

*2019-2020 Athletic Council Dates:*

- *Thursday 10/3/19*
- *Wednesday 12/11/19*
- *Thursday 1/30/20*
- *Tuesday 4/28/20*
- *Thursday 6/4/20*

**1. Call to order and attendance**

Guests: Ben Norcross, Chazy student

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

Staff: M. Walentuk

MVAC: D. Goetze, M. Douglas, D. Snide

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

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

Absent Excused: M. Mills, S. Broadwell

**2. Approval of April 30, 2019 Minutes – Harrica, Staves**

**APPROVED**

**3. Financial Report – Walentuk – Myers, Norcross**

**APPROVED**

a. 2018-19 Budget to Date

- Would like to award \$100 each to our NYSAAA
- Scholarship winners, Jonni Stuart from Wells and Andrew Mazzella from the \$200 that Stadium System donated for the NYSAAA conference. – Harrica, Myers

**4. Conference reports/concerns**

a. CVAC

- Non-negotiables – fan behavior that will not be tolerated
  - Racial insults
  - Singling out players/officials by name/sign/poster, etc.
  - Vulgarity or swearing/gestures
  - Addressing players/coaches (either team) in a negative manner
  - Addressing officials
  - Creating a safety issue
  - Create a poster through BOCES Printshop
  - Section could adopt a consistent sportsmanship statement
  - Some sections have student-athletes read the sportsmanship statement
- Recognized as a corporation w/ a new EIN Number
- Get the 2019-20 Sectional Dates in Calendar

b. MVAC

- Issue with getting games in the spring. Does the baseball committee try to seed later or on that day that is set. Does the baseball committee push it back like they did this year?

5. **Executive Director Report** – Walentuk

a. 2019-2020 Sectional Championships RFP

- Late June, early July would like to send out another RFP.
- Off the Field Sports has donated some of their excess inventory to us.

b. USA Football Heads Up Training

- Section VII did not volunteer to host a clinic. The closest are Colonie and Potsdam. Eric Bennett has volunteered to become a trainer. In doing so found out that the clinics are encouraged, but every coach can fulfill the Heads up certification online.
- Why didn't Section VII offer host this?

c. 2019 Cross Country Meets

- We are hosting a Section VII Invitational Meet on Saturday, 9/21. The plan is to have to PHS Booster Club run the parking (\$10/car) and split profits with us.
  - i. Motion to split parking profits from Section VII invitational with PHS Booster Club – Staves, McMillan **APPROVED**
- For the State meet will NYSPHSAA pay all costs associated with running this at the Fieldhouse?

d. Spring Sectional/Regional Update

- On Saturday 6/8 at 2 PM PHS will host Icacbod Crane/OFA. This will be our last Spring event. Would like to invite everyone to the game. We will have a hospitality area in the press box.

e. SUNY Plattsburgh Fieldhouse Renovation

- Was informed that the Fieldhouse has plans to put in a turf field in the actual fieldhouse. This would eliminate the possibility of hosting basketball games there. Indoor track would not be affected.
- I have had discussions with our basketball coordinators.
- Should be keep status quo for another year? Or should we make changes for the 2019-20 season?

f. Homeschool Legislation

- There are supposedly small districts in support of allowing homeschooled students to compete for their schools. I am not aware of any within Section VII. If this passes, it would impact the bona fide student rule.
- Section VII Superintendents do not support this.

g. Sectional Trophies – Myers, Norcross for acrylic trophies

- I have samples of acrylic trophies that we could use. Simpler and allow us to be able to put better graphics on it.
  - i. Motion to move to acrylic sectional trophies – Myers, Norcross **APPROVED**

- h. Coaches First Aid
  - Bob Robare is going to do a Red Cross train the trainer in September.
- i. Discussion Items from April 30<sup>th</sup> Athletic Council Meeting
  - Compensation for Athletic Directors hosting Sectional events.
    - i. There are 2 different proposals. –
      - 1. Motion to approve the \$60/game compensation for Athletic Directors - Curry, Harrica **APPROVED**
    - ii. Would also like the AC to approve the income & ticket sales sheet for ticketed sectional events. – Myers, Harrica **APPROVED**
  - Softball Coordinator
    - i. Ralph Cross is stepping down as softball coordinator at the conclusion of the spring season.
      - 1. Motion to approve Greg Hayes as softball coordinator  
- McMillan, Mazzella **APPROVED**
      - 2. We will spend up to \$50 for a plaque for Ralph Cross
  - NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Member
    - i. There are two items at play here. We have to appoint a Boys PE Representative to the Central Committee. We also have to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee with Joe Staves stepping down.
      - 1. Motion to approve Josh Harrica as the Boys PE Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee – Mazzella and McMillan **APPROVED**
      - 2. Motion to appoint John McDonald to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee – Farrell and Douglass **APPROVED**
    - ii. Come to Joe's recognition luncheon at Turning Stone
- j. Consider requests for Combining of Schools – Curry, Staves **APPROVED**
  - Indian Lake & Long Lake – All sports (all levels)
  - Wells & Lake Pleasant – All modified sports
  - Lake Placid w/ Saranac Lake - Football (all levels)
  - Saranac w/ Beekmantown– Gymnastics (all levels)
  - Saranac & Seton w/ Peru – Girls Swim (all levels)
  - Chazy w/ Beekmantown – Boys Hockey
  - Peru & NAC w/ Saranac – Boys Hockey
  - Chazy & NCCS w/ Beekmantown – Girls Hockey
  - Saranac Lake & Lake Placid – Girls Hockey
  - Saranac Lake & Lake Placid – Boys Lacrosse (mod/varsity)
  - Saranac Lake & Lake Placid – Girls Lacrosse (varsity)
- k. Other
  - Girls Golf Coordinator

1. Important Dates:

- Friday, 6/14 – CVAC AD’s Meeting
- Tuesday, 7/30 – Thurs, 8/1 – NYSPHSAA Central Committee Mtg, Turning Stone
- Thursday, 8/15 – Fall Preseason Coaches Meeting, AuSable Valley HS
- Monday, 8/19 – Fall Sports Start Date
- Tuesday, 9/17 – Mandated AD Workshop at Olympic Training Center
- Saturday, 9/28 – Cheer Judge Training (Section 2/7), Site TBA

6. NYSPHSAA Reports

a. NYSPHSAA Office Report –

b. Highlights of May 2, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting – Curry/Staves

- Pg. 33 – NFHS Rules was defeated 12-10.
- Postponed classification for football. 8 man football
- Volleyball

c. OCF – Nothing at this time.

d. Other

e. July 30, 2019 Central Committee Meeting: Turning Stone Resort, Verona

**Action Items:**

1. Consider approval to create an Officials’ Appreciation Day on Wednesday of Week 13 (last week of September). - **Yes**
2. Consideration to revise Modified Sport Standards – **Yes**
  - **All these are better for kids**
  - Consider approval to revise Modified Soccer rules.
  - Consider approval to revise Modified Football rules.
  - Consider approval to revise Modified Boys Lax rules.
  - Consider approval to revise Modified Cross Country rules.
  - Consider approval to increase the number of doubleheaders in mod softball from two to three.
  - Consider approval to add to the handbook “it is recommended that a minimum of six meets are scheduled for mod track and field.
  - Consider approval to reduce the minimum nights rest in boys and girls volleyball from 2 nights to 1 night.
  - Consider approval to increase the maximum number of points a student can wrestle during the week from 3 to 4.
  - Consider approval to allow more than two all-around competitors to compete in a gymnastics meet.
3. Consider approval to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures for an increased fee and unanimous decision by the panel. - **Yes**
4. Consider approval to increase the maximum number of games/ contests with restrictions on the number of scrimmages. – **Yes**

- **Perhaps a compromise and go from 24 to 22?**

5. Consider approval to revise the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of games/ contests.
6. Consider 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only. - **Yes**
7. Consider approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility. - **Yes**
8. Consideration of adding Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling as sports to the Scholar-Athlete program. - **Yes**
9. Consider approval to start a NYSPHSAA Foundation. - **Yes**
10. Consider approval to institute a penalty for practicing on courts at the Girls Tennis Championships during the tournament. - **Yes**
11. Consider approval of four quarters to serve the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship penalty for the sport of Football instead of the “next regularly scheduled game.” - **Yes**
12. Consider approval of a policy for combined practices for the sport of Football. - **Yes**
13. Consider approval to revise the classification cut-off numbers for the sport of Football. – **No**
14. Consider approval to revise pool play tie breaking procedures for the NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Championships. - **Yes**
15. Consider approval for the Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation. – **No and voice why – travel to Section V/ Section IV**
16. Consider approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 mins) and penalties (2 & 5 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. - **No**
17. Consider approval of Nassau Natatorium or Ithaca College as host of the 2021-2023 Boys Swim Championships. - **Yes**
18. Consider approval of \_\_\_\_\_ as host of the 2021-2023 Girls Gymnastics State Championships.
19. Consider approval of Cornell University, Robert Trent Jones Golf Course as the host of the 2020-2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championships. – **Yes**

- **Remind of NYSPHSAA of potential conflict with US History Framework with the Golf Championships**

**Discussion Items:**

22. Consideration of approval to utilize the NFHS 14 weight classes in all dual meets and dual meet tournaments starting in the 2020-2021 school year (wrestling).
23. Consideration of approval to combine the NYSPHSAA and NYS Federation wrestling championships to crown a single champion.
24. Consideration of approval to permit wrestlers to have six bouts in a day during the post season.
25. Consideration of approval for revised Bowling substitution rule.

7. **Officials Report** – Walentuk
  - a. Spring Assignor Reports

8. **Other**

Concern with Modified Baseball/Modified Softball length of games

9. **Adjournment** – Mazzella, Larrow

**APPROVED**

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**