

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
May 31, 2018 9:30am Baxter Mountain Inn

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance

Guests: J. Osborne – NYSPHSAA President

Officers: C. Mazzella, B. Norcross, P. Curry

Staff: M. Walentuk

MVAC: M. Mills, J. Toney, M. Douglas

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

Central Committee: T. Farrell

Executive Committee: S. Broadwell, K. Lopez, P. Curry, C. Staves

CVAC Executive Secretary: M. Farmer

Absent Excused: J. McDonald, D. Snide, K. Lopez

Confirmation of Proxies

J. Reynolds for D. Snide – **Myers, Staves**

APPROVED

2. Approval of April 19, 2018 Minutes – Norcross, Harrica

APPROVED

3. Financial Report – Walentuk

a. 2017-18 Budget to Date

b. Proposed 2018-19 Budget

- Question on the increase to “Championships” line in Liabilities.
 - Rationale is that is a realistic projection based on the anticipated expenses. The Section is now running the gate at SUNY Plattsburgh, there is more revenue and expense. Instead of SUNY giving us a balance or reimbursement check, we take all the money in and subsequently pay the total rental bill for SUNY instead of them using the balance.

4. Conference reports/concerns

a. CVAC

- Is in the process of updating their CVAC bylaws and raised the question of there being bylaws for the Northern Soccer League.
 - Rob McAuliffe has the original bylaws for the league.
 - The CVAC would like to see them updated and posted for all to see.
- The CVAC will be posting their bylaws on the Section VII website.

c. MVAC

- Requesting an amendment for the start date for the soccer modified start date to model the same as varsity.

- A motion was made for modified soccer to start on August 13th.
– Douglas, Reynolds **APPROVED**
 - This would be a local option for schools to start on the date of August 13th.
- The arbiter is an ongoing issue for schools in the south, specifically with basketball and baseball/softball.
 - For baseball/softball the issue is how the information is entered and the settings are set for each Athletic Director.
 - Should we try to get all assignors to use rschooltoday?
 - That currently is a contractual language issue, as “arbiter” is designated in the contract and we have two years left with our current contract.
 - Can we have assignors for the north and south come in and set up the program the same, so that all settings are the same?
 - The Section should send a letter to all organizations, citing an issue with the programming and the way it’s done. The Section ultimately wants to assign out of the Section office for consistency.

5. **Executive Director Report** – Walentuk

a. 2018-2019 Sectional Championships RFP

b. Potential dates of 2018-19 Athletic Council Meetings

- Thursday, October 4, 2018
- Thursday, December 13, 2018
- Thursday, January 24, 2019
- Thursday, April 11, 2019
- Thursday, May 30, 2019/ June 6, 2019
 - There was discussion on moving the May 30th date to June 6th to avoid the busy Sectional Championship week.
 - There was much discussion about the April 11th date and the issue with it being the day before Spring break. The earlier in April the meeting is, the less chance of having a finished NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting packet.
 - A motion was made for April 25th and June 6th. – Staves, Reynolds
APPROVED
 - It was found out that the Southern schools will be on break for the April 25th date.
 - A motion was made for the April date to be Tuesday, April 30th. – Myers, Staves **APPROVED**
 - The dates for the 2018-19 Athletic Council dates will be:
 - Thursday, October 4, 2018

▪ Thursday, December 13, 2018

▪ Thursday, January 24, 2019

▪ Tuesday, April 30, 2019

▪ Thursday, June 6, 2019

c. NFHS Network – Interested in our Section VII Events

- A contract will be forthcoming from the NFHS Network for media rights.
 - What is the timeline for approval? Mark from the NFHS Network is handling this.
- A request was made to form an Ad Hoc Committee to marry the media contract to the media policy. A motion was made for the Ad Hoc Committee – Myers, Harrica **APPROVED**

d. Section III discussion – looking at sports start dates

- Several leagues in Section 3 are asking NYSPHSAA to examine the length of the sports seasons and their start dates for each season.
- John Rathbun, the Section 3 Executive Director brought this up at the Executive Director’s meeting on May 3rd.
- The spring season and the inclement weather have been an increasing concern for many sections in recent years.

e. Discussion Items from April 18th Athletic Council Meeting

- Nomination Committee for 2nd Vice President
 - Jessica Barnhart was nominated for the position. Motion was made by Myers, Staves **APPROVED (1 abstention)**
- Media Policy
 - Addressed earlier in NFHS discussion with the creation of the ad hoc committee.
- Section VII concern with schools not playing in appropriate classification.
 - There was lengthy discussion when Section VII brought this up as a concern at the May 4th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.
 - Determined that Section VII would work with Robert Zayas on forming a discussion item for the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting in July.
 - One thought to address classification issues is to have each school report their grades 10, 11, & 12 enrollment at the beginning of the school year. If there’s a 20% or greater discrepancy from this number and the BEDS number used for that year, it would be “red flagged” and Todd Nelson or other NYSPHSAA staff would place them in an appropriate classification.
 - This is an administrative issue, nothing more.
 - The Section can place schools, but the interest is in having consistency across the state.

- A motion was made for John McDonald to continue as Superintendent Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee.

- Myers, Farrell

APPROVED

g. Important Dates:

- Thursday, 6/14 – CVAC AD’s Meeting
- Tuesday, 7/24 – Thurs, 7/26 – NYSPHSAA Central Committee Mtg
- Thursday, 8/9 – Fall Preseason CVAC Coaches Meeting, Peru HS
- Monday, 8/13 – Fall Sports Start Date
- Tuesday, 9/11 – Mandated AD Workshop at Olympic Training Center

6. NYSPHSAA Reports

a. NYSPHSAA Office Report – R. Zayas, J. Osborne

- Mr. Osborne reported that the Cross Country State Bid is out for the 2020-2022 championships.

b. Highlights of May 4, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting – Curry/Staves

- The baseball tiebreaker was defeated.
- There will be a survey going out to ADs and coaches regarding the NFHS vs. NCAA/ASA rulebook debate.

c. Other

d. July 24, 2018 Central Committee Meeting: High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid

Action Items:

- a. Consider approval of 2019-2020 classification numbers. - **Yes**
- b. Consideration to add Representation Rule related to “practice” to the “Practice Rule” - **Yes**
- c. Consider approval to remove “sneakers and molded cleat” restrictions from the **modified** NYSPHSAA Handbook. - **Yes**
- d. Consideration approval of the OCF Contract for the 2018-19 & 2019-20 school years. - **Yes**
- e. Consider approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy. - **Yes**
- f. Consideration of revisions to the format of the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to include a scoresheet and the inclusion of Gameday Invitationals. - **Yes**
- g. Consideration of regular season standard operating procedures for Girls Volleyball. - **Yes**
- h. Consider revisions of the Volleyball scrimmage rule. - **Yes**
- i. Consideration of moving the Bowling Championships from Week #35 to Week #36. - **Yes**
- j. Consideration of moving Bowling Championships from a two-day tournament to a three-day tournament and eliminate official practice day at facility. - **Yes**
- k. Consider approval of amending the Girls & Boys Bowling Substitution rule at the NYSPHSAA State Championships. - **Yes**

- l. Consideration of revision to the Girls and Boys Bowling maximum contest rule. - **Yes**
- m. Consideration of the addition of a “Super Qualifying Standard” for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor State Track & Field Championships. - **Yes**
- n. Consideration of Ice Hockey regional rotation. - **Yes**
- o. Consideration of Ice Hockey post season games to use video replay for determining goals, undetected goals and determining correct time on the game clock (NFHS rule 9-13). - **Yes**
- p. Consideration of Ice Hockey regular season warmup procedures. - **Yes**
- q. Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools. – **Yes**
- r. **Other Items for action:**
 - i. Should 2019 baseball/softball championships move a week later?
 - ii. Consideration that the combining teams percentages use the classification cut-off numbers of that particular sport (Section 9 proposal) – **Yes**
 - iii. Wheelchair procedures – standardizing procedures for wheelchair event in track & field – **The track & field people need to come back with a proposal.**

Discussion Items:

- aa. Consideration of revision to the classifications to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships. **Not a lot of support for it. It is being pushed by football committee.**
- bb. Consideration of a proposal to address receivership situations when a school has an influx or reduction in enrollment. **Discussed earlier, in Executive Director Report.**
- cc. Review of NFHS/NCCAA/USA rules survey data. **Discussed earlier.**
- dd. Consideration of approval of Track & Field Wheelchair procedures. **Discussed earlier.**
- ee. Consideration of endorsing a NYSAAA Resolution related to LTC course 631 Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic Events. **No**
- ff. Consideration of football nights rest & maximum contest rules. **Yes**
- gg. Consideration of requiring wrestling teams to finalize their schedule no later than the Saturday of Week #28. – **Yes (issue with rescheduling tournaments)**
- hh. Consideration to recommend that the NYSPHSAA Handbook Recommendations include that ever member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage to the athletic program. – **No, schools are cutting teaching staff**
- ii. Approved Senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams. - **Yes**

7. **Officials Report** – Walentuk

- a. Spring Assignor Reports
 - Paul O’Connell assigned 460 original games and had 365 rescheduled games.

8. Other

- Should we change locations for Athletic Council meetings?
 - Most are happy with Central location of Baxter Mountain.
 - Would be less expensive if CVES hosted the meeting.

9. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2018

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