

**SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**New York State Public High School Athletic Association**  
**October 3, 2019      9:30am    Baxter Mountain Inn**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order and attendance**

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

Staff: M. Walentuk

MVAC: M. Douglas, M. Mills

CVAC: V. McMillan, W. Larrow, J. Manchester

Executive Committee: J. Harrica, T. Farrell, K. Lopez, S. Broadwell

Absent Excused: D. Snide, P. Curry, D. Goetze, G. Myers

Proxies:

R. McAuliffe for D. Goetze

E. Bennett for G. Myers

C. Staves for P. Curry

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| <b>2. Approval of June 6, 2019 Minutes</b> – Harrica, Mills | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| <b>3. Corporate Meeting</b> – Harrica, Broadwell            | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| <b>4. Regular Meeting</b> – Harrica, Mills                  | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| <b>5. Financial Report</b> – Walentuk - Norcross, Douglas   | <b>APPROVED</b> |
- a. Review of 2018-19 Budget
- Only profited \$23 on the year.
  - Even after JG3 game, our post-season income was down \$16,000
  - Remember Revenue and Expenses are inflated \$10,000 due to CVAC.
  - Insurance increase of nearly \$800
  - Chairperson expenses up \$500
    - i. Should we use Rental Cars for championships that require a long distance of travel?
    - ii. Advocate for Centrally Located State Championships.
  - Is it time to consider raising ticket prices?
    - i. Taking Credit Cards at Sectionals
    - ii. Adjust Prices? Check with other Sections
    - iii. SubCommittee
      - 1. Josh Harrica and Chris Mazzella
  - Spalding Ball Adoption \$ will be decreasing in a few years.
- b. Review of Spring Championships
- We only hosted 1 Regional softball game. The regional games are where we make a profit \$7/ticket.

- Tennis – AuSable did not charge, but PHS and SUNY did.
- Track and Field – Runs in deficit due to timing. Do we consider an entry fee to cover the cost?
  - i. Concern for charging for timing device, not being consistent with other sports.
- c. Review 2019-20 Budget
  - Cross Country Invitational is giving us post-season receipts and championship expenses.

## 6. Conference reports/concerns

### a. CVAC

- The CVAC will charge for \$40 dues for any school part of a merged team.

### b. MVAC

## 7. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

### a. Actions of the Executive Committee

- Approved Boquet Valley CSD as a full member of Section VII.
- Approved language: “Section VII will not invoice any member school nor reimburse any member school for total travel expenses \$5 or less.”
- Approved Assignors for the Fall Season:
  - Northern Soccer: Barry Norton and Randy Lozier
  - Southern Soccer: Jim Monty
  - Football: Randy Brown
  - Girls/Boys Swim: Julie Dandrow
  - Gymnastics: Laura Irwin
  - Volleyball: Paul Spilman
- Approved Modified Soccer Game Length to 35 minute halves with each team receiving 1 timeout per half.
  - Sections all are over the place with implementation.
- Approved combining of teams:
  - **Fall Sports**
    - Plattsburgh (host) w/ Seton – Football (all levels)
    - Plattsburgh (host) w/ AuSable Valley & Seton – Gymnastics (all levels)
    - Moriah & Boquet Valley (The Goats) – Cross Country (Boys/Girls) (all levels)
    - Lake Placid (host) w/ Keene – Cross Country (Boys/Girls) (all levels)
    - Peru (host) w/ AuSable Valley – Cheerleading
    - Girls Cross Country – Adirondack Christian w/ AuSable Valley (all levels)
    - Girls Swim – Adirondack Christian w/ AuSable Valley (all levels)
    - Boys Soccer– Adirondack Christian w/ AuSable Valley (Mod & JV)
- Approved new girls swim coordinator, Molly Wilkins.

### b. Actions of the Appeals Committee

- Approved hardship transfer of student to compete at AuSable Valley.
  - Approved hardship transfer of two students to compete at Crown Point.
  - Approved Mixed Competition requests for one male to compete on Beekmantown Gymnastics team.
- c. Consider approval of Combining of Schools: -
- i. Harrica and Douglas **APPROVED**
- Boys Hockey – Seton w/ Plattsburgh
  - Boys Hockey – Keene w/ Saranac Lake & Lake Placid (SLP)
  - Girls Hockey – Seton, Saranac, Peru w/ Plattsburgh
  - B/G Nordic Ski – Keene w/ Lake Placid
  - Boys Swim – Seton w/ Plattsburgh
  - Competitive Cheer – AuSable Valley w/ Peru
  - B/G Indoor Track – Chazy w/ Plattsburgh
  - Girls Bowling – Chazy w/ Peru
  - B/G Tennis – Saranac Lake w/ Lake Placid
  - Softball – Keene w/ Lake Placid
  - B/G Track & Field – Keene w/ Lake Placid
  - Baseball – Keene w/ Lake Placid (all levels)
- d. Mandated AD meeting – September 17, 2019
- Robert and Todd came to put on the workshop.
  - We had a refresher presentation with ADs for 45 minutes prior.
  - Lake Placid OTC continues to be a great host.
- e. [2019-20 Sectional Calendar](#)
- This is a live document. Still updating. VB at Saranac for Finals, BCS for Regionals. FB at PHS for finals.
  - XC requesting to start an hour earlier due to daylight savings time ending.
- f. Professional Development Update
- Gary Stevens from Saco Maine came up to teach 2 workshops. One was on Legal Issues – Title IX and the other on Emergency Event Management. Gary was top notch. Good feedback from those who attended.
- g. Sport Coordinator Vacancies
- Consider approval of Peter Frenette as Girls Outdoor Track & Field Coordinator. McMillan, Harrica **APPROVED**
  - Approve Resignation of Chris Verkey as boys indoor track coordinator. Still looking for another coordinator. – Norcross, Lopez **APPROVED**
- h. Participation Survey Results (pg. 28-30)
- Over 8,300 participants for 18-19 school year.
  - Participation is up around 100. This is a positive as participation is down for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in a while nationwide.

- i. NYSPHSAA rifle program going forward.
  - Potentially eliminating rifle as a regional event because it doesn't meet the criteria of an emerging sport. NYSPHSAA has concern that it has never met this.
  - 5 Sections have rifle.
  - Rifle not progressing, it will be a regional event beginning next year.
- j. BEDS Numbers updates
  - Some changes to our schools for the 2020-21 school year. See document
- k. Action Items:
  - Consider approval of Off the Field Sports as the Exclusive 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 Championships Souvenir Vendor of Section VII.
    - i. Staves, Harrica **APPROVED**
  - Consider approval of Off the Field Sports as Championship Trophy Vendor for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 school years.
    - i. Larrow, Mills **APPROVED**
  - Consider vacancy of Patricia Ryan Curry as Section VII representative on the OCF Committee and approve the appointment of Joe Staves
    - i. Harrica, Lopez **APPROVED**
  - Consider approval of 2020-2024 Officials Contract.
    - i. Norcross, Staves **APPROVED**
- l. Cross Country States/Invitational Update
  - Pre-season meet went off well. Still waiting to see how much bill will be for timing. Had a conference call with Brian and Taylor on what we can do to improve. Working with Todd and Joe for ATCs and Rental Contracts.
- m. Coaches First Aid Update
  - Looks like Sunday, 10/27 9 AM for Jay Pachter.
  - Bob Robare is teaching an instructors course on November – 7,12,14,19. Within a day had 4 schools sign up.
- n. Other
- o. Important Dates:
  - October 10<sup>th</sup> – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
  - *October 27<sup>th</sup>* – Winter Coaches First Aid – Yokum Hall SUNY Plattsburgh
  - November 11<sup>th</sup> – Winter Sports Start Date
  - November 15<sup>th</sup> – Appeals Committee Meeting

## 8. NYSPHSAA Reports

- a. NYSPHSAA Office Report –
- b. Highlights July 30-31 Central Committee Report – Curry, Staves, Harrica
  - Mod Changes
  - Approved FB Class Numbers – 23
  - 28 – Tabled Volleyball Discussion

- 31 – Defeated Ice Hockey change back to 17
- 36 – Tabled Boys Golf Site
- 39 – Defeated penalty for exceeding max number of contests.
- 40 – Big Change to Transfer Rule

c. Committee Reports

- Modified Committee Report – McMillan
  - Approved changes in the summer. No new discussion or action items
- CAC Report – Curry, Broadwell
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- SAAC Report – Douglas
  - Big Discussion on how to calculate and merge teams and schools of distinction
- Championship Philosophy Committee – Staves
  - Emerging Sports
  - Looking at one template for contingency plan for regional rotation for the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball/softball, volleyball
- Safety Committee – Drucker
  - Total Concussion management program being endorsed by NYSPHSAA
- Sportsmanship Committee – Denis
  - Nothing
- Unified Committee Report – Walentuk
  - NYSED Public Discussion period open for changes in age/duration of competition.
- Handbook Committee Report – Walentuk
  - Nothing

c. October 10, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting: Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs

- **Action Items:**
- Consider approval of 2020-21 school enrollment numbers. **Yes**
- Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various sections
  - i. PG. 33 - Yes**
- Consider approval to require five officials for an athlete to qualify for the State Swimming & Diving Championships in an 11 Dive meet. **Yes**
- Consider approval for the Boys Soccer Regional Rotation.
  - i. PG. 36-37 - Yes**
- Consider approval to conduct the NYSPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Tournament as one tournament.
  - i. PG. 40 Yes**
- Consider approval for a waiver of the NFHS five-bout rule in post season wrestling.

**i. PG. 41 Yes**

- Consider approval to require all sections to use the InBody Scale for the NYSPHSAA Weight Certification Program.

**i. PG. 42 Yes**

- Consider approval to remove #4 of NYSPHSAA Softball Waivers – “Metal cleats are prohibited on all levels of play.” **Yes**
- Consider approval to eliminate the International tie Breaker rule for NYSPHSAA Regionals. **Yes**
- Consider approval to adopt the game ending run rule procedure with section/league approval in the sport of baseball. **Yes**
- Consider approval of Mark Twain Golf Course as the host of the 2020-2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championships. PG. 44 **Yes**
- **Consider approval to waive NFHS Wrestling rule regarding manufacturer’s logo on ear guards. - Yes**

- **Discussion Items:**

- Consideration of approval for an increase in membership dues of \$40 per year for five years to address post-retirement health care liabilities and auditors fund balance recommendations.

**i. Pg. 34 – Want more information. Should go before Central Committee**

- Consideration of approval to add recommendation to NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding overuse injuries and specialization. PG. 35
- Consideration of approval to change Boys Lacrosse length of overtime to 4 minutes.
- Consideration of approval for a waiver of the NCAA rule 2-11.6 regarding a shot clock reset of 20 seconds. PG. 38
- Consideration of 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. PG. 39
- Consideration of approval to allow individual sections determine their spring start date to either Week #36 or #37 – PG. 43
- Consideration of approval of the implementation of a shot clock in the sport of Girls Lacrosse.
- **Consideration of Virtual/Connected Events Proposal (Section discussion)**
  - i. Starts on Pg. 45
  - ii. Joe Staves is not in support of this. This a NFHS item. This an activity. Joe doesn’t think this should be under our umbrella.

**9. Officials Report – Walentuk**

a. Winter Assignors:

Julie Dandrow	Boys Swim	<a href="mailto:dpi2@verizon.net">dpi2@verizon.net</a>
Paul Spilman	BB North	<a href="mailto:paspilman@gmail.com">paspilman@gmail.com</a>
Steve Stahl	BB South	<a href="mailto:stevestahl@yahoo.com">stevestahl@yahoo.com</a>
Phalon Miner	Wresting	<a href="mailto:dminer2176@aol.com">dminer2176@aol.com</a>
Bill Wrisley	Indoor T & F	<a href="mailto:wrizzz@wriznet.us">wrizzz@wriznet.us</a>

b. Consider recommendation of Paul Lamoy or Ian Brassard for Ice Hockey assignor.

- o Motion for Ian Brassard- Norcross, Douglas **APPROVED**

**10. Spring Post Season Reports:**

a. Baseball

- o MVAC schools played a game to help break a tie.

c. Softball

- o Request to play Saturday games/next available date.
- o The D's aren't playing each other in the regular season, which makes seeding difficult.

d. Golf

- o We need a Girls Golf Coordinator

d. Track & Field

e. Tennis

- o Tournament went well.

**11. Fall Pre-Season Reports:**

a. Volleyball

Sectionals at SCS, Regionals at BCS

b. Football

Sectionals at PHS

c. Boys Soccer

Utilizing Beekmantown's Fields for Sectionals.

d. Girls Soccer

e. Gymnastics

f. Girls Swimming

e. Cross Country

**12. Other**

**13. Adjournment – Harrica, Bennett**

**APPROVED**

**NEXT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**