

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
October 5, 2017 9:30am Baxter Mountain Inn

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance
Officers: C. Mazzella, B. Norcross, P. Curry
Staff: M. Walentuk
MVAC: M. Mills, J. Toney, M. Douglas
CVAC: V. McMillan, J. Harrica, G. Myers
Executive Committee: S. Broadwell, C. Staves, P. Curry
CVAC Executive Secretary: M. Farmer
MVAC Executive Secretary: R. McAuliffe
Absent Excused: M. Douglas, J. Toney, D. Snide
Confirmation of Proxies
 M. Farmer for B. Larrow
 R. Sutphen for J. McDonald
 R. McAuliffe for T. Farrell
 J. Reynolds for D. Snide – Staves, Harrica **APPROVED**

2. Approval of June 1, 2017 Minutes – Myers, Harrica **APPROVED**
3. Motion to enter Corporate Meeting – Curry, Harrica **APPROVED**
4. Motion to return to Regular Meeting – Curry, Staves **APPROVED**
5. Financial Report – Walentuk
 - a. Review of 2016-17 Budget
 - Revenues exceeded expenses by \$5,387.80. If Executive Director started July 1 it would have been \$9,068.94. CVES refunded over \$17,000 to member schools due to current Ex. Director starting 9/26/16.
 - There was discussion should the Spalding monies help sustain the bottom line or be used for special programs.
 - Discussion that there should be fund balance in case or serious concern or lawsuit.
 - Maybe someone like Missy West of Ryan Leaf could provide a leadership training for our student-athletes.
 - NYSPHSAA already does a lot through Captain’s Clubs. It would be tough to hold a summit with our geography.
 - The CVAC used to have a healthy budget and did do awareness for instance when steroids were an issue. Two locations would be better to reach the whole Section.

b. Review of Spring Championships

- The Spring Championships ran at a loss mostly due to the Track & Field Sectionals and Qualifiers using Fully Automatic Time (FAT) provided by Finish Right Timing
- Question to why personnel fees were so high on 5/27 for baseball/softball?
 - All hands were on deck with 3 games being hosted at SUNY Plattsburgh
- Discussion about Track & Field Sectionals moving to the week of Memorial Day Weekend
 - Will location impact the revenue?
 - Track & Field has averaged between \$3,300 to \$3,500 over the last 5 years going between Peru, Lake Placid, and Plattsburgh

c. Review 2017-18 Budget

- Do we want to amend the “Championships” line under Expenses?
 - We will keep the approved budget. We can expect that line to run over due to us taking the gates and then paying out to SUNY Plattsburgh.

d. Finance Committee – Not discussed

e. Motion to approve Financial Report – Myers, Mills

APPROVED

4. Conference reports/concerns

a. CVAC

b. MVAC

- There is a concern regarding the Northern Soccer League Division Representatives
 - The same people have been reps since 2011
 - There are other people interested in Division 2 Soccer
 - Question: What way do we determine these representatives?
 - It’s best when an active AD or coach is in that position
 - It may be important to keep a balance in representation between the MVAC and the CVAC.
 - Non coaches may be more unbiased.
 - This position should be open for anyone interested

5. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

a. Actions of the Executive Committee

- Approved Mountainside Christian as a member school
- Approved mergers:
 - Schroon Lake and Mountainside Christian – Modified Sports
 - AuSable Valley and Plattsburgh – Gymnastics
 - Moriah and Westport – B/G Cross Country

b. Actions of the Appeals Committee

- Approved Mixed Competition requests for two males to compete on Beekmantown Gymnastics team
- Approved Mixed Competition request for one male to compete on Peru Gymnastics team
- Approved Hardship Transfer for student attending Seton Catholic
- c. Motion to approve Combining of Schools: Harrica, Douglas **APPROVED**
 - Boys Hockey – Saranac w/ Peru, NAC, and Moriah
 - Quick Discussion regarding this merger
 - There were concerns and about coaching and treatment of players. 7-10 players stopped playing in the merger in past seasons
 - Saranac always covered the bulk of the cost of the program
 - Peru has hired an assistant coach for the team and agreed to pay per player.
 - Saranac agreed to be more transparent.
 - B/G Indoor Track & Field – Plattsburgh w/ Chazy
 - B/G Outdoor Track & Field – Plattsburgh w/ Chazy
- d. Stay in the Game Recognition for 2016-17 Season
 - Suggestion that this is sent out to the local papers.
 - There was a discussion regarding a perceived increase in yellow cards this soccer season. Discussion as follows:
 - R. McAuliffe stated that 15 years ago yellow cards were given for really serious offenses. Soccer keeps track of yellow cards.
 - There was mention that kids will speak their minds more often nowadays
 - Could we use the Ball Adoption Money for a sportsmanship summit?
 - Our biggest concern should be the lack of officials. The only way we can address is have coaches back and support officials. We need to train our coaches.
 - The NYSPHSAA has good videos and a brochure on sportsmanship
 - A Section goal should be sportsmanship. We need to do something at our coaches meeting.
 - This happened before in basketball with swearing and the officials cleared it up by giving offenders Technical fouls.
 - Some officials won't give athletes/coaches Technical fouls or similar penalties.
 - A letter can be written to the coordinators and coaches.
 - This can be a campaign from the Section VII office. The Section VII President and Executive Director can write a letter to the editor and make sportsmanship a point of emphasis.
- e. Mandated AD meeting – September 12, 2017
- f. Section VII Friends and Neighbor

- Motion to approve North Country School - Lake Placid– Staves, Norcross

APPROVED

- g. Update on Heads up Football – Training June 8th
- h. Motion to approve Sport Coordinators – Staves, McMillan **APPROVED**
- Boys Bowling – David Mendofik - Peru
 - Boys Swimming – Shawn Farrell - PHS
- i. Fall Championships RFP
- The Section will receive \$1,000 + 5% of profits
 - Will they need a tent or table?
 - Request for them to consider women’s cuts
 - Motion to approve Off the Field Sports Bid – Myers, Sutphen **APPROVED**
- j. Consider Request to use Finish Right Timing
- Question regarding about owning our own system
 - This would be costly with updates
 - Who would run the system?
 - Many other Sections contract out with vendors
 - Most agree we should have FAT timing at our Sectional events
 - There is also the potential to gain revenue from bib sponsorships.
 - Consensus – we should look into this for the future.
- k. Consider Request from Competitive Cheer Coordinator
- The request is to pay for hotel room for Competitive Cheer official trainers
 - Agreed to cover a hotel room at no more than \$150.
- l. 2017-18 Sectional Calendar
- This is available on the Section7 website.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Q_1MB32I0UzwU15QsSPh8bxddMD22WhnXTVaAe74Mas/edit?usp=sharing
 - Housed in a Google Sheet, so it’s always up-to-date
- m. MOUs
- Two MOUs were passed
 - MOU #6 sets a fee schedule for the JV football officials working PHS football scrimmages that resulted from insufficient numbers to carry out the schedule as games.
 - MOU #7 allows official organizations to invoice schools for sectionals.
 - Officials’ organizations will need a W9 for this in order to invoice.
- n. Sectional Football Seeding
- The football handbook doesn’t have a definitive procedure for seeding within classes
 - In the old Section VII/X merged schedule schools were seeded by head to head within class only.

- When Section VII/X merger dissolved the CVAC AD's agreed to seed based on total league record that way the whole season matters and not just potentially one game.
 - This was not well documented and newer coaches were not aware of it.
 - A motion was made that past practice be followed and 2017 Section VII Football is seeded on league record – Myers, Staves **APPROVED**
 - o. Consider Request from Swim Coordinator on Meet Manager
 - More information is needed regarding licenses for software
 - p. Other
 - Section VII is looking into bringing in Coach specific DASA training. Section 3 has several trained facilitators.
 - In Class C soccer, the bylaws state teams will be seeded on league record, this is may be an issue due to multiple schools in Division 1 and Division 2 in which they play separate league schedules.
 - q. Important Dates:
 - October 12th – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - TBA – Winter Coaches First Aid
 - November 6th – Winter Sports Start Date
 - A motion was made to allow leagues to start modified sports on the same date as the Winter Sports Start Date. – Broadwell, Reynolds **APPROVED**
 - November 15th – Appeals Committee Meeting
6. NYSPHSAA Reports
- a. NYSPHSAA Office Report –
 - b. Highlights July 25-27 Central Committee Report – Curry, Staves, Farrell, McDonald Committee Reports

1. *Approved the Agenda of the July 25-26, 2017 Central Committee meeting.*
2. *Approved the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes.*
3. *Approved the Compensation Committee's report*
4. *Approved the 2017-2020 NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies.*
5. *Defeated permitting students who are ineligible per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility.*
6. *Approved a waiver of the Modified Soccer Game Rule #12 until the 2020-2021 school year.*
7. *Approved the Modified Boys & Girls Soccer programs will be exempt from the NFHS rule requiring all-white home jerseys until further notice.*
8. *Approved in Modified Cross Country to remove Game Conditions #2 and #3.*
9. *Approved removing Modified Football Game Conditions #6 d and using the NFHS football safety rules regarding cleats.*
10. *Approved moving the Hall of Fame application deadline to one week before the winter Executive Committee meeting.*

11. *Approved to match the evaluation scales for both the Hall of Fame Screening and Selection Committees.*
12. *Approved accepting a minimum of any five supporting documents to accompany a Hall of Fame application.*
13. *Approved NYSPHSAA to adopt the NFHS Authenticating Mark.*
14. *Approved revisions to the Combining of Teams graduating scale.*
15. *Approved revisions to the NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines.*
16. *Approved to revise the Football classification cut-off numbers effective Fall 2018.*
17. *Approved to endorse the "Tommy Tough" Football Educational & Awareness Safety Standards.*
18. *Approved in Boys Volleyball to use the NCAA Volleyball rule for the score of the 5th set for Varsity matches.*
19. *Approved to revise the Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-Off numbers effective Fall 2018.*
20. *Approved Albany's Capital Center as the site of the 2018-2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Championships.*
21. *Approved Ithaca College as the site of the 2018-2020 NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Championships.*
22. *Approved Cold Spring Harbor High School as the site of the 2018-2020 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Championships.*
23. *Approved the Girls Soccer Regional Rotations effective Fall 2017.*
24. *Approved the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Soccer Committees no longer be required to provide an end of year report regarding disqualifications to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator effective Fall 2018.*
25. *Approved to insert Football overtime procedures into the NYSPHSAA Handbook within the Football Sports Standards.*
26. *Defeated to use the 2 referee and 2 linesman officiating system in Ice Hockey.*
27. *Approved for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods and penalties to begin with the 2018-2019 season.*
28. *Approved with Section and League approval, Modified sports will start on the same date as Varsity and JV sports beginning in Winter 2017-2018.*
29. *Approved a waiver of the Representation Rule for the Wrestling Team Duals Section 1 qualifier from 6 to 0.*
30. *Approved Sport Coordinator appointments/reappointments for a five year term, effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2022.*
31. *Approved as Friends and Neighbors: The Kings School (2), Holy Cross Academy (III), Rochester School for the Deaf (V), Christian Central Academy (VI), Northern Chautauqua Catholic School (VI), St. Gregory the Great School (VI), Long Beach Catholic Regional School (VIII).*
32. *Approved as a New Member: Mountainside Christian Academy (VII).*
33. *Approved female swimmer/divers must adhere to the NFHS uniform rule during warm-ups as well as during the meet.*
34. *Approved to accept the Group Meeting Reports.*
35. *Approved adjournment.*

- c. Modified Committee Report – McMillan
 - The modified committee is working on the rebranding modified sports. They decided that it won't be until after the 2018-19 season.
 - A question was posed as to why it takes so long for changes to the modified program?
 - Vickie McMillan said that the process has sped up. One thing that they need to keep in mind is potential budget concerns with these changes.
- d. CAC Report – Broadwell
 - Supported baseball run rule and adjusting of regional rotation
 - Did not support softball waiver of suspended game and discontinuing of regional certificates.
- e. SAAC Report – Douglas
 - Promote the Hazing Prevention Course Available from NYSPHSAA
 - There's discussion about a student athlete 1 on 1 course that discusses issues in how to be a captain, nutrition, sportsmanship, and social media.
- f. Safety Committee Report –
 - There are issues with Weatherbug being used for heat index procedures. It is not accurate due to the lack of stations in our area.
- g. Sportsmanship Committee Report –
- h. Unified Committee Report – Sutphen
 - Unified Basketball Informational meeting October 18th at the CVES Instructional Services Center at 9:00 AM.
- i. October 12, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting: Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
 - **Action Items:**
 - Consider approval of a uniformed calendar for variation sports - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of an Oversight Committee - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of revisions to timeline for school enrollment numbers - **Yes**
 - Consider approval to eliminate the 99-lb. weight class in league matches only in wrestling - **Yes**
 - Consider approval to adopt standard operating procedures for Girls Volleyball regionals and states - **Yes**
 - Consider approval to revise Boys Volleyball Championship pool play. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval of 2017-18 Cheer Rubrics and Progression Sheets. - **Yes**
 - Consider approval to require all cheer schools at NYSPHSAA Championship to provide proof they legally purchased their music. - **Yes**

- Consider approval to allow Sections the ability to use video replay at the Section Cheer Championships- **No**
- Consider approval to waive International Tie-breaker Rule for Regionals in Softball for a two-year experiment- **Yes**
- Consider approval of a softball mercy rule- **Yes**
- Consider approval to require all state and regional softball games to be played to completion- **No**
- Consider approval to discontinue the distribution of Regional certificates in Softball - **No**
- Consider approval of game ending procedure in baseball - **Yes**
- Consider approval to adjust Regional Rotation when byes allow direct berth to States. - **Yes**
- Consider approval to limit the number of alternates at the Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving Championships - **Yes**
- Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections in several sports - **Yes**
- Consider approval for spikes for Modified Track & Field- **Yes**
- Consider approval for Wrestling limit on Two Day Non-Bracketed Tournaments. - **Yes**
- Consider approval of Indoor Track & Field Weight Throw Specifications - **Yes**
- Consider approval of NCAA Girls Basketball Waivers (4) - **Yes**

- **Discussion Items:**
- Consider approval in program 2, Modified wrestlers may wrestle each other within a 10-pound variance - **Yes**
- Consider approval for modified wrestling program 1, there must be a 30 minute rest period between bouts (from 45 minute rest) - **Yes**
- Consideration of approval to revised required minimum time between contests for all softball players shall be reduced from 2 nights to 1 night. - **Yes**
- Consider approval of baseball Mercy rule w/ league and section approval (10 runs after 4.5/5 innings) - **Yes**
- **Consider approval to adjust regional rotation in baseball when byes create a direct berth to state final four – Yes**
- Consider approval to waive ski pole length requirements for all Nordic events during the regular and postseason. – **Yes**
- **Discussion regarding the proposed Change to 5 Classification Cutoff #'s.**
 - We are in favor of the change.
 - Need clarification on the language of the discussion item.

7. Officials Report – Walentuk

a. Fall Assignors:

Randy Brown	Football	rbrown10@charter.net
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Paul Spilman	Volleyball	paspilman@gmail.com

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Steve Stahl	BB South	stevestahl@yahoo.com
Phalon Miner	Wresting	dminer2176@aol.com
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Bill Wrisley	Indoor T & F	wrizzz@wriznet.us

c. Assignor End of Year Reports

d. Officials Information Forms

- Officials organizations are not handing them in on time.
- It was recommended that a letter goes out to officials stating that all new officials must have fingerprint clearance prior to working.

8. Spring Post Season Reports:

a. Baseball

- Class D Champion – NAC
- Class C Champion – Ticonderoga
- Class B Champion – Saranac
- The D Final was moved to Saturday because of rain on Friday
- NAC lost to eventual state champion Fort Ann 2-0.
- Ticonderoga lost to state runner-up Potsdam 10-7
- Saranac lost to OFA 11-6 in subregional

e. Softball

- Class D Champion – Crown Point
- Class C Champion – Ticonderoga
- Class B Champion – Saranac
- Next Year Section VII will host three Regional games next year. The games will be a Class B Regional semi-final and Class C & D Regional finals.

- f. Golf
 - The sectional tournament was held at the Barracks. The weather was difficult with 2 days of rain and cool temperatures.
 - Lake Placid won the Sectional tournament.
 - Bjorn Kroes (Lake Placid) was the individual champion
 - Next years Sectionals will be held at North Country (
- g. Track & Field
 - Discussion about moving the sectional meet back to the week before Memorial Day. This will be possible now with FAT timing. Facilities would have to have two jumping pits.
 - There are some suggestions for fixing the officiating issues within our Section
- h. Tennis
 - Team champions: Peru (boys) Lake Placid (girls)
- 9. Fall Pre-Season Reports:
 - a. Volleyball
 - Finals will be hosted at Beekmantown
 - i. Class B 12:00, Class C 2:00, Class D 4:00
 - Regional Finals will be hosted at Saranac
 - i. Class B 12:30, Class C 2:30, Class D 4:30
 - b. Football
 - Playoff Schedule:
 - i. Week 8 – 3C @ 2C, 3B @ 2B
 - Week 9 (AuSable Valley HS)
 - i. Class D Finals Friday at 7:00
 - ii. Class C Finals Saturday at 12:00
 - iii. Class B Finals Saturday at 3:30
 - Week 10
 - i. Class C @ Section 10
 - ii. Class B, D @ Section VII (AuSable Valley primary site)
 - c. Boys Soccer
 - Sectionals begin October 17th and end Saturday October 28th
 - Class C will play semifinals and finals at Saranac High School
 - d. Girls Soccer
 - Class D finals at PHS on 10/28
 - Class C Semis/Finals at Saranac on 10/19 & 10/25
 - Class B Semis/Finals at Chazy on 10/20 & 10/27
 - Balls will be distributed to teams playing in sectional final games.
 - e. Gymnastics
 - Sectionals will be hosted at Beekmantown on November 11th.

- States will be held on Saturday, March 3 2018 on Long Island – Section 8.
- f. Girls Swimming
 - Sectionals will be held on Thursday, October 26th which will be the first time in a while they will be held in October and on a weeknight.
- f. Cross Country
 - Sectionals will be held on Friday, November 3rd at Cobble Hill Golf Course in Elizabethtown. Boys Race – 2:15, Girls Race – 3:00
 - AuSable Valley is now a Class D

10. Other

11. Adjournment – Harrica, Myers

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2017