

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
January 19, 2024 9:30am High Peaks Resort
MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance

- Officers: J. Barnhart, B. Norcross, J. Gardner
- Staff: M. Walentuk
- MVAC: A. Gonyo
- CVAC: J. Manchester, G. Myers, V. McMillan, W. Larrow
- Executive Committee: M. Graney, J. Harrica, K. McCoy
- Guests: J. Altieri, NYSPHSAA, C. Racine, A. Pearl - SAAC
- Absent Excused –S. Broadwell, J. Dann, C. Husson

i. Proxies:

- R. McAuliffe for MVAC Principal Rep – **Harrica, Myers**

APPROVED

2. Approval of October 5, 2023 Minutes - Harrica, Myers

APPROVED

3. Financial Report – McMillan, Manchester

APPROVED

- 23-24 Budget Update
 - i. May be in a deficit this year. Fall Sectionals were not as profitable as past years.
- Review Fall 2023 Sectionals
 - i. Hosting 5 sub-regionals on a very cold weather day. Overall not as profitable as past years. Did not host a regional final football game as well.

4. Conference reports/concerns

- a. CVAC – Developing a flag football schedule with 11 CVAC schools.
- b. MVAC

5. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- a. Consider approval of Combining of Schools: -**Myers, McMillan** **APPROVED**
 - i. Beekmantown w/ Chazy – B/G Track & Field
- b. Actions of the Executive Committee
 - i. Approved winter mergers.
- c. Winter Sectionals Update
- d. 24-25 BEDS Numbers/Classifications
- e. Officials Contract 2024-on
 - i. Finalized 2024-2028 Officials Contract on January 18th
- f. NSL Soccer
 - i. AuSable Valley and Willsboro have requested to move divisions in the NSL Soccer schedule.

1. A subcommittee of Greg Myers, Rob McAuliffe, Tim Mulligan and Matt Walentuk will meet and develop a schedule for the Fall 2024 season.

g. Start and End Dates for each season – **Harrica, Myers**

APPROVED

- Winter 23-24 End date: Sunday, March 17, 2024
- Spring Start date: Monday, March 11, 2024
- Spring Season End date: *Sunday, June 16, 2024*

h. Old Business:

- NFHS Network Cameras
 - i. Lauren Holston has been very responsive for those with issues.
- Section VII SAAC Committee
 - i. Welcoming Aiden and Callie to the meeting.
- Section VII rep for the NYSPHSAA Foundation
 - i. Still looking for a member to represent Section VII.

i. Important Dates:

- January 22nd – MVAC AD's Meeting – Pitkin's Restaurant
- January 26th – Girls Wrestling Invitational (Syracuse)
- January 27th – Boys Team Dual Wrestling States (Syracuse)
- January 31st – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting – Saratoga
- March 11 – Spring Sports Start Date
- March 13-15 NYSAAA Conference - Saratoga

6. NYSPHSAA report

a) NYSPHSAA Office Report

- i) Discussed the Ad Hoc committee on regional rotations. Recommendations moving forward to the Executive Committee.

b) Central Committee Report

c) Committee Reports

i) Safety

ii) Sportsmanship

iii) CAC

- iv) SAAC – reported on the meeting at the Football championships. Not looking to expand the committee.

d) Upcoming Executive Committee Informational Items

- i) Softball Venue Change to Martha Avenue Rec Park
- ii) Increase the base fee of NYSPSHAA Membership Dues by \$50 annually to address NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan priority
- iii) Increase Friend & Neighbor Fee to \$500
- iv) Do not count league semifinal/Finals in total number of games

e) Upcoming Executive Committee Action Items

- i) Consider approval of Girls Basketball Officials Fees & Policies change for 2024 season only.
- ii) Consider approval of Girls Flag Football Officials Fees & Policies.
- iii) Consider approval to add the use of *My Lightning Tracker App* to the NYSPHSAA Thunder & Lightning Policy.
- iv) Consider approval of removing language regarding one-arm swings in Boys Lacrosse.
- v) Consider approval of removing language prohibiting metal cleats in Softball.
- vi) Consider approval of Cathleen Dnyprowsky as Modified Volleyball Coordinator.
- vii) Consider approval to waive the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule to allow Unified athletes to compete in two seasons in the same sport.
- viii) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections
 - (1) Indoor Track 6-3
- i) Consider approval of **TBD** as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPHSAA Game Day Cheerleading Championships.
- ii) Consider approval to revise the state tournament format (Boys Volleyball) to include all sections in the state tournament and increase the length of competition to two days.
- iii) Consider approval of overtime procedures for Girls Ice Hockey.
- iv) Consider approval to add a second division for the 4 x 200, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relays at the State Championships (does not include intersectional relay).
- v) Consider approval of Gore Mtn/North Creek (2025), Bristol Mtn/Harriet Hollister (2026) Whiteface Mtn./Mt. Van Hoevenberg (2027) as the hosts of the NYSPHSAA Skiing Championships.
- vi) Consider approval of AMF Strike N' Spare Lanes (Syracuse) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships.
- vii) Consider approval of Cool Insuring Arena (Glens Falls) or Visions Veterans Memorial Arena (Binghamton) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Championships.
 - (1) **Had a long discussion regarding this. Chose to support Glens Falls.**
- viii) Consider approval to permit Boys Lacrosse to request an experiment for a shot clock to the NFHS.
- ix) Consider approval of establishing a 3rd Class in Outdoor Track & Field.
- x) Consider approval to adopt the NFHS suggested speed up rules permitting courtesy runners as written in the NFHS rule book.
- xi) Consider approval adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Rules regarding flag belts.
 - (1) The "pop" type flag belts will be used by all schools.
 - (2) All flag belts will have a minimum of two flags on the belt.
- xii) Consider approval of the 2024 Flag Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers.
- xiii) Consider approval of the 2024 Flag Football Regional Assignments/Rotations.

- xiv)** Consider approval to compete the Division 2 team tournament as a 2-3 format (2 singles and 3 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the spring of 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year).
- xv)** Consider approval of SUNY Cortland as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Championships.
- xvi)** Consider approval of Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park (Binghamton) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Softball Championships.
- xvii)** Consider approval of Middletown High School as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse EAST Semifinals.
- xviii)** Consider approval of SUNY Cortland as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse WEST Semifinals.
- xix)** Consider approval of Hobart College (Geneva) or Hofstra University (Hempstead) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Championship Finals.
- (1) Josh and Kendra will discuss and make recommendation at the meeting.**

a) Upcoming Executive Committee Discussion Items

- i)** Consider approval to permanently use the standby official (6th Official) at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official in the sport of Football.
- ii)** Consider approval of adding a SAAC student to every NYSPHSAA Standing Committee.
- iii)** Consider approval for Spring Sports to start on Week #36
- iv)** Consider approval of Regional Rotation Guiding Principles.
- v)** Consider approval of revisions to the Hall of Fame Policies and Operating Procedures.
- vi)** Consider approval to adopt a Three-Day State Tournament in Girls Volleyball
- vii)** Consider approval to change the Skiing Representation Rule to from 6 to 3.
- viii)** Consider approval to establish an At-Large Rotation to fill pacer team.
- ix)** Consider approval to allow athletes to compete in both the Composite/School.
- x)** Consider approval of a new Regional Rotation due to Section V addition of teams.
- xi)** Consider approval for Softball to adopt NFHS Rules with waivers.
- xii)** Consider approval of Boys Lacrosse Classification Cut-off numbers for 2025.
- xiii)** Consider approval of the USTA National Tennis Center as the host of the Boys & Girls Individual and Team Championships for Fall 2024 - Spring 2028.

7. Fall Post-Season Reports

8. Officials Report -

9. Other

Motion to approve Dylan Everleth on the Modified Committee. – **Myers, Gardner**

APPROVED

10. Adjournment – Manchester, McMillan

APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2024