

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM B/C**

All members were present except: Ms. Wendy Crandall, Pine Bush
Mr. Greg Sirico, Warwick
Mr. Michael Bellarosa, Valley Central
Mr. George St. Lawrence, Minisink Valley
Mr. Jack Mager, Newburgh
Mr. Carlton Williams, Family Foundation School

Associate Members Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2013 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.

2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Doug Murphy

Section IX Report

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, reported Nugent & Haeussler, accounting firm and auditors for Section IX Athletics, attended the Section IX Meeting on May 15, 2013 to give their report and answer questions that were presented to them.

Mr. Murphy stated the Highland Residential Center application for Section IX membership was tabled.

Mr. Joe Cahill has been approved by Section IX as the Girls Cross Country Chairperson.

The golf outing will follow the Section IX Meeting on June 12, 2013 at Apple Greens Golf Course. Please register by June 4th if you are interested in participating.

Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) reported on possible physical education seminars that are being looked into as an alternative to the Conference Day programs that were previously scheduled on Election Day.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. James Osborne

Mr. Osborne announced James I. O'Neill is the Section IX recipient for the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award.

Items of Concern:

A. May 2013 NYSPHSAA News

Mr. Osborne reviewed the recent news from NYSPHSAA and meeting materials in the folder.

1. NYSPHSAA 2013-2014 Championship Dates/Sites
2. NYSPHSAA Report of Non-Public Schools and State Championships
3. NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Minutes
4. NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Report
5. NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics Report
6. Champions of Character – Five Star Leadership School Award Program
7. NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines – *Draft*
8. NYSPHSAA General Action Items that have been approved or acted on
9. NYSPHSAA Participation Survey – *Deadline is June 6, 2013*

B. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Award Breakfast - April 24, 2013

Positive comments were made in moving the ceremony along in a timely manner. Mr. Osborne asked athletic directors to submit any suggestions they have for a keynote speaker and National Anthem singer for next year.

C. Combining of Teams for 2013-2014

The following school districts are requesting merger approval.

Roscoe and Downsville

Ellenville and Wawarsing

Liberty & Tri-Valley

Mount Academy and Kingston (for all sports and all seasons except cross country)

Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) pending approval letters from Boards of Education and the application process completed. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Spring 2013 Championships – OCIAA and Section IX

Review of the Championship schedule and updates were discussed. The OCIAA Spring Sports Champions are listed and included in the folder.

Mr. Chris Trieste, Boys Tennis Chairperson (Chester) reviewed the Tennis Tournament winners. Mr. Trieste explained the tennis coaches would like to recommend a change to the Boys Tennis By-laws to qualify for the OCIAA Tournament to be the same as stated in the Girls Tennis By-laws.

Special thanks were given to Mr. John Russo and Mr. Mike Potter for their tremendous help with the OCIAA Track & Field Championships held at Warwick Valley High School.

Mr. Osborne stated Section IX approved the use of range finders for the OCIAA and Section IX Boys Golf Tournament.

E. Winter Schedules for 2013-2014 (vote)

Mr. Osborne reviewed the OCIAA 2013-2014 winter schedules for Boys Swimming, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Wrestling. Each sport schedule includes practice starts, school holidays and Regents dates. Important information is stated for scrimmages and maximum number of contests that can be played. The bye dates for each school is charted for athletic directors to

reschedule contests with their opponent. Mr. Osborne stated the OCIAA Scheduling Committee has reviewed and approved the schedules for winter 2013-2014.

Motion made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) to approve the OCIAA 2013-2014 winter sports schedules. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Old Business
None reported.

5. New Business

Mr. Tim Bult explained there will be a Physical Education Professional Development Workshop at Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and is open to all Physical Education staff. The workshop presenter is Dr. Curt Hinson and will speak on *Motivating Kids to Move*. There is no cost to attend. Please email Mr. Bult at tbult@fallsburgcsd.net with the names and email address of your staff who would like to attend by June 7, 2013.

Mr. Adam Kless (Burke Catholic) discussed the possibility of adding girls swimming at Burke Catholic. He stated they do not have a pool and would need an alternate site for practice and meets.

Mr. David Coates announced Middletown is hosting a Varsity Volleyball Multi-Scrimmage on August 30th from 9:00 am. to 5:00 p.m. There is no cost to participants and there will be no officials. He explained it is limited to only the first 8 to 10 teams. Please contact Mr. Coates if you are interested at dcoates@ecsdm.org

Mr. Osborne discussed an ineligible player on the Newburgh boys' golf team. This player played in the fall season at Wallkill Central High School and transferred to Newburgh and played both fall and spring seasons, which is not allowed. Newburgh has forfeited its season as a result.

Mr. Michael Kroemer discussed the Cornwall varsity softball team practiced on Sunday which violated the 7 day practice rule during the regular season. Mr. Kroemer has self reported the violation of the regulation. A letter will be sent by Mr. Bob Thabet, Executive Director of Section IX to the school district.

Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) reported a sexual harassment incident occurred at Kingston High School between a volunteer coach and a student on the crew team. Mr. Osborne stated volunteer coaches are not recognized by the New York State Education Department (page 44, NYSPHSAA Handbook). Some schools have unpaid coaches but they must follow all the same process and procedures as any coach.

Announcements:

- Sullivan West dropped JV boys' soccer.
- Livingston Manor requests to merge with Roscoe and Downsville in football. Mr. Osborne stated all school districts who will be combining teams need to complete the necessary paperwork and forms.

Mr. David Franskevicz discussed start times and contests starting early when both teams and officials are present and ready to start. He reported that parents plan arrival time based on the scheduled start time and have complained they sometimes miss the event that their child competed in or the first few innings they played in. Mr. Osborne stated he will look into this situation for future contests to begin at the scheduled start time and not earlier. A letter will be sent to the Officials Organization.

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Apple Greens Golf Course at 8:00 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Mr. Derek Adams (Tri-Valley) All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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