

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM B/C**

All members were present except: Mr. Carlton Williams, Allynwood Academy at Family School
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field Christian School
Mr. Jack Mager, Newburgh
Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mount Academy

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 February 25, 2014 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen). All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Doug Murphy

Section IX Athletics

The Amendment to Section IX Constitution was approved. Additional Superintendents will be added to the Athletic Council. Letters to Superintendents in Section IX have been sent by Mr. Robert Thabet, Executive Director, to request each county to select a Superintendent Representative.

Mr. Murphy discussed the NYSPHSAA ball adoption policy. The OCIAA is in favor to look at this and bring for approval at the Section level. Motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption Policy for further discussion at the Sectional level was made by Mr. David Franskevicz (Sullivan West) second by Mr. Kevin Clifford (Livingston Manor). Discussion was made. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Bellarosa commented on availability of the approved ball and if that could be a concern.

All Executive Committee members whose terms are expiring have agreed to serve another 2 year term and were approved by the OCIAA Executive Committee. Those members include:

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President
Mr. John Landro, OCIAA Vice-President
Mr. Daniel T. Connor, Superintendent Representative A/B School
Mr. Kenneth Hauck, Principal Representative AA School
Mr. Scott Haberli, Principal Representative C/D School
Mr. Michael Kroemer, Athletic Director Representative A/B School

It was discussed at the Softball Rules Meeting that if the home field is not playable to move to the visitor site. Motion made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Dave Franskevicz (Sullivan West) to move to a neutral site for Softball or Baseball if the home school field is not playable. Discussion was made. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President (Monticello) discussed a code of conduct for spectators and if any schools has a policy to please forward to him at Monticello.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. James Osborne
Mr. James Osborne discussed the Modified Sports Report and stated if Athletic Directors have any questions to please contact Ms. Michelle Henn or Mr. Jeremy Weber on the Section IX Modified Sports Committee.

Review of NYSAAA Conference was done by Mr. Osborne. Mr. Osborne displayed a PowerPoint presentation given by Mr. Robert Zayas from the NYSAAA Conference on the goals of NYSPHSAA including the Time Warner broadcasting agreement and branding the NYSPHSAA name. Important issues of NYSPHSAA also include sponsorships and Unified Sports with Special Olympics. Mr. Osborne reported Mr. Zayas is sending a survey to Athletic Directors to ask how much it will cost their school to restore the reduced contests lost during the financial crisis period. The Transfer Rule is being reviewed for changes. SED and NYSPHSAA are reviewing the certification required for coaches. Cheerleading as a sport was reviewed. Mr. Zayas discussed future Mandated Athletic Directors Workshops would focus on NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations. The NYSPHSAA Handbook will no longer be printed and will be available online only. The NYSPHSAA Participation Survey will be distributed to Athletic Directors.

Items of Concern:

A. Mr. Osborne reviewed the March 2014 NYSPHSAA News.
Copy included in folder.

B. Modified Football 2014

Mr. Glen Maisch, Football Co-Chairperson (Kingston) discussed the Modified Football Rules. He asked Athletic Directors to review the rules and bring back suggestions or changes to the next meeting. A vote for approval will take place. Mr. Maisch asked Athletic Directors to email him with any questions. Review of Modified Football teams 8-9 and 7-8-9 was discussed.

C. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Award Breakfast will be held on April 29, 2014 at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown, NY. Ms. Melissa Bonacic is the keynote speaker. RSVP forms are in the folder for your school attendance. Biographical sketches and pictures are due. Please submit promptly.

D. Combining of Teams 2014-2015

Fallsburg, Liberty and Eldred Central School Districts to combine in Wrestling. Motion to approve pending approval letters from each School District Board of Education was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall). All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Indoor Track 2014-2015

Billing to schools based on entries is being discussed for next year. Mr. Osborne stated this topic is in the very early stages.

F. Spring Rules Interpretations Meeting (review)

Sign-in sheets were emailed to schools. Spring Chairpersons reported on concerns and discussion from the coaches.

Motion made by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) to approve changes to Boys Lacrosse By-laws for the official ball to include the NFHS-NOCSAE seal . All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Osborne reviewed Track & Field events given by the Officials' Track Association for consideration on event schedules, competition areas and athlete checklist. Refer to complete list in folder.

G. 2014 OCIAA and Section IX Championship

Confirmation of the Spring Championship dates were discussed.

H. NYSAAA Conference Report – Mr. Mike Kroemer

Great workshops and presentations were given. The Conference is a good opportunity for camaraderie and to meet other Athletic Directors around the State. Mr. James Osborne, Mrs. Antonia Woody, Ms. Roberta Greene and Mrs. Roxanne Phillips received awards from the NYSAAA for their work in Section IX.

I. Athletic Coordinator's Office Budget – 2014-2015

The budget is reduced for next year. The Athletic Coordinator's Office will be known as Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics for the Orange-Ulster BOCES. Mr. Osborne explained the new dues and payment of officials' fee structure. The Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics will be doing some work for Section IX. The Orange-Ulster BOCES will be billing the school districts for this fee.

Meeting Materials in Folder:

NYSPPHSAA News – March 2014

Scholar Athlete Breakfast

Boys Lacrosse By-laws

Games Committee Check List

Venue Inspection Checklist

OCIAA 2013-2014 Winter Sports Champions

2014 OCIAA Cheer and Dance Competition

2014-2015 OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Office Budget

2014 Spring Officials Fees

Save the Date – Concussion Management Training – 2 sessions in June are offered.

Girls High School Summer League

OCIAA 2014-2015 Approved Calendar

Billing Memorandums

Coaching Course Certificates

4. Old Business

Pine Bush will have a girl golfer on the boys' golf team.

5. New Business

Announcements:

- Burke dropped JV Baseball
- Middletown dropped Monhagen Modified Baseball
- Livingston Manor dropped JV Baseball and JV Softball

- Chapel Field dropped JV and Modified Baseball and Modified Softball
- Fallsburg dropped JV Baseball and JV Tennis
- Eldred may drop Modified Softball

Mr. Osborne discussed the billing process to schools for interscholastic athletics charges that will be paid to Orange-Ulster BOCES or directly to Section IX Athletics.

Discussion was made on activities getting credit for Physical Education. Athletic Directors discussed their requirements.

Motion made by Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe) second by Mr. Doug Murphy (Monticello) to approve Roscoe and Downsville to merge in all sports except Boys Basketball. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Adam Kless explained Burke boys lacrosse uniforms are not one single color and will need to get permission to use them. Motion made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) to approve Burke Catholic to request a waiver to use the uniforms for the 2014 season. All were in favor. Motion carried. Section IX will need to review the request.

Liberty will play golf at Bogey's Golf Course. This is a new site for Liberty.

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room A at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at Marlboro High School at 9:30 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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