

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES
CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER ROOM B & C**

All members were present.

Guests Present: Mr. Jack Majer, NFA Administrative Intern
 Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting
 Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Bob Siracuse (Goshen), second by Mr. David Coates (Middletown). All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. OCIAA President Report – Mr. Doug Murphy
 Mr. Murphy introduced Mr. Carlton Williams, the newly appointed Athletic Director at the Family Foundation School.

Section IX Report:

Misidentified Player:

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe), second by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Cornwall) to ask Section IX to develop a process of review for the misidentified player. Discussion was made. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The following positions are up for renewal in Section IX Athletics.

Mr. Robert Thabet, Executive Director
Mr. James Osborne, Secretary and Treasurer
Mr. Chris Mayo, Assistant Treasurer
Mr. Ray Castellani, Superintendent Representative

All representatives named have agreed to serve another term.

Mr. Al Wojtaszek, Central Committee Representative, will not seek another term.
Mr. David Bernsley would replace Mr. Wojtaszek as High School Principal/Central Committee Representative. A vote by the OCIAA to approve all the positions listed will take place at the next Athletic Directors Workshop.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. James Osborne

Items of Concern:

A. February NYSPHSAA Office Report

Refer to report in folder. Mr. Osborne stated the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee recommends the Safety Meeting Mandate be required every other year. The Athletic Directors discussed if this should be incorporated into the Athletic Directors Mandated Workshop. A vote to decide the choice of requirement will take a place at a future Section IX Meeting.

Softball pitching distance will change to 43 feet for JV and Varsity levels beginning Spring 2011. The modified pitching distance remains the same distance. The use of metal cleats for all levels of play is prohibited.

Mr. Osborne reported that Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director of NYSPHSAA can approve an individual school request for the uniform waiver if related to budget concerns. The Athletic Director must submit a written request directly to her.

Mr. Osborne reviewed the Cheerleading report. Refer to report in folder.

Baseball Bat NFHS Rule Change – Effective January 2011

Hollow composite bats are illegal for use in both practice and competition.

Mr. Osborne reviewed the sports that are being discussed to change to National Federation rules. A discussion has been taking place to change to National Federation Rules.

B. OCIAA Winter Sports – Seed Meeting and Championship Report

The winter sports championship teams and current standings were reviewed. The Cheerleading Competition was discussed by Mr. Jason Semo, OCIAA Cheerleading Chairperson (Liberty). Pine Bush and Monticello are providing mats for the competition at Sullivan County Community College. The admission cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and young children are free.

Mr. Glen Maisch announced Kingston is the Section IX Gymnastics Champion for 2010-2011. Congratulations to Kingston Gymnastics team.

C. OCIAA Scholar/Athlete for 2010-2011

Wednesday, April 27th is the date being considered for the OCIAA Scholar Athlete Breakfast. Mr. Scott Courter, Athletic Director at Washingtonville is looking into confirming the keynote speaker for this year. Scholar Athlete bios are due to the Athletic Coordinator's Office by March 15, 2011.

D. OCIAA Spring Rules Interpretations Meeting for varsity, JV and modified sports is Monday, March 14, 2011 at the C.J. Hooker Middle School in Goshen at 7:30 p.m.

E. 2011 Spring Officials Fees

The officials' fees for spring sports are included in the folder.

F. Approved 2011-2012 Athletic Calendar

The first Athletic Directors Workshop is August 23, 2011. The A.P. exam dates will be added when confirmed.

G. Fall Sports 2011 By-laws

There are no changes to the Fall Sports By-laws.

H. Fall Schedules for 2011

Fall Start Dates for 2011 begin August 15, 2011 for Football (Varsity and JV); all other sports begin August 22, 2011 (Varsity, JV, and Freshmen). Modified sports begin September 6, 2011. Motion to approve the Fall Sports Schedules was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg), second by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo). All were in favor. Motion carried.

I. Reviewing the Fiscal Concerns for 2011-2012

Mr. James Osborne discussed a portion of Governor Cuomo's proposed budget concerning eliminating aid to schools for Interscholastic Athletics in 2011-2012. (Refer to copy in folder.) Mr. Osborne discussed the possibility of further cuts in contests, scrimmages and transportation. Discussion was made to cut the number of JV games as an attempt to save programs and possibly schedule multiple games and teams to a centralized location.

A motion was made by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Monroe-Woodbury) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) to recommend a reduction in the maximum number of junior varsity contests by two (2) contests for those sports whose maximum NYSPHSAA interschool competitions is fourteen (14) or more. In sports that have less than fourteen (14) interschool competitions the reduction would be one (1) less contest. A roll call vote was taken. The results were 16 in favor, 10 opposed, 2 abstained. The motion carried.

Mr. Bob Siracuse (Goshen) suggested reductions to modified levels and scrimmages should be considered also. A meeting to discuss fiscal concerns will be held after the Section IX Meeting on March 1st.

J. NYSAAA Conference – Saratoga, New York

The NYSAAA Conference will be held March 15-19, 2011 in Saratoga, New York.

4. Old Business

None was reported.

5. New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Doug Murphy (Monticello), second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (S.S. Seward) to approve the merger of Roscoe and Livingston Manor for 2011 spring sports in all levels of Baseball, Softball, Spring Track and Boys and Girls Golf. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Jason Semo, Athletic Director at Liberty, discussed a player with a seizure condition and attempts to make a safer environment by reducing flash lights.

Announcements:

Ms. Kelly Doherty announced Eldred will not have JV baseball, but will have two modified baseball teams.

Ms. Kelly Doherty, Section IX Awards Chairperson, stated the committee is seeking nominations for the Dr. Moran Award from the OCIAA. Mr. Frank Carrozza was suggested as a nominee.

Discussion was made concerning advertising royalties and advertising contract agreements from NYSPHSAA.

The Athletic Directors will meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B and C, following the Section IX Meeting to discuss fiscal concerns.

The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B and C at 9:00 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center Room B and C at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Ms. Kelly Doherty (Eldred). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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