Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 10:07 am and asked President Paul Harrica to make welcome remarks. Paul indicated we hoped to get guidance from the Governor’s Office on the COVID situation and that the Task Force will conduct its second meeting next week. Robert noted the Task Force will meet to discuss various items including a new application called ezSCRN by TCM. He stated as he and Todd were working with TCM on concussion protocols, the company pivoted to create a new technology to also identify symptoms of COVID. The technology can be utilized for high school sports programs during this pandemic measuring body temperatures, etc and having an athlete baseline.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri noted CAC voted on Indoor Track Relay proposal at the last CAC meeting during the discussion phase but felt it was important to list it on the agenda and remind everyone it will be voted on at the July 28th Central Committee meeting. Greg reminded the CAC that votes will be cast after proposals are explained and coordinators leave the call.

**ACTION ITEMS**

(These items will be presented for a vote at the July 28th Central Committee Meeting)

**Boys Tennis At-Large Rotation Advance 2020 to 2021** – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the proposal and the urgency to bring it straight to an “action” item. **MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Oscar. Carried 11-0.**

**B/G Bowling Adopt USBC Rules** – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the proposal. **MOTION by Mike A. to support the proposal. SECOND by Carl. CARRIED 11-0.**

**Ice Hockey Adopt 17-minute periods** – Ice Hockey Coordinator Scott Stuart explained the proposal. Mike A. clarified if sections were using this. Mike asked if the majority of sections are required to do this. Todd said that all but one section used 17-minute periods in 2018-19 when it was temporarily approved but not for 2019-20. John had a concern of adding an expense for schools during this time. He also agreed with Mike A. that this doesn’t follow NYSPHSAA procedure. Carl likened it to the increase in modified soccer where a section doesn’t have to do it. Robert noted if we are going to allow schools to do it then we need to get it approved. This would be for all regular season and postseason games. A discussion ensued about the officiating fees. Eileen confirmed the fees would go back to the sections anyway. John R. said he would not support this due to the additional costs for schools. Jim O. said NYSPHSAA could be perceived as unaware of the financial climate if it adds costs during a time
when we should be careful. Paul agreed. Carl felt maybe we should give the sections the opportunity to use this proposal if they chose. Robert asked where it says it in writing that it can’t be used just for regionals and states even if the sections are not using it. Eileen thought it might be in the Sport Coordinator Manual or Officials Fees & Policies documents. Todd indicated all state associations except NY are playing 17-minute periods. Patricia noted this proposal would also strain smaller rosters of teams.

Following the meeting, Joe confirmed the Sport Coordinator Manual does not have that language. Also, Todd confirmed language in the Officials Fees & Policies document does support an increase in officials at the State level can only occur if the majority of sections are using that amount. The language reads “to gain approval for an increase in the number of officials used in team sports at NYSPHSAA Tournament contests, that number of officials must be used in Sectional Tournament play in a majority of sections.”

Following the meeting, Robert corrected his interpretations that Sections can be more restrictive for sport playing rules. In accordance with the NYSPHSAA Handbook, Sections can only be more restrictive for Eligibility Standards per Rule J in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Sections would need approval from the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee for any deviation from an approved playing rule.

MOTION by Carl N. to support the proposal. SECOND by Eileen. DEFEATED 6-5.

Ice Hockey 2 and 1 Officiating System – Ice Hockey Coordinator Scott Stuart explained the proposal. MOTION by Deb F. to support the proposal. SECOND by Oscar. CARRIED 11-0.

FOR DISCUSSION:
NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion today and will be presented for action/vote at the September CAC meeting then subsequently at the October Executive Committee meeting, unless noted otherwise.

B/G Tennis Team Championship – Girls Tennis Coordinator Chris Horgan and Boys Tennis Coordinator Selina DeCicco explained the proposal. John R asked how many sections run boys team championships. Selina thought six already do and noted Section VIII and XI additionally have County Championships. Chris indicated the girls have the same team championships. John R. clarified there are team championships for girls but not boys in Section III. Deb brought up a concern about this proposal creating new expenses. Mike A. noted he spoke with Chris Horgan who is aware of that but felt it was a strong proposal. Greg also noted since we have girls golf and wrestling team championships, we may need to allow tennis to do this as well.

Wrestling Automatic Qualifier Procedure– Wrestling Coordinator Marty Sherman explained the proposal. Mike A. asked why the current method was put in place. Marty noted it was used to increase participation. Mike A. felt they recreated an issue of going back to byes with this proposal. Bill Kays and Marty said they did not believe they did. The use of pigtails is because of the NYS Federation associations causing more than 16 wrestlers in the brackets. The increase in the number of wrestlers is attributed to decreasing the number of weight classes. Mike A. said the former at-large procedure addressed the strengths of the wrestlers. Robert explained the old system forces wrestlers to “chase” points and noted how hard the sub-committee worked over numerous meetings and the difficulty they have with the current system. Mike A. did not like the At-large procedure but wasn’t sure the automatic qualifier worked either. He asked about litigation related to this proposal and if that was the reason for it. Robert indicated it was one variable. Mike A gave a scenario where a quality wrestler would be left out in the proposed automatic bid system. Israel Martinez noted it’s a win-to-get-in format with this proposal. Todd said the committee learned there’s no perfect system but the committee tried to address the sections with only one entry by giving those section entries not used by other sections (example Section 10) on a rotating basis. Mike A. asked about the increased number of bouts and if it would effect officials fees. Todd indicated it may effect fees but we won’t know until we see the total number of hours of officiating. Mike A. confirmed if this proposal is predicated on the 13-weight class proposal. Israel said yes and outlined a backup plan if the 13-weight class proposal was not approved. Bill Kays gave an example of a wrestler winning an upset match and how the new system would allow for the winner to be rewarded and not the losing wrestler to get in because he’s accumulated points. Deb asked who voted against and abstained within the wrestling committee. Section 4 voted no, Section 1 abstained. John R commended the wrestling committee on their work and communication.
Wrestling Require Sections to Wrestle to True 2nd Place – Wrestling Coordinator Marty Sherman explained the proposal. Mike A. thought NYSPHSAA could not determine who participates (from a section) in a state tournament. Todd indicated the staff advised the committee of that and to come up with a second proposal to let the sections decide if all will follow the same process or continue to allow sections to decide their representatives.

Following explanations of these proposals, Greg made a comment that we went from 16-bracket to pigtails. The At Large proposal was to fill the byes. He was not sure how we got from filling byes to filling wrestlers when we exceeded the byes. Eileen asked if it was in compliance with the Philosophy Committee. Mike A. confirmed it was because of equity.

Cheer Make Pilot Permanent for State Tournament – Cheer Coordinator Jen Simmons explained the proposal. There were no concerns by CAC at this time.

Cheer Modify Scoresheets – Cheer Coordinator Jen Simmons explained the proposal. There were no concerns by CAC at this time.

Cheer Plan Game Day Cheer for Fall 2021 – Cheer Coordinator Jen Simmons explained the proposal. Carl complimented Jen on her leadership and recapping the proposals. There were no concerns by CAC at this time.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Girls Volleyball Site Selection 2021-23 – Joe explained the bid from Cool Insuring Arena (Glens Falls) and SRC Arena (Syracuse). CAC expressed no concerns at this time in the staff and committee recommending Cool Insuring Arena for 2021-23.

Boys Volleyball Site Selection 2021-23 – Joe explained the bid from Capital Center (Albany) and SRC Arena (Syracuse). CAC expressed no concerns at this time in the staff and committee recommending the Capital Center for 2021-23.

INFORMATIONAL
B/G Tennis Change of Designation – Greg/Joe explained that due to girls and boys tennis proposing a team championship, it is necessary to request a change in designation from “individual” to “individual/team” to the Championship Philosophy Committee.

MVP, All-Star, All-State Awards at Tournaments (not sponsored by NYSPHSAA) – Executive Director Robert Zayas explained the proposal and that it will be a voting item at the Central Committee meeting. Kristen Jadin is going to provide the Philosophy Committee a grid of what awards are given at each tournament.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by Oscar. SECOND by Carl. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved 6/25/20 by CAC Chair, members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

Next Meetings: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 @ 10 am
Friday, January 8, 2021 @ 10 am