Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 11:01 am. He offered President Jim Osborne opening remarks. President Osborne welcomed everyone including new member Debra Ferry, then indicated Greg Ransom will be the new chairperson and will have the ability to vote on items since this practice was done in the past. He also indicated Ted Woods has been offered to continue as a member of CAC but was going to get back to us on serving.

Joe then welcomed everyone and asked if there were any updates to the directory, then reviewed the packet. He noted all coordinators will be calling in for their proposals. He indicated there were some last minute changes including cross country getting a classification proposal in in time for consideration, boys volleyball site review being moved to the next meeting, boys golf requesting action on their proposal for push/pull carts, and that Robert may discuss a football item.

Before Greg began the action items he reminded everyone proposals will be voted on when coordinators are done presenting their proposals and the CAC can convene privately.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation** – Girls Lacrosse Coordinator Liz Parry presented the proposal on the Regional Rotation impacting Sections 1, 2, 9. No concerns were brought up by CAC. **MOTION by Eileen. SECOND by Deb. Carried 8-0.**

**Girls Lacrosse Alternate Official** – Girls Lacrosse Coordinator Liz Parry presented the proposal requesting an additional official be used for Regional games (currently used at States). Eileen asked if the vote was unanimous by the committee. Liz said it was. Steve asked how much the official is paid and who pays them. Liz noted it’s a mix of full and half of the game fees. John asked if that includes mileage. Liz was unsure of mileage. Mike believed mileage would be decided by the host section. Todd clarified that the goal is to have girls be the same as boys which is a half game fee but no meals or mileage. Robert indicated there was a difference in the proposals in January and April. Todd noted he and Liz met to discuss this and adjust it to be more in line with the boys. Paul asked if it matches the handbook. Todd said yes but also noted boys have a full game fee. The rationale for that is duties vary in each sport, less for girls. However more management led to a full game fee. The reason the proposal went to half a fee is because the girls have officials from all over at the state semifinals and finals while the boys have local officials at the semifinals. The girls wanted to have the best officials at their tournament for two days no matter where they are from. Mike noted boys soccer used the same rationale. John had a concern about the language in the budget impact area. It will need rewording in the proposal. **MOTION by Mike, SECOND by Steve. Carried 8-0**
Swimming Team & Diving Team Champion – Boys Swimming Coordinator Peter Hugo presented the proposal requesting recognition of a team champion at the state meet. He noted the excitement of three close teams fighting for first at the 2017 State Tournament and that it would’ve been great to award a team champion. He apologized for the way the original proposal was written. Oscar noted track did not do that and its not a true team championship in individual sports. Deb felt kids should be recognized as team champions. MOTION by Deb. SECOND by Steve. DEFEATED 6-2.

Girls Golf Adding 3 Markers – Girls Golf Coordinator Jamie Harter presented the proposal about adding three markers (coaches) per section at the State Tournament. At the 2016 tournament, they were 6-7 markers short. Cost would be a hotel room, mileage, and meals per person. Steve asked if a section could appoint a parent as a marker. Jamie said yes if their child was not in that group. They can be volunteers, coaches, teachers as long as they can count. John thought the budget impact was a little low and should be closer to $1,000 additional cost. Jamie said that was an extreme case. Eileen said the bid to host this event should include markers. Joe noted Jamie said Section 8 was not able to last year. Robert was concerned we are asking sections to provide additional people for an event they are participating in and would set a precedence. Doug Courtright, on the phone for the Boys Golf proposal, noted coaches are the markers for boys. They are responsible to mark both days. They are also used as spotters. Coaches do not coach during matches for both boys and girls. Deb noted the conflict in dates and how we would handle that. Robert said our staff should work with Section 8 to secure markers. Jamie suggested a stipend of $45 per day for markers for two days. Eileen suggested a complimentary shirt for volunteers. Jamie thought they would want to get paid. Robert noted it will be required in the bid going forward. Eileen added that Robert should work with the committee to remedy this year’s issue with markers. MOTION by Mike. No Second.

Boys Golf Allow Push/Pull Carts – Boys Golf Coordinator Doug Courtright presented the proposal on offering the option to players to use the push/pull carts for a one-year experiment. Joe explained the timeline of the proposal and that since boys golf doesn’t meet until May, they were asking for action to be taken in May. Robert noted proposals are discussed first then voted on at the next CAC/Exec Committee Meeting. John asked if the proposal applies to regular season or just state tournament. Doug said its just the state tournament and up to the Section for regular season play. Robert asked if this is in line with the USGA rules. Doug said it is in line with the rule even though it may be a modification of the rules. Greg indicated the Executive Committee should be waiving the USGA rule. Doug later emailed USGA Rules, Appendix 1, Rule 8 saying transportation is authorized by the committee. He also inquired with a PGA Professional. Todd said we should clarify the USGA Rule. The CAC has concerns about the language of the proposal which includes regular season application and the USGA rule waiver. NO MOTION MADE.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Boys Soccer - Joe explained the only bid from Section 9 Middletown High School. Mike Andrew added that the cost was less in the upcoming term and there would not be a charge for parking. The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing Middletown as the site for 2018 through 2020.

Girls Volleyball - Joe explained the three bids from Sections 2 and 11. The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing Glens Falls for 2018 through 2020.

Boys Volleyball - Joe explained the bid meeting was originally supposed to take place April 4th but the committee requested an additional 30 days for bids to be compiled. The bid meeting has been moved to May 11th and will be discussed at the June CAC Meeting.
FOR DISCUSSION:
NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion and will be presented for action at APRIL CAC and MAY Exec Com.

Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving Standards – Boys Coordinator Peter Hugo presented the proposals for the swimming and diving standards for 2017-18. Per Championship Philosophy Committee, the committees are to fall between 5%-8% participation. Both committees fell in that range and there were no CAC concerns at this time.

Ice Hockey Four-Man Officiating System – Ice Hockey Coordinator Scott Stuart presented the proposal for a two-referee, two linesman officiating system for 2017-18. He noted the better coverage and game management with this system. John asked about States and confirmed a change from two to four, all now being on the ice. Scott said yes. Todd also indicated there are four at the game already with two off the ice getting—one at half a game fee, the other at $27. John asked if there was training for officials to use a four-man system. Scott said the majority of our officials already have that experience. John asked if there would be consideration to go to three-man. Scott said the four-man is much better coverage. Eileen believed decisions to add officials at state tournaments derived from a certain number of sections already having that system in place. Todd confirmed this but also indicated ice hockey officials are already trained in these systems. Robert asked who would man the penalty boxes if we had four on the ice. Scott said volunteers would handle that duty. Mike asked if this would impact safety of the game. Scott said yes.

Girls Soccer Regional Rotation – Gils Soccer Coordinator Joe Vaz presented the proposal for the Girls Soccer Regional Rotation starting in fall 2017. Peter Lautensack, Section 3 Coordinator, was also on the call. Joe Vaz noted Sections 1, 7, 10 initially rejected the proposal. Two of those sections were impacted by the change in rotation—a concern of the CAC.

Officials Fees & Policies for 2017-18 – Greg indicated it was discussed at the January CAC meeting to have a CAC Subcommittee be formed. Todd brought up the fees and policies contract would expire in August 2017. Volunteers for the sub-committee were Eileen, John, Greg. The group will be to meet on a conference call on May 16th at 10 am, then report to CAC June 21st and ultimately present the proposal in July to the Central Committee.

Cross Country Classification – Todd Nelson presented the proposal for a new classification for boys and girls cross country. They hold steadfast on having an even distribution of 25% of schools in each of four classes and want this for the 2017-18 school year. Chuck Wiltse, Cross Country Coordinator, called in and noted Todd provided him the numbers and only used scoring teams. Greg asked Chuck about non-scoring teams. Greg suggested taking all the teams and dividing by four for new numbers. Chuck had no problem with that except that incomplete teams are not known. Chuck feels this is primarily needed due to the C and D classes needing to be adjusted in the right classes. Eileen asked where they count the private schools. Chuck said its up to the Sections and does not believe coordinators make the adjustment. The CAC also had concerns about schools going up and down, and if they truly fall in the correct classification. CAC recommends adjusting the rules and do a split based on 536 schools so all are accounted for including private and incomplete schools. CAC also supports a variation sport like cross country could be approved in May and be implemented in 2017-18 and continuing through 2018-19. Jim asked why we couldn’t do 25% of schools each year in January. Todd responded to say coordinators would need to turn it around very quickly to eliminate cross country schools from the BEDS list however he supports an annual approval of the numbers in April/May.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Eileen. SECOND by Oscar. The meeting adjourned at 2:17

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri, reviewed/approved by CAC members and NYSPHSAA Executive Director.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office