Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 @ 1 pm at NYSPhSAA Office

Topics Discussed:
1) Status of CAC members
2) ACTION: Baseball – Extending site for one year in Binghamton 2018
3) ACTION: Indoor Track – Increase in officials for 2017-19
4) Review/Input of Championship Site Selections – Girls Tennis, Football, East/West, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Wrestling Dual Meet
5) Numerous discussion items for action in April/May

Joe Altieri announced, due to the absence of Ted Woods, Greg Ransom will be acting as the CAC Chair today, as appointed and approved by President Jim Osborne and Executive Director Robert Zayas. Greg called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm and welcomed new member Steve Broadwell taking over for Martha Slack. He then turned the meeting over to Joe for announcements.

Joe welcomed everyone and passed around the CAC Directory for updates then thanked Martha for her years of service. He announced what CAC members and guests were on the phone including President Osborne. He offered Jim opening remarks. Jim welcomed and thanked Martha for her years of service as well. He thanked Greg filling in as the chair today. Robert then complimented Joe on his organization of the CAC materials and packet.

Joe reviewed the packet and noted two coordinators, Gary Vanderzee and Ed Dopp, will be in attendance for their proposals and several others will call in starting at 2 pm. Greg then began business with the first action item.

ACTION ITEMS:
Baseball – Extend one year in Binghamton - Baseball Coordinator Ed Dopp explained the proposal to extend the Baseball State Championships for one more year (2018) in Binghamton. No concerns by CAC.
MOTION by Eileen. SECOND by Mike A. Carried 8-0.

Indoor Track – Increasing # of Officials - Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal in detail to increase officials from 70 to 85 starting with the 2017 Indoor State Championships. This year the meet will be a combined boys and girls event and the proposal would only be applied to combined meets starting this March. Todd outlined the cost increase. John asked what the 70 officials do. He felt there was not a need for so many officials. Robert explained the duties of officials at our events, both indoor and outdoor. Todd has a list of official’s duties to share with CAC if needed. Greg made a suggestion that CAC should consider a sub-committee of the group to take a thorough look at the entire document for state championship fees since the agreement expires at the end of year.
MOTION by Mike Andrew. SECOND by Steve. Carried 6-1-1 (Mike Andrew abstained)

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Girls Tennis - Joe explained the two bids from Section 1 and Section 2. Mike Andrew noted an athletic director sought out Mike to complain about viewing at the 2016 tennis championships in Westchester. The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing Tri-City Tennis Club (2) for 2017 through 2019.
**Football East Semifinals** - Joe explained the three bids from Sections 2 and 9. Paul indicated a concern will come up at the Executive Committee meeting about location being farther for Sections 2, 7, 10. **The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing Middletown (9) for 2017 and 2018,** however the question of charging for parking in bids overall came up and a discussion ensued. Middletown was not charging for parking.

**Football West Semifinals** - Joe explained the bids from Sections 3, 4 and 5. There was a split recommendation from the committee (Cicero North Syracuse) and the staff (Union Endicott HS). Robert explained the cost was significantly higher at Cicero which was the staff’s primary reason for UEHS since facilities were similar and both member schools. The committee was in favor of Cicero due to additional locker rooms, parking, press box, and has run the event before. John also noted on behalf of the host committee that even though the cost is a little high we should take into consideration the experience of the staff, quality of facility, size of parking, and press box. Mark noted the cost is too high to choose Cicero and recognized both member schools were of the same quality. Patricia confirmed all the variables are comparable except cost. **The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing Union Endicott (4) for 2017 and 2018.**

**Girls Soccer** – Robert explained the only bid from Section 3 for Cortland. The only concern was the cost of the facility which was not calculated in the bid. Joe has requested a calculated amount from the bidder. **The CAC expressed no other concerns in choosing Cortland (3) for 2017 through 2019.**

**Field Hockey** - Robert explained the bid from Sections 4, 5 and 6. **The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing Williamsville North High School (6) for 2018 through 2020.**

**Wrestling Dual Meet** - Joe explained the bids from Section 2, 3, and 5. **The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing Onondaga Community College (3) for 2018 through 2020.**

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

*NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion and will be presented for action at APRIL CAC and MAY Exec Com.*

**Football AA Regional Rotation** - Football Coordinator Gary Vanderzee presented the proposal in detail. Robert asked for clarification if the football committee reverted back to the original regional rotation. Gary confirmed that. Gary noted no options were offered to the football committee except an option by the Section 1 Coordinator on the day of the football committee meeting on Nov 25th. Gary noted it was defeated 5-3. John asked if the rotation was made based on history. Gary confirmed that. John asked if Gary would be open to figuring out the rotation with the three sections. Gary noted all the options are spelled out and there was no response from Section 1. Steve suggested a scenario with a random re-draw in 2019 to reset the rotation. Gary said you would only prolong a home game for someone who did not draw a home game in 2019 or 2020. Todd asked if it’s a three-year rotation or six-year rotation. Gary noted a six-year rotation is the only way to prevent a redraw every three years or you would have the same problem. Robert noted every section agreed to play at Dietz the last 25 years in the current rotation. Gary asked why its so important to Section 1 to have a home game in the next two years. Mark asked the history of why we are here and haven’t resolved this. Greg indicated because Section 9 was no longer hosting a home game then it forced the committee to develop a new rotation which nobody has agreed on. Greg believed Section 1 was not satisfied because they were not getting a home game for four years. Gary concluded his presentation and the CAC discussed thoughts internally.
Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation – Girls Lacrosse Coordinator Liz Parry presented the proposal to re-align the regional rotation so it keeps the rotation in sync. No questions were asked by CAC.

Girls Lacrosse Alternate Official – Girls Lacrosse Coordinator Liz Parry presented the proposal about adding an alternate official for all regional games. John noted we need to be consistent with other sports for the payment of “off” field officials for field hockey, soccer, ice hockey in addition to lacrosse. Mike asked about the cost of the extra official. Greg explained it is the responsibility of the section hosting the games.

Girls Golf Adding 3 Markers – Girls Golf Coordinator Jamie Harter presented the proposal about adding three markers (coaches) per section at the State Tournament. Eileen asked about the bid proposal where the host section was going to provide markers. Jamie noted Section VIII was unable to provide markers. Greg indicated this is a cost to sections and must work its way back down to sections then back up for approval since it is an additional cost.

Softball Waiver for International Tie-Breaker – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen presented the proposal for continuing the waiver for the International Tie-Breaker rule at the Softball State Tournament. The softball committee is looking to make this permanent. No questions were asked by CAC.

Swimming Team & Diving Team Champion – Joe indicated he did not receive any proposal or new correspondence from the boys or girls swimming coordinators to try, for a second time, to get swimming and diving team champions formally recognized. He reached out to the coordinators to assist after the Executive Committee defeated their proposal in October. Joe will reach out to both coordinators again. He indicated they must get a proposal in for discussion in April/May then action in July if they are going to get approval for it to be in place for the 2017-18 school year.

Other
Committee Gifts – Patricia raised a concern about committee members receiving gifts from host sections. One example made was Section IV providing duffle bags to all field hockey and cross country state committee members. Paul also expressed the same concern. Robert noted we will pursue control of committee gifts from host sections so it is not perceived to be a bribe even though the CAC understood it as a thought of appreciation for work by committee members.

Adjournment
MOTION by Eileen. SECOND by Patricia. The meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office