Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. He offered President Jim Osborne and Vice President Paul Harrica opening remarks. Both welcomed the group and were eager to get started.

Joe Altieri then welcomed everyone and reviewed housekeeping items including lunch and the new polycom phone system then reviewed the contents of the packet. He noted vouchers can be submitted right after the meeting or at a later time. Joe also reviewed the Executive Committee approvals from May in which CAC voted on in April.

Before Greg started the agenda he reminded everyone proposals will be voted on when coordinators are done presenting their proposals and the CAC can convene privately for discussion.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Girls Soccer Regional Rotation for Class A & B** – Girls Soccer Coordinator Joe Vaz and Section III Coordinator Pete Lautensack presented the proposal on the Regional Rotation. Eliminates a disparity. Mike A. commented boys soccer did this six years ago and he supports the proposal. Greg asked what the support was like on the girls soccer committee. Joe V noted it was an 8-3 vote. Sections 1, 7, 10 opposed. Eileen asked the barometer for “equitable”. Patricia expressed concern that in Class B a disparity is created due to the number of teams in each region. The region with sections 2, 3, 7 and 10 has over 50 teams, while the region with sections 8 and 11 has less than 15 teams. Patricia acknowledged that the new regions solved the issue of the rotation, but at the same time created a new inequity. Mike A. clarified that he did not represent Carl Normandin of Section 10 who had a proposal for Class B rotations but did agree with his concept. **MOTION by John. SECOND by Deb. Carried 7-1**

**Ice Hockey 4 Man System** – Ice Hockey Coordinator Scott Stuart presented the proposal. John asked if we took officials out of the penalty box would there be someone monitoring the penalty box. Scott noted volunteers or people from schools could handle the penalty box since there aren’t many duties. A lot of times it would be a volunteer official or a member of the committee. Greg asked how many sections have four on the ice. Scott noted none, all have two on the ice. Greg asked how the change from regular season to states would be handled when officials would go from two to four. Scott explained officials go through an evaluation and have experience in a four-man system. Eileen asked if there was a policy. Todd noted there was a policy that stated a certain number of sections must have the system in place but it indicated only if there is an expansion of officials. Currently, we utilize four for Regionals and States, but only two on the ice. **MOTION by Mike A. SECOND by Oscar. Defeated 5-3.**
Officials Fees and Policies/CAC Sub Committee – Chair Greg Ransom explained the two meetings with the sub-committee who discussed officials fees and policies for a three-year period. He noted the members of the committee and the research Todd Nelson did on the rates of officials in each section and the total average. Todd further explained the research. Todd indicated using 11 sections is only a $3 increase. The group discussed fees and tournament formats by sport then agreed to go with the average of 11 sections. A final proposal was made to adopt the proposed fees using the average of 11 sections and adopt the written policies compiled by the CAC sub committee. MOTION Mike A. SECOND by Deb. Carried 8-0.

NOTE: A member of the committee had to leave the call before voting on the above items, therefore 8 votes were cast.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Girls Gymnastics - Joe explained the three bids from Albany, Cold Spring Harbor and Kenmore HS. The CAC expressed no concerns in the staff and committee choosing Cold Spring Harbor for the site for 2018 through 2020.

Girls Swimming - Joe explained the two bids from Ithaca and Webster. The CAC expressed no concerns in the staff and committee choosing Ithaca for the site for 2018 through 2020.

Boys Volleyball - Joe explained the three bids from Albany, Suffolk CC and Onondaga CC. The CAC expressed no concerns in the staff and committee choosing Albany for the site for 2018 through 2020.

FOR DISCUSSION:
NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion today and will be presented for action at the SEPTEMBER CAC meeting then at the OCTOBER Executive Committee meeting.

Boys & Girls Swimming Limit Alternates for Relays – Girls Swimming & Diving Coordinator Diane Hicks-Hughes explained the proposal. Deb asked if boys already do this. Diane indicated boys would like this too. Joe told the group he would be revising the proposal so it indicates boys and girls throughout the document, not just at the bottom in “notes”. Oscar noted the NFHS rules allow for extra in track. Robert asked what does NFHS rule state for swimming. Diane said it does not state anything regarding alternates. Robert asked if a relay card is filled out for teams. Diane said coordinators fill out a form for this and its inconsistent who brings and who doesn’t. It was noted even though the proposal was requested for approval in August 2017 it could still be voted in time for the State Meet with an October vote. CAC expressed no other concerns at this time.

Boys Volleyball Adding 3rd Set to Championship Play – Boys Volleyball Coordinator Judy Hartman explained the proposal. CAC expressed no concerns at this time.

Girls Volleyball Adopt SOP for Regionals/States – Girls Volleyball Coordinator Patti Perone explained the proposal outlining the Standard Operating Procedures for Regionals and States. Jim asked if officials would follow this and if it could be used in league play. Patti said yes to officials and it is recommended but not required in league play. It was intended to be mandated in Regionals and States. The Volleyball Committee was hopeful to have it in place for Fall but is only a discussion item, not voting at this time. Patricia asked if all sections would now have to use officials for lines, which could be a cost. It was noted officials for lines is a recommendation. Robert and Joe explained the timeline for approval for this and that it could only be passed for the 2017 season if someone brought it up off the floor in July. The CAC expressed no other concerns at this time.
**Girls Volleyball New Classification** – Girls Volleyball Coordinator Patti Perone explained the proposal outlining new numbers which were 20% each class. The CAC expressed no concerns at this time.

**Softball State/Reg Games Played to Completion** – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal. Oscar asked about the safety factor for the athletes playing. Mike A. asked what the rule book says. It was noted 4 1/2 or 5 innings. Patricia asked if the site/tournament director decided on calling a game. It was a combination of people and factors. A long discussion took place about a suspended game, completed game and official game. The CAC suggested the softball committee provide more information at the Section level to get feedback and strengthen their proposal.

**Softball Waiver for Tie-Breaker in Regionals** – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal. Patricia asked how much it has come into play. Cathy said it was rare but it make for consistency in Regionals and States. John had a concern about the length of games. Mike A. agreed. The CAC expressed no other concerns at this time.

**Softball No Distribution of Regional Certificates** – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal. She noted it was a 8-2-1 vote by her committee. The CAC felt the committee should work on a different distribution method to make the certificates important.

**Softball Run Rule for Regionals/States** – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal. Due to the high caliber of play after Sectionals, the CAC believes all games should be played to completion at the Regional and State Tournament.

**Baseball Run Rule & Increase to 22 games** – Incoming Baseball Coordinator Al Roy explained two proposals combined to one. He explained with less innings from an adopted Run Rule, the committee would want an increase in games to provide for more opportunities lost from Run Rule games. The CAC had a long discussion about the fairness of a Run Rule in the State Tournament and did not like the proposals combined. They noted the 22-game rule proposal should go straight to the Executive Committee as a separate item.

**Baseball Adjust Regional Rotation** – Incoming Baseball Coordinator Al Roy explained the proposal. Greg asked if we do this in other sports. A question about why Section 8 was in the proposal was brought up. The CAC suggested the baseball committee provide more research with the possibilities of the rotations.

**ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Mike M. SECOND by Oscar. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

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

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 11 am at the NYSPhSAA Office