Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. Greg offered the officers to make opening remarks. President Harrica welcomed the committee and thanked them for their work. He also commended Robert & Todd for outstanding work on the fall mandatory workshops that he attended. Jim, Julie and Russell did not have reports. Greg asked Joe to review the July Central Committee items. He noted the Central Committee voted the same as the CAC did on all items in July. Before action items were voted on, Joe reminded the CAC their charge is to think globally and what’s best for our state and our association as a whole, not what’s best for just sections, schools or regions our CAC members are from.

**ACTION ITEMS:**
*These items will be presented for a vote at the October 16th Executive Committee Meeting.*

**Softball Regionals Thursday through Monday** – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal and rationale. Mike A. stated he supported the proposal and said this is very necessary because deviations significantly impact school travel. Eileen asked why there was one “no” vote. Cathy believes the “no” vote by Section VII had no rationale. After the coordinator left the call, John asked if we’re adopting a policy for an issue in just one section and ice hockey is the only sport that does this. Other members didn’t respond in the affirmative or negative.

**MOTION by Patricia. SECOND by Mike Andrew. Approved 10-1.**

**Indoor/Outdoor Track Wheelchair Procedures** – Joe noted the indoor and outdoor track coordinators were invited to the call even though Todd has been the point person for this proposal. He offered Dan Doherty and Oscar Jensen an opportunity to speak about the proposal after Todd explained it. Todd reviewed the proposal and history indicating NYSPHSAA had a wheelchair athlete at the outdoor track championships and it was necessary to adopt a policy. Deb asked if we talked to Renee James (legal counsel) about the legal ramifications. Robert noted we did not and will do so. Oscar stated he and Indoor Girls Track Coordinator Dave Hennessey had a concern about the standards not applying to Indoor like they are being proposed for Outdoor. Todd explained we are supported by the national track and field organization, Adaptive Track & Field USA, and they are working on standards for both and would be in our hands for the October 16th meeting. Steve asked if “able bodied” is the correct term to use. Todd confirmed it is being used by Adaptive T/F USA. Steve asked if we are exposed to the idea of a student who is simply injured who wants to compete in a wheelchair. Todd said the request would come to our office and likely not be approved. Robert stated equipment for competition is not only different from equipment for injured individuals but also custom made and highly expensive. Todd indicated NYSPHSAA would get a free evaluation (from Adaptive T/F) of a student using a wheelchair to help determine the appropriateness of them participating in our events.
stated some of his Outdoor Track Committee members had a concern about safety. After the coordinator left the call, John stated we shouldn’t be voting on indoor standards since its unknown at this time. Todd stated times do not matter and it’s the concept CAC and Executive Committee are voting on. Robert reinforced we do not want inexperienced athletes in our events and Adaptive T/F USA will assist us in this process. John said he would support the concept even though he doesn’t like something to be “TBA”.

MOTION by Mike M.  SECOND by Deb.  Approved 11-0.

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

Ice Hockey Officials Fees – Joe announced he invited Ice Hockey Coordinator Scott Stuart to the call but he could not make it. He turned the proposal over to Todd who received a proposal for an increase in fees from Jim Keegan, President. Todd explained the proposal which was a result of an increase in period time from 15 to 17 minutes. John stated if CAC supports this proposal it will set a bad precedence. He cited the following reasons he is not in favor of this proposal: period time is currently an NFHS rule, youth teams play 17 minutes, officials are not required to be at games any longer (due to decreased ice cuts), officials are not hourly employees, the mandatory statewide warm-up protocol for the purpose of standardizing and making more efficient the procedures leading into games. Carl concurred and did not support it either. He noted we made a concession with ice cuts. Mark agreed and did not support it. He asked for Robert’s and Todd’s thoughts. Robert stated he will get Renee’s thoughts. He also clarified you can still have three ice cuts and maximum of 10 minutes in warm up. He stated we will get grieved over this and go to arbitration and fact finding. Greg noted we brought officials fees up for this contract after we took the average of all fees across the state. He is not in favor of the proposal and thinks we should wait a year or two to see how sections respond. Carl asked if we were obligated to three ice cuts for Regionals and all State Tournament games. Todd indicated only for State Semifinals and Finals, and we must play 17-minute periods in Regionals and States. It was clarified that this proposal does not go to the Executive Committee unless CAC wants to send it to them. John read the standard ice hockey procedures that were approved and said 17 minutes is required. Eileen thought with officials not hourly we are on solid ground to not support this proposal and said she does not support this proposal. Mike McCarthy asked about the contracts reading “per contest” and stated there could be implications for other sports for overtime, etc if we supported this proposal. He is not in favor of it. Mike Andrew stated he was not in favor of it either. Joe asked if CAC would consider hearing what the Executive Committee had to say about the proposal. Greg thinks with the lack of support it should not go to Executive Committee. Greg suggested reporting it to Executive Committee, not making it an agenda item. Todd said he will report it to Executive Committee but he believed we will be grieved on it. John said why report it if we took no action. Robert suggested Greg just report on it during CAC report. All agreed. Carl asked if we would be exposed to a grievance for the recently passed video replay and camera technology. Todd said no because the officials were fully in support of that proposal.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Indoor Track Site Selection – Joe explained the bids from Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex and The Armory. He noted the committee and staff were in agreement that both were quality facilities however The Armory had issues with parking, a high cost and seating. Oscar commented Ocean Breeze was an excellent facility and the best for running our event. The CAC expressed no concerns in the committee and staff recommending Ocean Breeze for 2020, 2021, 2022.
**Cross Country Site Selection** – Joe explained the bids from Baldwinsville HS, Vernon-Verona Sherrill HS, and Chenango Valley State Park. He indicated the concerns of each site by staff and committee. John commented he was concerned about safety at Chenango Valley. Mike A. indicated there is a large maintenance facility at Chenango available for fans and athletes if there’s inclement weather. **CAC expressed no other concerns in the committee and staff recommending VVS HS for 2020 and 2022 and Chenango for 2021.**

**Regional Rotations** – Joe updated the group on the progress of the Regional Rotation discussions. He noted he explained to Sport Coordinators on August 8th that team sport committees will discuss having a “template” of choices for Regionals when a Section does not have a class and can’t play in that sport. Subsequently, Mike A and Eileen emailed Joe historical documents on the Regional Rotations. They each stated the documents were to support uniformity but recognized there may be special circumstances with some sports.

**OTHER**

**CAC Reappointments** – Joe noted three members are due for reappointment and asked Eileen, Mark and Mike A. if they were interested in being reappointed. All are interested. President Harrica will reappoint each for a four-year term at the October 16th Executive Committee meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Eileen Troy. SECOND by Oscar Jensen. The meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm.

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

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 19th at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office