NEW YORK STATE  
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  

Inn on the Lake - Canandaigua             August 4-5, 2004

The Central Committee was called to order by President Pat Calnon at 3:10 P.M. Members present include:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Patrick Calnon
- First Vice President Kathy Faber
- Second Vice President Ronald Black
- Past President Dean Veenhof
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Walter Eaton
- Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
- Assistant Director Joseph Altieri
- Treasurer Kathy Higle
- Counselor Ron Shaw
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Peter Betrus
- Michaela Kasner
- Karen Lopez
- Marc Martone
- Richard McGuire
- Dr. Thad Mularz
- Anthony Sabella
- Dr. James Tolle

**Honorary Past Presidents**
- Al Doyle
- Dr. Sandra Scott

**Section Representatives**

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**Section Presidents**
- Rich Roy (3), Rick Amundson (5), Brett Banker (6), Grant Spaulding (7), Wayne Shierant (11)

**Section Secretaries & Treasurers**
- Greg Ransom (1), Doug Kenyon, Fred Gula, Roger Seward (2), Dick Bader, Paul Harrison, Dawn Field (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores, Jackie Meyer (5), Bob Dinse, Loren Ratajczak (6), John Gallagher (7), Todd Heimer, George McElroy (8), Bob Thabet, Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin, Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11)

**State Sports Coordinators**
- Edward Dopp, Baseball
- Joe Jubinville (proxy for William Higgins), Basketball-B
- Eileen Troy, Basketball-G
- Wayne Inman, Bowling-B
- Kathy Ferreri, Bowling-G
- Mike Andrew, Soccer-B
- Charles Goehring, Soccer-G
- Cathy Allen, Softball
- Roger Bell, Swimming-B
- Diane Hicks-Hughes, Swimming-G
Marbry Gansle, Cross Country & Gymnastics-G
Bev Hooper, Field Hockey
Richard Cerone, Football
Doug Courtright, Golf-B
Todd Dischinger, Golf-G
Mike Martin, Gymnastics-B
Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey
Tom Hall, Lacrosse-B
Bob Christenson (proxy for Jacquie Gow), Lacrosse-G
Charlie Tacke (proxy for George Hathaway), Rifle
Dennis O'Brien, Skiing-B

Joe Thyroff, Tennis-B
Chris Horgan, Tennis-G
Don Sauer, Track & Field-B
Dan Doherty, Track & Field-G
Judy Hartmann, Volleyball-B
Patti Perone, Volleyball-G
Oscar Jensen, Winter Track-B
Dave Hennessey, Winter Track-G
Don DeBadts, Wrestling

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Kent Gray, State Education Dept.
Tom McGuire, Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc.
Alan Mallanda, NYSAAA
Pat Pizzarelli, NYSAAA
Bob Zifichock, NYS Council of Administrators

Standing Committees
Carol Rog, Handbook Committee
Patti Murphy, ACTION on TARGET
Mike Schwenk, ACTION on TARGET
Judy Salerno, Modified Committee

Guests
Mike McCarthy (2)
Jack Whelan (2)
Elizabeth Hempstead (2)
Rise Van Iderstine (2)
Phyllis Calogero (3)
Carol Moss (3)
Barb Felice (3)
Art Wilson (3)
Roy Hunt (3)
Jackie Tompkins (3)
Ted Bondi (5)
Paul Fauth (5)
Kathy Gurak (5)

Kim Henshaw (5)
Judy Knight (5)
Phill Langton (5)
Pete Schreiber (5)
Joe Sposato (5)
Rod Verkey (5)
Ted Woods (5)
Cindy Szczesny (6)
Ken Cringle (7)
Mike Marra-Kingston HS
Susan Silvernail-Greene HS
Jeremy Thode-Commack HS

Previous Minutes of the May 2004 Executive Committee meeting were APPROVED in a motion by Pizzarelli/Simon.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Pat Calnon introduced Section 5 President Phill Langton who welcomed the group to the Inn on the Lake-Canandaigua. Eileen Troy, Section 2 Central Committee member and Girls Basketball State Coordinator announced Doug Kenyon has been appointed Executive Director of Section 2. President Calnon and Executive Director Nina Van Erk gave a joint power point presentation on the accomplishments and highlights of the 2003-2004 school year. He announced Pat Pizzarelli will be chairman of a new committee being formed to create a new Strategic Plan for the Association. He asked each section to forward three names of people interested in serving on the committee to Nina. Committee members will be named at the October Executive Committee meeting with a first meeting to be held in November.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on the conferences, meetings and championships she attended during the months of May through August. She announced the 2004-2006 NYSPHSAA Handbook has been sent to all member schools. She stated she and Ron Shaw presented a legal seminar in May for Section Executive Directors and their legal counsels covering current legal issues from due process to Title IX. She noted she made a presentation at the NFHS Summer meeting on the NYSPHSAA Modified Athletic program to encourage other state associations to provide athletic opportunities for their students in middle school. She announced Past President Floyd Jones was honored posthumously with the NFHS Citation Award for his contributions to high school athletics at the NFHS Summer Meeting. She reported the NFHS has been awarded a grant from the NCAA to continue the Minority Women in
Coaching program which hopes to recruit 200 minority female coaches to receive training and education. She congratulated Peru High School and Downsville High School for their designation by iHigh as two of the top 100 best school websites for the 2003-2004 school year. She stated the 2004-2005 CSIET Advisory List had been received and was faxed to all section offices and placed on the Association's website. In a motion by Troy/Ryan-Curry the 2004-2005 Section Sports Seasons were APPROVED. She asked that the Directory Information form be completed and returned to her by September 8, 2004. She announced the following members of the Central Committee have been selected to represent their respective sections for a four year term expiring in 2008:

Section 1 - TBA  
Section 2 – G. Michael Apostol  
Section 3 – John Stewart  
Section 4 – Gordon Daniels  
Section 5 – Joseph Backer  
Section 6 – James Dunnigan  
Section 7 - Patricia Ryan-Curry  
Section 8 - John Piropato  
Section 9 - Roberta Greene  
Section 10 - Joe Jubinville  
Section 11 - Nicholas DeCillis

She reported an Athletic Director Workshop has been planned for November 30, 2004 at the Holiday Inn-Turf in Albany and more detailed information will be sent out in August to school districts and Section offices. Future meeting dates were announced as follows:

2004-2005
October 25, 2004 (Monday) - Holiday Inn Turf - Albany (9:00AM)  
January 28-29, 2005 - Prime Hotel - Saratoga  
May 6-7, 2005 – Holiday Inn – Carrier Circle - Syracuse  
August 3-5, 2005 – Wyndham Windwatch – Long Island

Assistant Director Walter Eaton distributed an updated 2004-2005 State Championship sites and dates schedule. He noted increases in classifications for 2004-2005 have been granted in the sports of Boys Soccer, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and Girls Lacrosse as 2 year experiments. He reviewed the financial summary of the 2003-2004 State Championships. He stated 359 replica plaques were ordered from the Conference Medal/Trophy Co. Replica Plaque Program during 2003-2004, the second best year since 1999-2000. He reported AED's were on site at all state championships held in 2003-2004 and will also be available in 2004-2005. He noted Todd Dischinger was appointed the new state coordinator of Girls Golf. He reported the biennial meeting of the state sports coordinators is scheduled as an extension of their Group Meeting Session on Thursday, August 5th. He distributed the 2004-2005 meeting schedule for the State Sports Committees stating that Football has been scheduled to meet on April 4, 2005 at 10:00AM in the Association office. He reported the Scholar Athlete Team Award Program had concluded its 13th year with record participation totals. He announced the 2nd Annual Scholar Athlete Team School of Distinction Award winners are: Williamsville North (6), Garden City (8) and Washingtonville (9). He stated the School of Distinction Awards will be awarded to the schools at their September 2004 Section Athletic Council meetings. He thanked Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 9th year of co-sponsoring the Scholar Athlete Team Award Program and for contributing a total of $180,000 towards the overall cost of financing this program. He announced Lee's Trophies has become an additional sponsor of the Scholar Athlete Team Award Program by reducing its pin awards price to match the contribution of Pupil Benefits as well as continuing to produce and fund the School of Distinction Award. He stated instructions and application forms for the 2004-2005 Scholar Athlete Team Award program are posted on the NYSPHSAA web site. He reported both Boys and Girls Basketball Federation Tournaments to be held in 2004-2005 will be employing 3 person officiating in all Classes: AA, A and B. He stated formal bids to host the Federation's Basketball Tournament of Champions in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 must be received by September 1, 2004 and will be announced at their September 14, 2004 meeting. Presentations and a vote of acceptance are scheduled for the December 7, 2004 meeting. He announced the Federation officers for 2004-2005 are: Walter Eaton, President; MJ Quigley (AISAA), Vice President; Jane Modry (CHSAA), Secretary; and Nina Van Erk, Treasurer.

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported the streamlined process of classification of schools was quite successful and will be utilized for the 2004-2005 school year. He stated any discrepancy concerns will be shared with the Sections and schools to determine and correct the problem. He noted the classification cutoff numbers for 2004-05 and 2005-06 along with variations can be found on page 145 of the 2004-06 NYSPHSAA Handbook. He reported successful clinics were held in Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Track/Field/Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball and that they would be held again next year. He stated a new clinic to be added in the 2004-2005 schools year would be on injury prevention. He noted there was still a concern with schools not notifying the Association when they travel out-of-state and not applying for sanctioning when hosting an interstate contest. He stated the NFHS and the NYSPHSAA rules governing sanctioning of interstate contests are listed on the Association website and encouraged schools to refer to the
rules and procedures listed there. He thanked the sport committee members for their help in updating the records database at the conclusion of each season. He noted new records may be submitted through the sport coordinators or by completing the records form posted on the Association website. He stated the records will be posted on the Association website in 2004-05 to improve consistency and accuracy.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri** reported on the meetings and championships he attended during the months of May through August. He noted while program sales increased $3,930 from 2003, advertising sales decreased by $110. He stated the total broadcasting revenue generated in 2003-2004 was $19,375 compared to $15,800 last year. He reported on sponsorship activity he is involved with on behalf of the Association. He noted we have exceeded our threshold for business at Upstate Holiday Inns for the second straight year. He stated he has signed contracts at Holiday Inns for the 2004-05 championships in Football, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Volleyball, Wrestling, Boys/Girls Soccer, Indoor Track, Softball, Field Hockey and Girls Basketball. He is in the process of negotiating contracts for Cross Country, Baseball and Outdoor Track 2004-05 championships. He reported press releases and photos will be sent to media outlets on the 2004 Hall of Fame inductees and the NY Good Sports winners after their recognition at the annual banquet. He stated the Association in an attempt to partner with pro sports teams, is awaiting follow up from the Albany Conquest arena football team to honor Section teams that have reached the NYSPHSAA tournaments at a Conquest game. He noted more details will be coming regarding a plan he is developing for a billboard on I-90 in Syracuse for September and/or October as part of a general marketing campaign for the Association and its tournaments.

**Treasurer Kathleen Higle** reported the Association should complete the year with over $132,000 in income better than budget primarily due to significant investment income. Dues, sports clinics and sponsorships were also better than budgeted. She stated all public high school dues invoices have been sent out and private schools will follow shortly. She noted dues will keep pace with NYSPHSAA’s future expense changes year to year and that annual changes in the dues structure will occur each year in the future. She reported our auditors, Marvin & Co. completed their audit of our 2002-03 year with no management comments and with a clean opinion. She stated if anyone would like a copy of the Auditor’s report to please see her.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2004-2005 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Rye, Rye Neck & Blind Brook
Rye Neck & Blind Brook
North Salem & Somers
Pawling & Dover

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Guiderland & Voorheesville
New Lebanon & Berlin
Pt. Plain & Canajoharie
Watervliet & Heatly
Schalmont & Mohonasen
Wheelerville & Johnstown
Middleburg & Schoharie
Niskayuna & Schenectady
Shaker & Colonie

6
Ripley & Sherman
W. Seneca East & W. Seneca West
Ellicottville & Franklinville
Allegany-Limestone & Olean

7
Long Lake & Tupper Lake
Moriah, Keene, Elizabethtown-Lewis & Westport
Beekmantown & AuSable Valley
Beekmantown & Chazy
Beekmantown & Saranac
Lake Placid & Keene
Minerva & Newcomb
Wells & Lake Pleasant

8
East Rockaway & Malverne

9
Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian Academy
FDR & Rhinebeck
Tri-Valley & Fallsburg

SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).
SECTION  DATE  CONTEST
1  06-02-04  Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
     06-03-04  Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-G
     06-03-04  Dutchess County Baseball Coaches Assoc. Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
     06-11-04  Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-B
2  06-02-04  Foothills vs. Colonial Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
     06-06-04  WAC Softball Senior Game
     06-06-04  Suburban Council All Star Game-Baseball
     06-08-04  Section 2 Sr. All-Star Game-Lacrosse-B
     06-14-04  Section 2 Sr. All-Star Game-Lacrosse-G
3  06-10-04  Section 3 Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-G
     11-07-04  Tri-Valley League Sr. All-Star Contest-Field Hockey
     11-07-04  Tri-Valley League Sr. All-Star Contest-Soccer-B/G
     02-28-05  Tri-Valley League Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G
     02-26-05  Tri-Valley League Sr. All-Star Contest-Volleyball-G
     06-02-05  Tri-Valley League Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
     06-02-05  Tri-Valley League Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
4  06-04-04  IAC Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
     06-07-04  Dave Sammon Exceptional Senior Game-Lacrosse-B/G
     06-08-04  Section 4 Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball/Softball
5  06-05-04  Genesee Region vs. Private Parochial Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
     06-11-04  ACAA Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball/Softball
6  06-05-04  Section 6 Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
     06-05-04  Section 6 Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-G
     06-10-04  Section 6 Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-B
     06-12-04  Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Baseball Game
     11-06-04  First Tier Bank & Trust Sr. All-Star Game-Soccer-G
     11-07-04  Chautauqua County Senior Games-Soccer-B/G

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A motion by Pizzarelli/Pauldine APPROVED the following as Friends and Neighbors: Rippowam Cisqua School (1),
St. Margaret School (1), St. Mary’s/St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School (2), Waldorf School of Saratoga
Springs (2), Tyburn Academy (3), Queen of Heaven School (6), Archbishop Walsh High School (6), and St.
Mary’s School (7).

NEW MEMBER

A motion by Ward/Putney APPROVED the following as a new member: Lincoln Hall (1).

ACTION ITEMS

Transfer Rule

A motion by Witkowski/Pizzarelli was made to revise Eligibility Standard #29 to include Section XI’s Transfer Rule
Experiment beginning with the 2004-2005 school year which states, “Students who return from a non public school to
the public school district of their residence shall be exempt from the transfer rule. That such a transfer without penalty
will only be permitted once in a high school career.” After much discussion a motion was made by Nelson/DeCillis to
amend the language in the original motion to read, “Students who return from a school to the public school district of
their residence shall be exempt from the transfer rule. That such a transfer without penalty will only be permitted once
in a high school career.” In a roll call vote, this motion was DENIED. (25 NO/15 YES) The votes were cast as follows:
In a roll call vote, the original motion made by Witkowski/Pizzarelli was APPROVED. (28 YES/16 NO) The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 4 no; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 yes; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 4 no; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 3 yes, 1 no; Section 9: 4 abstentions; Section 10: 4 no; Section 11: 4 yes.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sport Seasons Committee. Chairperson Jim Osborne gave a Power Point presentation which was a brief synopsis of the six meetings the committee has had. He thanked Executive Director Nina VanErk, NYSPHSAA staff and the committee members for their input at the meetings. He noted the sport season change recommended for girls and boys tennis is a discussion item at the group meetings.

Non-Public Classification Committee. Chairman Jack Jones stated the minutes of their February 26, 2004 meeting were in the meeting folders. He presented the following recommendation for implementation in the 2005-2006 school year to be taken back to the Sections for discussion: As a 2 year experiment Sections would be required to formulate a Classification Committee to review the classification of their non public school members. In the evaluation process the following criteria must be included, but not limited to:
- Periodic review – at least every two years
- Sport specific – season specific
- BEDS Numbers
- Levels of competition – regular season
- Level of success (5 year period)
  - League/Conference, Sectional, Regional, State
- Approval by Athletic Council
- Appeal process

He stated the committee felt it was imperative to convene a meeting of the Classification Committee chairs to review and discuss the process each section utilized in their classification process. The committee also felt strongly about continuing for approximately 6 months to a year to reconvene and make the necessary adjustments and improvements to the classification process and to evaluate the success of this recommendation. He noted this will be a Discussion Item at the October Executive Committee meeting with a possible vote at the January Executive Committee meeting. The next meeting of the committee will be November 2, 2004 at 10:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Championship Site Selection Ad Hoc Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton noted the minutes of the June 23, 2004 meeting were in the meeting folders. He reported the following recommendations were reached by those present and will be reviewed at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2004 at 9:30AM: all State Sports Coordinators will submit minimum standards and requirements to host a State Championship in their sport no later than just prior to the October 25, 2004 Executive Committee meeting; all State tournaments will be open for bid; and the Executive Committee will approve of all sites as recommended by the State Sports Committees.

ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee. 1st Vice President Kathy Faber reviewed the 2004-2005 budget highlighting some of the aspects such as the increase in dues of $50 per school and $.05 per student, mileage increase to $.33 effective September 1st, a 4% increase in salaries for the staff and $7,000 which is included on an as needed basis. She stated overall the Association is anticipating a 5.9% increase in expenses and a 6.7% increase in revenue. She noted the budget was approved at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Budget & Finance Committee. Executive Director Nina VanErk stated the minutes of the April 1, 2004 meeting were in the meeting folders. She reported the committee will meet before the October Executive Committee meeting to finalize the draft of a “White Paper” which cites the options for financing new office space. She stated the “White Paper” is being created for the reaffirmation of the Executive Committee’s approval of one million dollars for a building project and will be presented to the Executive Committee for their input and possible vote at the October meeting.
**Handbook Committee.** Coordinator Carol Rog reported meetings were held October 15, 2003, January 13, 2004, and April 8, 2004. She noted changes to the 2004-2006 NYSPHSAA Handbook are noted by the shaded areas throughout the book. She thanked all who helped provide valuable input which has led to positive change in our policies and procedures. The next meeting of the committee will be September 29, 2004 at the NYSPHSAA office.

**ACTION on TARGET.** Patti Murphy and Mike Schwenk, Co-Chairpersons reported that everyone who attended the training session in Binghamton in February 2004 will be receiving a Power Point presentation to share with their Section schools. They stated they are very excited about the new program with the Essex Prevention Team.

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported the minutes of their July 16, 2004 meeting were included in the meeting packet. The following recommendations were approved: a motion by Pizzarelli/Whelan was **APPROVED** for Girls Lacrosse to conduct its 3 class State tournament in 2004-05, 2005-06 with the following variation: Class A-1000+, Class B-650-999 and Class C-649-below; effective 2004-05 Baseball will conduct its State Championship tournament in 5 classes using NYSPHSAA classification numbers was **APPROVED** in a motion by Stewart/Jones; and in Ice Hockey it was **APPROVED** effective 2004-05, to conduct its 2 classification tournament using a variation; i.e. placement in Division I or Division II will be determined by each section. He stated a request by the Boys Indoor Track & Field state committee to add the 25# (boys) and 20# (girls) weight throw to the State Championship order of events was withheld until the Safety Committee could review the new information presented by Oscar Jensen, State Coordinator. He reported the committee is waiting for a recommendation from the Boys and Girls Basketball Committees regarding Section IX’s request for a rotation cycle to be implemented in Boys and Girls Basketball in Class C and D in Sections 1, 8, 9 and 11 before any action is taken.

**Safety Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported on the results of the Baseball/Softball Injury Surveys conducted at the conclusion of the 2004 spring season relative to injuries to baseball pitcher, softball pitcher and softball third base players. He stated at this time it appears that there is not enough data to warrant consideration of replacing metal bats with wooden bats or any other rule changes in baseball. The data collected on the softball pitchers and softball third base players does not indicate a need for rule changes. He noted the survey will be conducted again in 2005. He announced the Fall 2004 Wrestling Weight Certification Assessor Training Workshops have been scheduled. Please refer to the Association website for dates, locations and times. He stated recertification information has been sent to each assessor whose three year certification ended in 2003-04. He reported the program for data analysis will be on the Association website for all assessor to utilize and is mandated for the 2004-05 school year. He noted Sections 1 and 3 are planning to experiment with utilizing centralized assessment sites to improve consistency and accuracy. He stated several regional advisors will conduct a validity/reliability test, comparing their percentage of body fat assessments utilizing skin fold calipers to the Tanita electrical bioimpedence analysis device. He encouraged all schools to utilize the National Wrestling Coaches Association website to enter weights, track weight gain/loss and to use their excellent nutrition program. He stated the Advisory Committee will be testing the program for validity and reliability plus compatibility with our process and if the results are positive, it may be recommended to be mandated. He reported a power point presentation disk on nutrition will be sent to every Section office and asked that they copy the disk and send it to all their schools. They stated they are very excited about the new program with the Essex Prevention Team.

**Modified Committee.** Coordinator Judy Salerno reported the committee met on October 17, 2003 and April 2, 2004. She noted a Modified Athletics panel presentation was given at the NYSSAA Conference in Saratoga Springs in March 2004 and was well received. She stated the minutes of the meeting were sent via email to all committee members and thanked Mira Martinich, Modified Committee Secretary, for her efforts to complete this endeavor. She reported the following items have been given approval by the Modified Committee and Executive Committee in 2004: in modified cross country the minimum number of practice days required prior to the first scrimmage/first contest shall be 10/13 and
in boys and girls modified track and field, Teresa Klippel of Little Falls will serve as the modified coordinator. She stated the committee would like to thank Stu Chandler (Section 2) for his longtime service to the Modified Committee, Lloyd Mott, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director and Staff Liaison to the Modified Committee, for his assistance and Nina VanErk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, for her continued support to the Modified Committee. She announced the meeting dates for the Modified Committee will be Friday, October 15, 2004 and Friday, April 1, 2005 at the Holiday Inn-Turf on Wolf Road in Albany.

**Officials Coordinating Federation.** Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported the OCF recommended and the Executive Committee approved of several language changes to the 2004-06 Agreement related to the Impasse resolution procedures but omitted in the presentation to the Executive Committee the following clause: Article XI, Step No. 3: “…the chairman of the NYSHSOF or his designee…” In a motion by Heiner/Quinby it was APPROVED to amend the 2004-06 Agreement to include the above language change. He stated the following clarifications will be instituted for future impasse hearings for objectivity in recommendations/rulings: the role of Assistant Director as Advisor only and Sports Officials’ appointment may not come from the same sport group. He noted no section nor officials association invoked the Agreement seeking resolution to any impasse or grievance during 2003-04. He reported several sports, especially Field Hockey, have reported increases in statewide membership of officials. He stated an ad to be placed in all State Tournament programs to recruit officials has been proposed with the suggestion that the cost would be shared between the officials and the sections. He announced the Fall meeting would be held Sunday, October 24, 2004 in Albany and the Spring meeting would be held Sunday, May 15, 2005 in Syracuse.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported another record year with 140 schools participating and receiving the New York Good Sports Certificate. He announced the three schools receiving the New York Good Sports Banners at the Central Committee Annual Banquet will be Commack Union Free School District (11), Greene Central School (4) and Kingston High School (9). He stated the New York Good Sports t-shirts continue to be popular as they are presented to deserving student-athletes at each of our championships. He reported the Citizenship Through Athletics Instructor’s course was taught in September at the COA Conference and in February in our annual course for new instructors and updating formerly certified instructors. It will also be taught at this year’s COA Conference in Utica in October. He stated a workshop, “Hazing: Identification and Prevention” has been added as a chapter to the CTA Course. He stated both the Association and Jim Kadamus, Assistant Commissioner of Education have encouraged the workshop be presented in all Sections, allowing all schools to gain an introduction and familiarity with the information and proposed procedures for implementing a local policy and prevention program. He noted an Intent to Schedule: “Hazing: Identification and Prevention” Workshop form was included in the meeting folders. He stated the Hazing Workshop was introduced at the NFHS Summer Conference in San Diego as an integral aspect of our Citizenship Through Athletics Program. He reported Arlington High School (1) was one of the “Lighthouse Schools” in the Parents for Good Sports program, a program endorsed by the NFHS, which was introduced and implemented in eight schools in the USA last year. He noted Phase 2 of the Parents for Good Sports program will be implemented in approximately a dozen schools in NYS in 2004-05. He stated any schools interested in the program should contact him. He reported several Sections have conducted outstanding sportsmanship conferences that include Citizenship Through Athletics and stated anyone interested in developing a conference should contact him for the names of CTA instructors.

**Media Committee.** Assistant Director Joe Altieri reviewed the minutes of the Media Advisory Committee meeting held on June 15, 2004 which were included in the meeting packet. He reported there was discussion on a variety of topics including media procedures, Association activity, classification changes, Hall of Fame, issues with Section media committees, and championships. He stated there was much concern with the reporting of results at Sectionals, Regionals and State Tournaments and encouraged coaches, AD’s and coordinators to report results in a timely manner. He reported the idea of forming Section Media Advisory Committees was discussed again to try to increase and improve communication lines between sections, league representatives and the media to improve the reporting of results. He asked the Section Executive Directors to send him names of media and Section reps from their sections who would be interested in serving on the committee. He announced the next meeting of the Media Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at Western Turnpike Golf Course.

**Student Advisory Council.** Executive Director Nina VanErk stated the minutes of the March 21, 2004 meeting were included in the meeting folders. She reported plans are being made for a New York Student Leadership Conference to be held on February 24, 2005 at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany with more information to follow.

**Nominations Committee.** Past President Dr. James Tolle presented outgoing Past President Dean Veenhof with a gift for his years on the Executive Committee. Past President Dean Veenhof presented the slate of officers and professional
staff to serve for 2004-2006. In a motion by Jones/R.Smith the following were APPROVED: Officers: Kathy Faber, President; Dr. Ronald Black, 1st Vice President; Patrick Pizzarelli, 2nd Vice President; and Patrick Calnon, Past President. In a motion by DeCillis/Pizzarelli the following were APPROVED: Professional staff: Nina VanErk, Executive Director; Walter Eaton, Assistant Director; Lloyd Mott, Assistant Director; Joe Altieri, Assistant Director; Kathy Higle, Treasurer; and Ronald Shaw, Counselor.

PRINTED AND/OR ORAL REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STATE SPORT COORDINATORS:

Ed Dopp, Baseball; Joe Jubinville (proxy for William Higgins), Boys Basketball; Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball; Wayne Inman, Boys Bowling; Kathy Ferreri, Girls Bowling; Charles Wiltse, Boys Cross Country; Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country/Gymnastics; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey; Richard Cerone, Football; Doug Courtright, Boys Golf; Todd Dischinger, Girls Golf; Mike Martin, Boys Gymnastics; Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey; Tom Hall, Boys Lacrosse; Bob Christenson (proxy for Jacquie Gow), Girls Lacrosse; Charlie Tacke (proxy for George Hathaway), Riflery; Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Charles Goehrung, Girls Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Roger Bell, Boys Swimming; Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming; Joe Thyroff, Boys Tennis; Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis; Don Sauer, Boys Track & Field; Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field; Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track; Dave Hennessey, Girls Winter Track; Judith Hartmann, Boys Volleyball; Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball; Don DeBadts, Wrestling.

Girls Lacrosse. A motion by DeCillis/DiCesare was APPROVED to permanently waive the field dimension rule (Rule 3-C) for regular season play only.

Boys/Girls Swimming/Diving
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott announced the Boys/Girls Swimming/Diving committee’s request to reconsider its position on varsity/modified combined meets will be discussed at the Modified Committee meeting in October.

Ice Hockey. For clarification purpose as this has always been procedure but it has not been published in state rules, it was APPROVED in a motion by Dunnigan/Whelan that ice hockey games consist of three 15 minute periods. In a motion by Stores/Jubinville it was APPROVED during the regular season each game begins on a clean sheet of ice and that at the minimum the ice is cleaned after the 2nd period. If the ice is not cleaned after each period there will be at least a three minute rest period or intermission between periods 1 and 2.

A motion by Troy/Pizzarelli to receive all Sport Coordinator reports with commendation was APPROVED.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. Executive Director Tom McGuire recognized and thanked Dean Veenhof, Carol Rog of the Association’s Executive Committee who make up Pupil Benefits Plan Board of Directors. He also thanked and recognized Ted Woods, Phyllis Calogero, Barb Felice, Martha Slack, Scott Dinse and Dan DeChristina. He stated their plan is very healthy and are approaching 400 member school districts with 30 school districts joining in the last three years. He thanked the Association for its support and hoped as Pupil Benefits Plan grows bigger, their commitment can become stronger.

State Education Department. Kent Gray reported he has heard many good comments about the Athletic Directors workshops put on by the NYSSAA and the NYSPHSAA and thanked the Associations for putting them on. He stated the implementation of the non teacher coach legislation has been an immense help with the compliance of coaching certification in New York State. He noted the reorganization at the State Education Department has been very positive and supportive of all the efforts with the Association. He announced there is a final draft copy of the Selective Classification Program waiting to be approved. He noted a couple of changes: the Tanner Scale will be implemented for the female development screening and a panel will be included similar to the Mixed Competition procedures when doing the Selective Classification evaluation. He reported the Selective Classification Standards have not changed at this time but will be reviewed in the future. He stated the Selective Classification Program document that is currently being used should continue to be used until notification is sent out by the State Education Department. He announced online or distant learning Coaching Certification courses are being offered at SUNY Cortland and Sullivan County Community College. The website addresses are: www.cortland.edu or www.sullivan.suny.edu/athletics/default.asp.
New York State Association of Athletic Administrators. Allan Mallanda, Executive Director, stated their updated newsletter was included in the meeting folders. He reported their Association had a very successful year capped by their annual conference in March which was the most successful ever in attendance and quality workshops given. He stated Dave Martens, the first President of the NYSAAA, was honored at the conference by naming their luncheon after him. He noted the State Award of Merit was given to Dr. Jack Foley. He congratulated NYSPHSAA Executive Director Nina VanErk on receiving the Apple Appreciation Award for her support and efforts in working to make the partnership that continues to get stronger between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA. He announced the new President of the NYSAAA is Pat Pizzarelli, Lawrence High School (8). He stated they are currently working on their annual conference which will be held in March 2005 in Saratoga with a theme of “Soaring to New Heights”. He also announced Denny Fries, Irondequoit High School (5), is the new President of NIAAA. He stated Dave Martens will be receiving the National Federation Citation and Dr. John Foley will be receiving the National Award of Merit, the highest award given by the NIAAA, at the NIAAA Conference in New Orleans. He noted Todd Heimer, NYSPHSAA Executive Director of Section VIII, has been appointed to the Credentials Committee of the NIAAA. He thanked the NYSPHSAA for their support and partnership and stated they were looking forward to another great year.

New York State Council of Administrators. Bob Zifchock, President, thanked the Association for including their organization on the Sports Season Committee and the Selective Classification Committee. He announced their annual conference “Leading Change” will be held October 3-5, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel-Utica Centre, Utica. He noted Tom Stewart of Rush-Henrietta High School will become the next President of the NYSCOA in October.

GROUP MEETING REPORTS

Sports Season Proposal
Each presider of the group meetings was asked to report on how their group felt on the recommendation by the Sports Season Committee to balance the sports seasons by changing boys tennis to fall and girls tennis to spring. The Chief School Officers group supports the recommendation of the Sports Season Committee stating that it balances the opportunity for boys and girls. The Principals group would like to see the seasons stay as they are. The Athletic Program Representatives group felt there does need to be better balance and that the tennis moves are logical and show good progression, however, most tennis coordinators and coaches are opposed to the move. They felt the committee representatives need to return to their Athletic Councils and sell the proposal philosophically and the Association needs to make a decision before the courts make one for us. The Executive Directors/Secretaries group would like to see the proposal come to a vote. There was a 50/50 split among the group in favor of the change/proposal. If the proposal was passed, they would like to see it implemented in the 2007-2008 school year. The Section Presidents group thanked the committee for their hard work. They had no consensus but did feel it was time to make a decision before the courts act. They also felt the recommendation to move tennis does not solve the larger problem. The Past Presidents group felt the proposal was a quick fix and won’t correct the situation and would like to see the seasons stay as they are with many thanks to the committee for their work. The Sport Coordinators group voted unanimously not to support the proposal for the following reasons: both the boys and girls tennis coordinators are opposed to the proposal; tennis surveys have shown a loss of participation to other sports; most players are not year round players and play another sport; small schools would lose the program entirely; incomplete data was used as the basis of this recommendation; switching of seasons will also impact soccer and softball-up to 40% of the athletes would be affected; soccer, softball, track/field and cross country were not asked for impact on their sports; and they questioned whether students were ever surveyed? A motion by Greene/Jones for the Sport Seasons Committee recommendation to move boys tennis season to the fall and girls tennis to the spring be brought back to the Sections for discussion and voted on at the October Executive Committee meeting was APPROVED.

Chief School Officers. Bob Smith reported the group’s position on the issue of moving the Spring Sport Championship dates was that academics comes first and that the dates of the championships should be tied to the start of Regents exams as opposed to the actual calendar. For the good of the order, the group felt there should be increased activity on the part of the Sections to use electronic communications to keep people involved, i.e. List serves, email, etc. They also felt that with the rapid change over of Superintendents of school districts, a representative from the Association should try to get to the new Superintendent’s academy that NYSCOS runs to alert new superintendents to the values, expectations and programs of the Association. They suggested the Section Executive Directors should try to visit the Superintendent’s meetings in the BOCES area to introduce themselves and to identify the Superintendent’s representative in the Section.
**Principals.** Mike Apostol reported the group felt the same way about moving the Spring Sports Championship, that academics comes first. They were concerned if the championships were to be moved up a week, it will be too close to the Regents exams and school exams and will have a profound affect on student performance. They were more comfortable with the tournaments remaining status quo. There was also discussion of developing a framework or a process to deal with the problem of hazing.

**Athletic Program Representatives.** Nick DeCilllis reported on the issue of changing the Spring Sport Championship dates the group felt that athletics help keep students focused and often aids in controlling the climate of a school building. Another point made was that although school sports seasons may end, athletes will still be participating in community sports programs. They felt the season was already compacted and condensed as a result of inclement weather. They asked how many student athletes are truly affected when it comes down to the state championships. The group felt the Superintendents are key to the issue. They stated a position paper from the Association might help to “sell” the Athletic Program Representatives concerns. He noted there was some discussion about running state championships after the school year ends as some states do but issues regarding conflicts with graduation and contractual concerns were raised. On ways the Association can best serve its membership there was a feeling from some that the Association needs to step in sooner and be stronger in helping Sections deal with legal issues for consistency statewide. They also suggested the Association issue a lifetime pass for admission to state championships to those members who have served two or three terms with the Association. Another suggestion was for an article to be placed in the Scholastic Athletics that would summarize the web site offerings. For the good of the order, one section mentioned that perhaps additional personnel were needed as the duties of the Association staff seem to increase each year. Another issue of concern was creating a way for sections to express section related problems and concerns by possibly starting the May Executive Committee meeting earlier with a cracker barrel session.

**Section Secretaries/Treasurers.** Carl Normandin reported much discussion took place and there was about a 60/40 division on changing the Spring Sports Championships from the first week of June to the second week of June. Several sections expressed concerns about how tight it was to complete league schedules and sectionals before Memorial Day. They felt the academic concerns far outweigh the ability to complete the tournament. On ways the Association can better serve our membership it was felt the NYSPHSAA office serves them very well and that they are only a phone call away. They felt one area of continued support would be in the legal area. He stated Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reviewed the variations in the BED’s numbers for the classification process and discussed the discrepancies with the numbers that were filed in November vs. the numbers that were filed in June. He reported Kathy Higle commented and explained the insurance formula. He stated there was also discussion on sports tournament entry fees being placed in the dues structure and meal expenses for individual sport athletes. He reported there was a brief discussion on the merger of schools and the consensus of the group was that in most cases it saved programs and money. He stated Al Mallanda, Executive Director of the NYSSA, thanked them for keeping the lines of communications open between the two associations and looked forward to another year.

**Section Presidents.** Rick Amundson reported Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11 were in attendance. The group echoed the Superintendents feelings on the change of the Spring Sports Championships stating there was much concern over the proposal’s impact on academics. He stated one section was considering continuing league play after the first round of sectionals have been played and let teams that are not competing in further sectional play to complete their league schedule while the championships are going on. He state the Presidents groups was pleased to see the NYSPHSAA Handbook now included penalties for recruitment but had a concern with the policing and enforcing of the rule. On ways the Association can assist the Section Presidents, the group stated they would like the state office to increase the amount of legal counsel when issues arise and to offer more support and possible financial assistance when defending state guidelines in court. He stated there was a brief discussion on receiving appeals from sports such as crew, rugby, girls ice hockey and sailing to start offering league schedules and championships.

**Past Presidents.** Dean Veenhof reported the group came up with two suggestions for moving the Spring Sports Championships; form a policy of having the championships conclude a week before the local exams or have them after the school year is over. For the good of the order, they voiced a concern with the maximum number of games played by other organizations in the Federation. They felt we were playing on an unfair playing field in the number of games we play and what other Associations allow. They suggested it should be addressed at the next Federation meeting. They also requested reaffirmation on the use of school equipment for out of season activities.
State Sports Coordinators.  Cathy Allen reported Second Vice President Dr. Ronald Black discussed the Championship Advisory Committee’s procedures for proposals and need for championship brackets. Chuck Goehring and Roger Bell discussed their roles on the Championship Advisory Committee. She stated Executive Director Nina VanErk discussed budget and finance concerns. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott briefly discussed the New York Good Sport t-shirts, clinics and the sports records and database. The meeting continued with the agenda for the revised biennial sport coordinators meeting. She reported softball, baseball, boys & girls lacrosse and track & field are all in favor of changing the Spring Sports Championship to the second week in June. They stated their concerns with the early date are that leagues must stop play and complete seasons by mid-May causing hardship for leagues/schools to complete seasons; the weather conditions in early season; playing Regional game on Memorial Day; students are missing large amounts of school during May due to double headers and make-up games; and the first Saturday in June is the SAT date. For the good of the order, the group felt the Association was serving them well. They appreciated Assistant Director Joe Altieri being on board and assisting them with the media and programs at the state tournaments.

A motion by Heimer/Troy to receive all group meeting reports with commendation was APPROVED.

A heartfelt thank you was given to Patrick Calnon for three years of serving as President of the Association.

A motion by R.Smith/Pizzarelli to adjourn at 5:15PM Thursday afternoon was APPROVED.

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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