SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
AUGUST 2011 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3 Approved the May 2011 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
2. P3 Approved the June 2011 Central Committee Meeting minutes as amended.
3. P5 Approved the establishment of a policy for the issuance of NYSPHSAA two year and Lifetime passes.
4. P5 Approved the 2011-2012 Section Sports Seasons with the addition of Section 4’s Modified dates.
5. P6 Approved the 2011-2012 State Championship site changes.
6. P6 Approved Scott Warner (9) as Boys Swimming and Diving Assistant State Coordinator.
7. P7 Approved a variation in the classification numbers for Cross Country.
8. P7 Defeated the Gate List procedures for NYSPHSAA Championships be reduced to six (6) school representatives from eight (8) representatives.
9. P8 Approved continuing the Gate List procedures for all team sports for the semifinal and final contest with the number of school representatives allowed on the list to remain at eight (8).
10. P11 Approved to enter into Executive Session on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 1:33PM.
11. P11 Approved to end the Executive Session at 2:06PM and resume the Central Committee meeting.
12. P11 Approved the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan.
13. P11 Approved the Swimming and Diving Protocol to Qualify for the NYSPHSAA State Championship.
15. P11 Approved the additional language when a wrestler comes out for the team after the team’s certification day.
16. P11 Approved the new NFHS Wrestling Weight Classes with the addition of the 99 lb. weight class.
17. P11 Approved the minimum weight Selectively Classified wrestlers must weigh in at.
18. P11 Approved additional language to Boys Volleyball NCAA Rule 2.12.2 Net Height.
19. P12 Approved in the Wrestling Weight Certification Handbook, the fee per wrestler charged by the Assessor will be determined by the Section.
20. P12 Defeated establishing a moratorium for five (5) years for Sections to be able to submit letters for all their schools regarding a uniform rule change.
24. P17 Defeated additional language to the Transfer Rule.
25. P17 Approved a language change to letter b. of the Appeal Procedure.
26. P18 Approved the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Advisory Committee’s recommendation requiring a third measurement to all skin fold sites and to input the data using Optimal Performance Calculation on the NWCA website.
27. P18 Approved the use of the amended Wrestling Communicable Skin Disease form.
28. P19 Approved Section V early start dates for Modified Football, Wayne County Winter I Boys Modified Basketball and Livingston County Winter I Girls Modified Basketball and Wrestling.
29. P20 Approved all Sport Coordinator reports with commendation.
30. P24 Approved to receive all Group Meeting Reports with commendation.
31. P24 Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

High Peaks Resort – Lake Placid

August 2-3, 2011

The Central Committee was called to order by President Mark Ward at 2:30 PM. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Mark Ward
- First Vice President Eileen Troy
- Second Vice President Stephen Broadwell
- Past President Patrick Pizzarelli
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Treasurer Kathleen Higle
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Patrick Caijon
- Kathryn Faber
- Michaela Kasner
- Karen Lopez
- Dr. James Tolle

**Section Representatives**

**Section 1:** Scott Mosenthal, Karen Peterson, Kenneth Mitchell, David Goddard
**Section 2:** Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall, Joseph Murphy, Jamian Rockhill (proxy for Charles Abba-Tues.), Paul Jenkins (proxy for Charles Abba-Tues. & Wed.)
**Section 3:** Michael Carboine, Barbara Felice, John Rathbun (proxy for Richard Hunt), Joseph Rotella
**Section 4:** Julie Maney, Edward Redmond, Gordon Daniels, Terry Heller (Tues.), Ben Nelson (proxy for Terry Heller-Wed.)
**Section 5:** Dennis O’Brien, Kimberly Henshaw, Gary Mix, Michael Simon
**Section 6:** Donald Scholla, Cynthia Bullis, James Dunnigan, Michael Wendt
**Section 7:** C. Joseph Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry, Mike Graney, John McDonald
**Section 8:** Dominick Vulpis, Chris Ceruti (proxy for Laura Orticelle), Neil Connolly, Todd Heimer (proxy for Henry Grishman)
**Section 9:** Roberta Greene, James Wolfe, Al Wojtaszek, Raymond Castellani
**Section 10:** Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica, Anthony Bjork, Mark Passamonte
**Section 11:** Lisa Lally, Nicolas DeCillis, Donald Webster (proxy for Patricia Sullivan-Kriss), Edward Cinelli (proxy for John Dolan)

**Section Presidents**
- Paul Jenkins (2), Andy Lutz (4), John Landro (9), Paul Harrica (10)

**Section Secretaries & Treasurers**
- Jen Simmons (1), Doug Kenyon (2), Roger Seward (2), John Rathbun (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores (5), Jackie Meyer (5), Timm Slade (6), Loren Ratajczak (6), Karen Lopez (7), Todd Heimer (8), George McElroy (8), Bob Thabet (9), Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin (10), Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11), Donald Webster (11)

**State Sports Coordinators**
- Mike Andrew, Soccer-B
- Charles Goehring, Soccer-G
- Cathy Allen, Softball
- Peter Hugo, Swimming/Diving-B
- Diane Hicks-Hughes, Swimming/Diving-G

Ed Dopp, Baseball
Al Roy, Asst. Coordinator-Baseball
Bill Higgins, Basketball-B (Tues.)
Eileen Troy, Basketball-G
Wayne Inman, Bowling-B
Kathy Ferreri, Bowling-G
Charles Wiltse, Cross Country-B
Marbry Gansle, Cross Country-G
Bev Hooper, Field Hockey
Richard Cerone, Football
Jamie Harter, Golf-G (Wed.)
Marbry Gansle, Gymnastics-G
Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey
Tom Hall, Lacrosse-B
Jim Amen, Asst. Coordinator B. Lacrosse
Liz Parry, Asst. Coordinator G. Lacrosse
Dennis O'Brien, Skiing-B
Bob Underwood, Skiing-G

Selina DeCicco, Tennis-B
Chris Horgan-Tennis-G
Don Sauer, Track & Field-B
Dan Doherty, Track & Field-G
Judy Hartmann, Volleyball-B
Peggy Seese, Assi. Coordinator G. Volleyball
Oscar Jensen, Winter Track-B
Dave Hennessey, Winter Track-G
Marty Sherman, Wrestling

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
Kevin O'Reilly, President-NYSAAA
Tom McGuire, Ex. Director-Pupil Benefits Plan
Trish Kocialski, NYS Education Department

Standing Committees
Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator
Patti Murphy, Life of an Athlete Co-Cordinator
Thad Lawrence, Life of an Athlete Co-Cordinator
James Rose, Modified Co-Cordinator

Guests
Walter Eaton (Tues.)
Paula Nickerson (11)

A motion to approve the May 2011 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Carboine/Harrica
A motion to approve the June 2011 Central Committee Meeting minutes as amended carried. Maney/Dunnigan
Amendment: The date of the Central Committee Meeting was June 10, 2011.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Mark Ward

• Introduced Karen Lopez, Executive Director of Section 7, who welcomed the group to High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid.
• Through a Power Point presentation, reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2010-2011 school year.
• Reported he had attended 16 State Championships during his first year as President.
• Thanked the sport coordinators, state tournament directors and volunteers for all their work in running great state championships.
• Stated he was honored as the President of the Association to be able to attend the NFHS summer meeting to honor Nina as the outgoing President of the NFHS.
• Stated he has enjoyed the opportunity to serve as President of the Association and looks forward to the next year.
• Congratulated Nina on her leadership in both the NFHS and the Association and thanked her for all she does for the student-athletes.

1st Vice Eileen Troy

• Thanked the sport coordinators, state tournament directors and volunteers for all their work in running great state championships.
• Thanked the Central Committee members for their commitment to student athletes in New York State.
• Reported she had attended several state championships and had the pleasure and honor of working at several of them.
• Thanked the Association for the opportunity to attend the NFHS summer meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
• Congratulated Nina on her leadership in the NFHS and her outstanding speeches given at the NFHS summer meeting.
Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of May through August and presented the following items of interest.

- Thanked the Association and officers for their support during her 4 years on the NFHS Board of Directors and her year as President of the NFHS. She recognized the office staff for keeping the office afloat during her absences.

Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops

- The NYSPHSAA requires all school district athletic directors to attend an annual mandatory NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition.
- Workshops are scheduled in each of the 11 sections along with a workshop at the NYSPHSAA. Athletic directors may attend the workshop that best fits their schedule. If additional school personnel wish to attend the workshops, please contact the Section Executive Director to inquire about available space.
- A list of the dates, times and places of the 2011-2012 workshops was included in the meeting folders.
- The “Protect Your Eligibility” pamphlet will be distributed at the workshops again this year. In addition, the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook Edition #4 will be provided to every high school at no charge.
- She encouraged Sport Coordinators and Section Sport Coordinators to attend the meetings because they are also called upon to interpret our rules and regulations. This way they are up to date with the proper interpretations.

2010-2012 NYSPHSAA Handbook

- The 2011-2012 version of the NYSPHSAA Handbook will be available online.
- The most recent changes are UNDERLINED to indicate the changes that have been made since the printing of the yellow handbook.
- The Handbook will be updated after each NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting so the most current information is available to the membership.

Participation Survey

- As a reminder, the Participation Survey will now be conducted on an annual basis.
- Data is currently being collected to reflect the participation in the interscholastic athletic programs across the state.
- About 40-45% of the schools have completed the survey. When the mandatory athletic director workshop notices are sent out, schools that have not completed the survey will be listed on the notice.

Concussion Management and Awareness Act

- Senator Kemp Hannon has been instrumental in crafting the concussion management legislation. During the course of the year he and Todd Nelson had the opportunity to participate in Senator Hannon’s 15 minute broadcast presentation where he highlighted what the Association had done with concussion management as well as other things the Association does on behalf of student athletes.
- The concussion bill presented by Senator Hannon and Assemblywoman Nolan passed in both houses and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.
- The Association staff is looking forward to working with the Department of Education and Department of Health to develop guidelines for our school districts to follow.
- Since the legislation has passed, numerous brain injury agencies have contacted the Association to ask us to disseminate their information. While we are in support of their efforts, we are reluctant to pass out information to our member schools until we have guidelines in place.

NYSED Response to Concern

- In June, a letter was sent to Commissioner King expressing our concern over the PSAL’s participation in the ESPN Rise National High School Invitational which was an unsanctioned event and in violation of the Commissioner’s Regulations. During a conference call with the leadership of the NYSPHSAA, CHSAA and AIS, Mr. Douglas, Executive Director of the PSAL explained the PSAL’s involvement in the tournament. The Association is satisfied with the action taken by the State Education Department. A copy of Dr. Lawrence Paska’s response was included in the meeting folder.

Cheerleading

- A letter was sent to Commissioner King of the State Education Department regarding the NYSPHSAA’s desire to declare cheerleading a sport. Our Association was congratulated for our leadership and the proactive approach we have taken with cheerleading. A copy of Commissioner King’s response was included in the meeting folder.

Trish Kocialski’s Successor

- As of the meeting, NYSED still had not named Trish Kocialski’s successor. A letter was written to Ken Slentz, Associate Commissioner of Education to express the Association’s concern of the importance of filling the Associate
in Physical Education position prior to the end of August because school districts will have questions dealing with Selection Classification and eligibility.

**NYSPHSAA Championship Pass Policy**
- A subcommittee was formed to develop a policy for a 2 year state association pass and a Lifetime Pass.
- Thanked Paula Nickerson, Dennis O’Brien, Don Scholla and John Rathbun for their assistance in developing a policy for the issuance of NYSPHSAA Lifetime and Two Year Passes.
- The proposed policy was included in the meeting folders.

A motion to approve the establishment of a policy for the issuance of NYSPHSAA two year and Lifetime passes carried.  
Heimer/Redmond

**Conflict of Interest Statement**
- At the December 2009 Executive Committee meeting, the Association adopted a Conflict of Interest policy that calls for all voting members, sport coordinators and approved proxies to fill out and sign.
- The voting members were asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Statement included in the meeting folders and return them to Sandy Schanck.

**Directory Information**
- The 2011-2012 Directory Information form included in the meeting folders needs to be completed and returned by September 1, 2011.

**Central Committee Appointments**
- The following members of the Central Committee have been selected to represent their respective sections for a four year term expiring in 2015:

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**Section Sports Seasons**
A motion to approve the 2011-2012 Section Sports Seasons with the addition of Section 4’s modified dates carried.  
Dunnigan/Harrica

**Going Green Initiative**
- Throughout the year, the NYSPHSAA staff will be making a concerted effort to reduce the amount of paper consumed. We will be eliminating the production of meeting folders beginning with the October NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. If desired, committee members may request a folder to be produced.

**CSIET Advisory List**
- A link to the 2011-2012 Advisory List is available on our website www.nysphsaa.org.

**NFHS Appointments**
- Announced Carl Normandin was recently appointed to the NFHS Coaches Education Committee.

**Football Championship Proposal**
- She reported the Association had received a proposal from Elton McFadden, a Sleepy Hollow graduate, to eliminate all state championship football contests and create one state championship for six football teams from the PSAL, CHSAA, AIS and the PHSAA. Schools would be chosen based on their strength of schedule which would encourage going outside of New York State and playing national powerhouses that would increase scholarship opportunities for football players across the nation. He felt it would also eventually increase New York high school
athletes' representation in the NFL. His rationale for the proposal was it would fight childhood obesity and juvenile delinquency.

- Nina will write a letter to Commissioner King informing him that the Association is adamantly opposed to this proposal.

**Uniform Waiver Clarification**

- Only schools may write a letter to the NYSPHSAA Executive Director to request a waiver of the uniform rule, not Sections. This applies to Varsity teams only.

**Future Meeting Dates**

- **Executive Committee:**
  
  October 23-24, 2011 – Holiday Inn-Wolf Road, Albany
  
  Sunday – 2:30PM to 5:00PM  Monday – 9:00AM to conclusion
  
  January 24, 2012 – Conference Call – 9:00AM
  
  May 4-5, 2012 – Holiday Inn, Lake George

- **Central Committee:**
  
  July 31-August 2, 2012 – Fort William Henry Resort, Lake George (2) (Tuesday-Thursday)
  
  July 29-31, 2013 – Woodcliff Resort and Spa, Fairport (5) (Tuesday-Thursday)

**Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker**

2009-2010 State Championships

- A summary as of July 25, 2011 of the Championship Financial Report and a comparison to previous years was included in the meeting folders.

- Conference Medal/Trophy Co. Replica Plaque program returned $1,020.00 from the sales of 340 replicas of the NYSPHSAA award. Royalties totaling $10,017.00 have been received in the 12 years of this program.

- Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2010-2011 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2011-2012.

2011-2012 State Championships

- A master schedule of dates and sites, as approved by the Executive Committee in December 2010, was included in the meeting folders.

A motion to approve the following 2011-2012 State Championship site changes carried:  

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<td>Shaker High School, Latham (2) – Saturday, March 3, 2012</td>
<td>Valley Bowling Center, Waverly (4)</td>
<td>Whiteface, Mt. Van Hoevenberg, Lake Placid (7) – February 27-28 (Mon.-Tues.)</td>
<td>East Syracuse-Minoa High School (3) – November 18-19 (Fri.-Sat.)</td>
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- A list of 2011-2012 National Exam Dates showing championship date conflicts was included in the meeting folders.

- Future Dates/Sites of state championships planned for 2012-2013 and beyond was included in the meeting folders. An approval vote for the 2012-2013 schedule is scheduled for the January 2012 Executive Committee meeting.

**State Sports Coordinators**

A motion to approve Scott Warner (9) as the Boys Swimming and Diving Assistant State Coordinator effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013 carried.

- State Sports Coordinators with appointments/reappointments scheduled during 2011-2012 are: Girls Tennis, Boys Tennis, Boys Outdoor Track and Field and Boys Golf.

- The annual meeting for the State Sports Coordinators, as required by the NYSPHSAA Constitution, was held as an extension of the Central Committee Group meeting on Wednesday, August 3. The Sports Coordinators manual has been updated and was distributed at this meeting. Copies for Section Executive Directors were also provided. Other copies are available upon request.

**Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

- The Scholar/Athlete Team Award program had concluded its 20th year with record participation totals.

- A list of the Spring 2011 Scholar/Athlete State Champions and award presenters was included in the meeting folders.

- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 16th year of sponsorship, contributing $320,000 towards program costs.

**School of Distinction**

- A list of the 2010-2011 School of Distinction Award Winners was included in the meeting folders.
• Thank you to Lee’s Trophies Co., Schenectady, NY for sponsoring the awards.
• 2011-2012 instructions and application forms are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.
• 2010-2011 Scholar/Athlete and School of Distinction Record Book was available for review at the Central Committee meeting.

**NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**

• 2011-2012 officers are: President: Donal Buckley, CHSAA; Vice President: Bob Stulmaker, PHSAA; Secretary: MJ Quigley, AISAA; Treasurer: Nina Van Erk, PHSAA; and Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton.
• 2011-2012 meeting schedule is as follows: Fall: September 15, 2011; Winter: January 17, 2012; Federation Basketball Planning Meeting: March 23, 2012; Spring: May 14, 2012

**Community Service Challenge**

• There were 16 projects statewide.
• 8 out of 11 Sections submitted a local winner.
• Congratulated the 2011 State Winner - Adirondack Central School District (3).
• 2012 Deadlines: May 1 – Sections; June 1 – NYSPHSAA office
• A special thanks to Murphee Hayes, Athletic Administrator from Whitney Point High School (4) and Student Leadership Advisory Coordinator and the six student leaders for all their hard work in making this program a reality.

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

**Classification of Schools**

• In September, instructions for submitting the High School Building BEDS numbers for all of our member schools will be sent out.
• BEDS day is October 5, 2011.
• Schools are required to send BEDS information to SED by October 29, 2011.
• Section offices will collect the high school building BEDS numbers from all of their member schools and input them into the NYSPHSAA website by November 10, 2011.
• The Association office will review the submissions and will send them back to the Sections for any corrections. In December, President Ward will request a special Executive Committee meeting via phone conference to approve the classification numbers presented for the 2012-2013 school year and to approve any recommendations to change cut-off numbers.

**Cross Country**

• Cross Country has moved from five classes to four classes with the approval of the Championship Philosophy Report. In the past, Cross Country has asked for a variation of the cut-off numbers. The cross country committee and office staff worked together to make the following recommendation for the cut-off numbers for the 2011-2012 season.

**A motion to approve a variation in the classification numbers for Cross Country carried.** Westfall/Redmond

The classification variation numbers are: Class A: 911 and up; Class B: 470 – 910; Class C: 260 – 469; Class D: 259 and below.

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 no; Section 2: 4 yes; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 yes; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 4 no; Section 7: 4 yes; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes. 28 Yes/16 No)

**Championship Gate List**

• During the 2010-2011 school year, the Executive Committee approved that schools participating in semifinal and final contests in team sports would provide a championship gate list which would allow the individuals listed on the form entrance into the contest at no charge and limit them to the spectator area. It also helped identify school photographers and communicate the limitations they had to follow at our events. An average of six (6) individuals was listed on the championship gate list throughout the year. Approximately 75% of the schools did submit a gate list to the Association office. The lists that were submitted to the office were approved and then sent to the championship locations. Schools that do not send in a gate list prior to the championships will not be allowed to have individuals attend the championships at no cost.
• All of the sport coordinators have been contacted and asked for their input. It was recommended that we continue with the championship gates lists for all team sports for the semifinal and final contests with a recommended reduction on the number of individuals allowed on the list from eight (8) to six (6).

**A motion that the Gate List procedures for NYSPHSAA Championships be reduced to six (6) school representatives from eight (8) representatives was defeated.** Staves/Rathbun
A motion to approve continuing the Gate List procedures for all teams sports for the semifinal and final contests with the number of school representatives allowed on the list to remain at eight (8) carried. Harrick/Westfall

Championship Programs

- The “Where Are They Now” feature in the championship programs continues to grow. More former athletes, coaches and officials are submitting biographical material to be included in this new feature. Please encourage individuals that were participants in past championships to visit our website, www.nysphsaa.org, and click on championships to fill out a short biographical survey. We will continue to promote this feature to our member schools and sport committees.
- Also included in all of the spring championships programs was a “NYSPHSAA Photo Gallery”. We will continue to use photos received from our championship photographers from previous championships in this feature.
- “NYSPHSAA Sport Trivia Contest” was another new feature added in the 2011 spring championship program. Each program had three trivia questions specific to that sport. The first individual that emailed all three correct answers to Todd won a championship t-shirt or sweatshirt from our championship vendor. We will continue this feature in all of the championship programs.

NYSPHSAA Coaching Clinics

- Reported he had met with all of the clinic committees in June to finalize all the locations and potential speakers for the coaching clinics for the 2011-2012 school year. The goal is to have all the dates, locations and speakers finalized by the beginning of September.
- All the clinic information will be available on our website. A brochure will be distributed at the mandatory athletic director workshops.
- The committees have agreed to try and rotate most of the clinics from one side of the state to the other on a year to year basis. We hope that this will help athletic directors and coaches to better plan and attend our clinics.
- A tentative schedule for the 2011-2012 Coaches Clinics was included in the meeting folders.

Coaching Education

- The NFHS has done an outstanding job in developing a wide variety of online courses to benefit our coaches, athletes and parents. The quality of the courses is excellent with many national sport governing bodies directly involved with the production and content of the courses.
- He encouraged athletic administrators to visit www.nfhslearn.com to review all the courses and other useful materials available to help improve athletic programs.
- A complete list of courses offered through the NFHS was included in the meeting folders.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences during the months of May through August.

- Spring Championship Programs provided a net loss of $2,580 due to low advertising.
- Championship Programs for 2010-2011 showed a profit of $15,759, due to strong advertising and sales on site.
- Championship Media/Broadcasting.
  - The Association saw revenues of $11,700 for championship radio and internet broadcasts and $26,225 for championship TV broadcasts in 2010-2011.
  - Our partnership with Time Warner Cable and other TV/radio broadcasts brought in $13,925 in revenue for boys and girls lacrosse in the spring.
- Vendor/Souvenir Sales were reviewed for 2006 through 2011. We are continuing to see a steady increase in income for spring and overall annual incomes from souvenir sales.

Online Ticket Sales

- Online ticket sales are going great. The Association doubled its online ticket sales with 1,955 tickets being sold to fans attending tournaments.
- The Association sold 92 online tickets in the spring which generated an extra $92 on top of standard ticket sales for tournaments, thanks to the approval of a $1 convenience fee for online sales at the May 2010 Executive Committee meeting.
- Football generated over 500 online tickets sold. Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving sold close to 300 online tickets each.

Corporate Sponsorships

- Categories for sponsorships (Platinum, Gold, Silver, etc.) are currently being reviewed and researched for changes in the price scale and categorization of a sponsor.
- Naming/title sponsorship rights packages are also being considered and developed for a new sponsorship package.
This will be a Cracker Barrel discussion item. He is eager to hear the results of their discussions.

- **CSEA** – He is currently in productive discussions for a "Silver" sponsorship, upgraded from 2010-2011 "Bronze" sponsorship. This will be the 9th consecutive year CSEA will be sponsoring the NYSPHSAA at the "Bronze" level or higher. We are also in the process of determining the finalists and winner of the 2nd annual Excelsior Award, an award created and presented by NYSPHSAA and CSEA.
- **Holiday Inn** - Our partnership with the Holiday Inn this year has generated approximately $10,000 in sponsorship and advertising revenue from Holiday Inn hotels since September.
- There are eight (8) major corporate sponsorship agreements and 13 "Contributing" sponsorships that expire this month and are currently being pursued for renewals.

**Marketing**

- Radio campaigns were executed for the sports of baseball (Binghamton) and softball (Glens Falls) resulting in more than 150 commercials combined this spring.

**Media**

- Requests for media credentials for all our state tournaments can be done by visiting our website and accessing the online request form.
- Over 700 media credential requests were processed last year.

**Public Relations/Marketing**

- Press releases have been distributed statewide for the following: Sportsmanship Promotion Award winners, Hall of Fame inductions and requests for media credentials for all our state tournaments being available online.
- A copy of the press release announcing the Sportsmanship Promotion Award winners was enclosed in the meeting folders.

**Treasurer Kathy Higle** reviewed the budget highlighting:

- The Association will finish the year with $259K in negative net assets. Short term the Association is in good shape because we have sufficient liquid assets to pay our current obligations. Long term we will need to address paying for future cash outlays, particularly post retirement health benefits.
- Dues revenues were lower due to enrollment numbers falling lower than anticipated.
- Investment income continues to be strong although significant economic variables will continue to impact the values of our securities in these uncertain times.
- Although Championship revenues were estimated at the May Executive Committee meeting to be lower than budget for the year, a strong showing for spring tournaments due to increased souvenir sales reversed that estimate.
- Rulebook sales continue to decrease as schools are ordering less or none at all. In the future, most of these materials will be on-line either on our website or on the site of the rulebook source (NFHS, NCAA, etc.). This will seriously impact our sales and will need to be anticipated.
- The decrease in Sport Clinics revenues was due to the cancelling of two clinics combined with lower profits from the cheerleading clinic.
- Revenue provided by the On-line Coaching Certification Courses remains strong.
- Sponsorships revenue should finish strong due to obtaining additional sponsorships not anticipated when the budget was prepared. Sponsorships are budgeted based only on known contracts.
- The increase in Equipment/Computers/Maintenance/Depreciation was due to additional computer and server expenses.
- The increase in the Post Retirement Health Benefits is due to the calculation to put the Association in full compliance with current IRS mortality tables and addresses issues that our auditors had with this calculation.
- Most committees and programs are projected to be at or below budget due to scaling back activities and/or using conference calling. Ad Hoc committees’ expenses increased due to an increase in Ad Hoc groups this year.
- The 2009-2010 audit has not been completed due to open items resulting from deferred compensation activities. It will be emailed to committee members when it is completed.
- The IRS 990 for 2009-2010 was emailed to committee members prior to its filing on July 15, 2011.

**Counselor Renee James**

- Reported there were no new lawsuits.
- Reported on the postponement of one year of the implementation of academic advantage under the Educational Waiver in the Transfer Appeal Guidelines related to courses that can only be taught in public schools. We are
working with SED to make sure we have a good rule with solid rationale.

- Reported on Immaculate Heart Central's (3) pending lawsuit which involves their classification as a non-public school. She stated the same exact claim of equal protection was brought to the same federal court by the same law firm a few years ago. A twenty-six page decision has been received that granted in part and denied in part our motion to dismiss. One cause of action remains. After discovery is complete, we will move for summary judgment. She will keep us updated. She did note that if we are successful in getting the lawsuit dismissed, we will seek restitution of attorney fees.

- She reported on the lawsuit brought by a soccer official who was removed from the official organization of which he was a member. His claim against the Association states the Association should have been more involved and helped him. A motion to dismiss has been filed on the basis that in the contract we have with the officials, the discipline of an official is dealt with solely by the official's organization.

- Reported she is working on developing a record retention policy, a whistleblower policy and other policies to make the Association stronger in terms of IRS regulations for better business practices.

**Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes**

- Reported the concussion management bill was another great success for the Association and acknowledged the leadership of Nina and Todd. He stated they were able to negotiate with the legislature to protect and include the Association's priorities of Return to Play/Return to Learn protocols which will be gone into more detail with the Advisory Group in which the Association will be a participant.

- Reported there will be much discussion taking place regarding education funding. He will monitor and will provide input to legislators where needed.

- Reported on good news out of the Comptroller's office. In July, the quarterly report showed $800 million over the projected numbers of last year. This was mainly due to the millionaire's tax that still is in effect. He stated if nothing is done about an extension of the tax, there will be lower revenues to deal with. He will continue to monitor.

- Reported he will be working with Senator Lee Zeldin and Assemblyman Steve Englebright, potential sponsors for a uniform policy to provide guidelines to schools to help prevent skin infections, to ensure the Association is included in discussions and that our priorities are protected, specific to the wrestling program.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Transfer Committee** - Jennifer Simmons, Executive Director-Section 1 reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2011 meeting highlighting:

- Each Section representative had the opportunity to review some of the more interesting transfer cases that they dealt with during the course of the year.

- The coordinators were asked how their Sections reacted to the possibility of including students that have been selectively classified in the Transfer Rule. The rationale indicated that these students have entered into the high school athletic program. The NYSED Duration of Competition Regulation begins for these students, why shouldn't the Transfer Rule? The coordinators asked that their thoughts be shared with the Handbook Committee.

- The coordinators asked Nina to seek advice from NYSED regarding how courses are approved by the department. The committee recommended some changes to the forms used for waivers. Nina will make those changes and share the revised forms with the coordinators, Section Executive Directors and Athletic Administrators and then forward on to the Handbook Committee.

**Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Committee** - Section 1 Executive Director Jen Simmons reviewed the minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting highlighting:

- Each Section representative shared the process used in classifying their nonpublic and Charter schools.

- The committee recommended that they review the process of the classification of nonpublic and Charter schools to ensure consistency statewide for a competitive balance and appropriate placement. Each Section needs to be consistent with the data that is reviewed such as where the students have entered 9th grade, number of transfers and post season success.

- The NYSPHSAA staff will provide a list of nonpublic schools to the committee. Included in this list will be the classification of the school by sport according to their BDES numbers. The committee members will forward to Nina the forms used by their Section so that one form can be developed for the committee's consideration.
• The role of the committee will be reviewed to determine if there is a need to make the committee a Standing Committee for the future. Section 2 agrees that it should become a Standing Committee.
• The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 10:30AM.

A motion to enter into Executive Session on Wednesday, August 3 at 1:33PM for legal and personnel issues for the purpose of the contractual obligation to Nina Van Erk carried. Harrica/Carboine

A motion to end the Executive Session at 2:06PM and resume the Central Committee meeting carried. Harrica/DeCillis

President Ward resumed the Central Committee meeting at 2:11PM.

Strategic Planning Committee – Steve Broadwell, 2nd Vice President
• Reviewed the final report of the 5 year Strategic Plan that will go through 2016.
• Thanked all those who served on the Committee.
• Jim Dunnigan (6) congratulated the Committee on their work.
A motion to approve the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan carried. McDonald/Greene

SPORT COORDINATORS
• Swimming/Diving – Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving State Coordinator and Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator presented the Swimming/Diving Committees recommendations for a protocol for athletes to qualify for the Swimming/Diving State Championships and qualifying times for the 2011-2012 State Championships.
A motion to approve the Swimming and Diving Protocol to Qualify for the NYSPHSAA State Championship carried. A motion to approve the Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying Times for the 2011-2012 State Championship carried. Hemstead/Greene

• Wrestling – Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s recommendations to add language to the Certification Waiver process, follow the new NFHS weight classes and the minimum weights for Selectively Classified Wrestlers.
A motion to approve the additional language when a wrestler comes out for the team after the team’s certification day carried. “A wrestler cannot begin practice until the waiver is approved. The approval date of the waiver starts the 14-day clock for certification.” Murphy/Biork
A motion to approve the new NFHS Wrestling Weight Classes with the addition of the 99 lb. weight class carried. The weight classes are: 99, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285. Westfall/Castellani
A motion to approve Selectively Classified athletes must weigh in excess of: 91 lbs. for 99 lb. weight class, 96 lbs. for 106 lb. weight class, 185 lbs. for 220 lb. weight class and 110 lbs. for 285 lb. weight class carried. Students in grades 9-12 do not have to make minimum weight. Jenkins/Ryan-Curry

• Boys Volleyball – Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s request to add language to the NCAA Rule 2.1.2 Net Height.
A motion to approve the addition of the following language to NCAA Rule 2.1.2 Net Height: For boys competition, the height of the net from the center of court is 7’11 5/8” carried. Bullis/Maney

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT
Section 1: Voiced a concern regarding baseball and the minimum number of required practices. They feel there is some inconsistency or confusion between the practices for batters and pitchers and would like the Safety Committee to look at it. This issue will be on the agenda of the Safety Committee’s meeting in October.
Section 2: Stated at the pre-meeting of the Central Committee it was discussed and agreed by most of the committee members that the Fiscal Concerns Committee should be re-established in light of what is happening in Albany and the economic times. Section 2 is strongly in favor of this. They suggested that the Association be creative to find ways to save money for member schools and the Association but not at the expense of the kids.
Section 3: Voiced a concern from their Section Riflery Coordinator who is requesting the elimination of block timing and the return to separate timing in the Riflery Championship. In block timing, kids are moving in different positions and could be creating a safety issue. In separate timing, it’s a controlled start and finish. A conference call with the Rifle Committee
to discuss and review this issue will be scheduled.

Section 5: Voiced a concern with school mergers. They feel when a merger is requested, the Classification Committee should review them rather than blending numbers to the higher classification. This issue will be added to the agenda of the Classification Committee meeting scheduled for the end of August.

Section 8: Voiced a concern with the Wrestling Weight Certification Handbook where it states the fee per wrestler charged by the Assessor is $6 or $8. They would like the wording changed to the fee charged by the assessor is to be determined by the Section as it costs their Section and Section 11 between $15,000 to $20,000 a year for three Saturdays for the assessors.

A motion to approve in the Wrestling Weight Certification Handbook, the fee per wrestler charged by the Assessor will be determined by the Section carried. Heimer/Cinelli

Section 9: Asked if shirts were secured by a sponsor for the Cross Country Championships. This was brought up at a previous Executive Committee meeting and they were wondering if anything had happened. Joe Altieri and Chuck Wiltse are still working with potential sponsors.

Section 11: Stated they have many AA schools that have two JV teams and because of budget cut backs, many of these schools cut back and lost their second level JV program. One of their athletic directors asked if there is any possibility for extended playing time similar to the modified level for these JV teams. They asked if other Sections have a similar concern on ways to give athletes on large squads extra playing time. Nina stated the staff would work with the Sections who are interested in developing a proposal to be presented to the Executive Committee at their October meeting.

SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS CONCERNS AND INPUT

- Reported they will continue with the monthly conference calls with Nina so if there are concerns within the Section, please let your Section Executive Director know so that they can be brought up at the conference call.
- A suggestion for the mandatory athletic directors’ workshops was to utilize the “Frequently Asked Questions” booklet by using some of the questions as scenarios in a video conference.
- Reported in an effort to reduce expenditures for some Sections, Nina has helped coordinate putting awards, plaques and medals out to bid.
- Reported the group was in favor of implementing a moratorium on the purchase of new uniforms or any expenditure that is going to affect individual school districts.

A motion to establish a moratorium for five (5) years for Sections to be able to submit letters for all their schools regarding a uniform rule change was defeated. Heimer/McDonald

- Nina will compile a list of uniform rule changes that we have waived and that are expected in the next two years for the October Executive Committee meeting.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2011-2012 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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John Jay Cross River & North Salem
West Lake, Pleasantville, Briarcliff & Valhalla
Ardsley & Hastings
Lakeland & Walter Panas

Clarkstown North & Clarkstown South

Beacon & Haldane
Croton & Hendrick Hudson
Sleepy Hollow, Irvington & Edgemont
Haldane & Garrison
Dodson, #29 & Pulaski
Fermi & Pearls

All Yonker Schools

Dodson & #29
Mount Vernon, Thornton & Mandella
Fermi, Pearls, Yonkers Middle & #32
Riverside, Gorton & Lincoln
#15 & #32

#5, #23 & Scholastic

Valhalla, Pleasantville, Byram Hills, Westlake & Briarcliff
Lakeland, Walter Panas & Putnam Valley
Pleasantville, Westlake, Valhalla & Briarcliff
Roy C. Ketcham & John Fay East Fishkill

Harrison, Blind Brook & Rye Neck
Eastchester, Bronxville & Tuckahoe
Sleepy Hollow & Irvington
Croton & Hendrick Hudson
Hawthorne Cedar Knolls & Linden Hill
Somers & North Salem
John Jay Cross River & North Salem

Putnam Valley & JFK

Wrestling
G. Swimming
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B/G Cross Country
Wrestling
B/G Indoor Track
Ice Hockey
Gymnastics
B/G Lacrosse
B. Golf
Track/Field
B/G Swimming
Gymnastics
Fencing
B/G Bowling
B/G Skiing
G. Golf
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Football (Mod.)
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B/G Tennis
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Wrestling (V)
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All Programs
Wrestling (Mod.)
B/G Indoor Track
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Baseball (Mod.)
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Dover & Pawling
Berlin & New Lebanon
Canajoharie & Fort Plain

Colonie & Shaker
Doane Stuart & Rensselaer
Gloversville & Mayfield
Guilderland & Voorheesville
Hudson Falls & South Glens Falls

Johnstown & Fonda-Fultonville
Johnstown & Wheelerville

Mohonasen & Schalmont
Mohonasen & Guilderland
Niskayuna & Schenectady

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Westhill & Bishop Ludden
Morrisville-Eaton & Hamilton

Henninger & Nottingham
Corcoran, Fowler & ITC

Henninger & Nottingham
Fabius-Pompey & LaFayette
Alexandria, Lafargeville & Hammond
Rome Catholic & Notre Dame

Corcoran, Fowler, Henninger, ITC & Nottingham

Fayetteville-Manlius & Jamesville-Dewitt
Utica Proctor & Notre Dame
Corcoran & ITC

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Greece Christian School & Northstar Christian School
CG Finney School & Northstar Christian School

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Oracle Charter School & Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School
Maritime & Tapestry

Ripley & Sherman
Allegany-Limestone, Portville & Clean
West Valley & Pioneer
Westfield & Ripley

Ellicottville & Franklinville
Sweet Home & Amherst
MST @ Seneca, Performing Arts, OTC, City Honors & Riverside

Ice Hockey
B/G Swimming (V, JV, Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Swimming (V, JV, Mod.)
Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)

Ice Hockey (V)
B. Soccer (V)

B/G Swimming (V)
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B. Swimming (V)

Swimming (Mod.)
Ice Hockey (V)

B/G Swimming/Diving (V)
B. Soccer (Mod.)
Football (Mod.)
Wrestling (Mod.)

G. Swimming/Diving (V)
Ice Hockey (V)

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B/G Cross Country (V)
B. Cross Country (V, Mod.)
Football (V, Mod.)
B. Cross Country (V)

G. Tennis (V)
B/G Cross Country (V)
G. Soccer (JV)
G. Tennis (V)

G. Cross Country (V)
Football (V, Mod.)
Football (V, Mod.)

Football (V)
B. Soccer (V, Mod.)
B. Golf (V)
G. Soccer (V)

G. Swimming/Diving (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)

G. Gymnastics (V)
B. Soccer (V, JV)

All Modified Sports

Football (V)

B. Soccer
B. Soccer

G. Volleyball
Football (V, JV)

B. Swimming
Field Hockey
Cross Country

Wrestling
G. Swimming
G. Ice Hockey

Football
Emerson, Leonardo da Vinci & Hutch Tech
Olmsted & Bennett
Burgard & Bennett

OTC & Emerson

AuSable Valley & Keene
Seton Catholic & Northern Adirondack
Minerva & Newcomb
Lake Pleasant & Wells
Indian Lake & Long Lake
Plattsburgh & Willsboro
Lake Placid, AuSable Valley & Tupper Lake
Lake Placid & AuSable Valley
Plattsburgh & Lake Placid

Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian Academy

Roosevelt (F.D.R.) & Rhinebeck
Roosevelt (F.D.R.) & Millbrook
Roosevelt (F.D.R.) & Highland
Fallsburg & Tri-Valley

Roscoe & Livingston Manor

Marlboro & Highland

Norwood-Norfolk & Potsdam
Heuvelton, Morristown & Ogdensburg Free Academy

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Madrid-Waddington, Colton-Pierrepont, Hermon-DeKalb, Lisbon & Canton

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G. Soccer
G. Volleyball
G. Volleyball
B. Soccer

G. Swimming (V)
Football (V, Mod.)
All Interscholastic Sports
All Modified Sports (as needed)
All Sports/All Levels
B. Ice Hockey (V)
G. Ice Hockey
B. Ice Hockey
G. Gymnastics

Field Hockey (All Levels)
G. Volleyball (All Levels)
B/G Cross Country (All Levels)
B/G Soccer (All Levels)
Wrestling (All Levels)
B/G Indoor Track (All Levels)
B/G Basketball (All Levels)
Softball (All Levels)
Baseball (All Levels)
Football (All Levels)
G. Swimming (V)
B. Swimming (V)
B/G Alpine Skiing (V)
B/G Tennis (V)
Football (All Levels)
G. Soccer (All Levels)
B. Soccer (V)
Baseball (All Levels)
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B/G Cross Country (V)
B/G Basketball (All Levels)
B/G Winter Track (V)
Softball (All Levels)
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G. Swimming (V)

Football (V, JV, Mod.)
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B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
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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).

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. (Exppiring August 2013). DeCillis/Jenkins

Section 1
Rye Country Day School
Cedar Street
Rye, NY 10580
Grades 7-12

Section 5
St. Mary's School
16 Gibson Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424
Grades 7-8

Section 6
Catholic Academy of the Holy Family
1135 North Main Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
Grades 7-8

NEW MEMBERS
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. O'Brien/Maney

Section 3
Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Academy
2656 Warner Road
Warner, NY 13164
Grades 7-12

Section 5
University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men
180 Raines Park
Rochester, NY 14613
Grades 7-8

Section 5
Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School
938 Clifford Avenue
Rochester, NY 14621
Grades 7-8

Section 5
Rochester Academy Charter School
841 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611
Grades 7-11

Section 5
Genesee Country Christian School
4120 Long Point Road
Geneseo, NY 14454
Grade 7
ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES

**Budget Committee.** 1st Vice President Eileen Troy reviewed the 2011-12 budget passed at the May 2011 Executive Committee meeting.

- Reported the Association is moving forward to explore alternative ways to assess dues to our member schools in order to keep the schools expenses down and still meet the needs of the Association.

A motion to approve a two year freeze on the dollar amount paid for dues for 2011-2012 for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years carried.  

**Life of an Athlete.** Patti Murphy and Thad Lawrence, Co-Chairs

- Patti thanked the Executive Committee for approving Thad as a co-chair of the committee.
- Thanked Section 4 for supporting her to attend the chemical update training at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. Each Section representative will receive the updated information from the training session for distribution to their member schools.
- Reported a cardiologist specializing in risk factors for heart disease and sports medicine had contacted her. The cardiologist is interested in how to better prevent sudden death in young competitive athletes. She would like to find out the procedures for sport physicals and updates and has developed a survey to help in her research.
- Thad reported a group of six schools in Section 3 will be meeting this fall to look at a league wide Code of Conduct. He will keep us updated.
- He reported a future initiative will be to look at holding webinars to get information out on hot topics and updates related to chemical awareness.
- Reported the newest study on sleep and recovery by the Stamford Sleep Studies was included in the meeting folders.
- Their next meeting is scheduled in October via conference call.

**Handbook Committee.** Robbie Greene, Coordinator, presented the report.

- Reported the committee discussed the inclusion of Selectively Classified students in the Transfer Rule. Feedback was requested from the Executive Committee and the Section Transfer Coordinators.

A motion to add the following language to the Transfer Rule was defeated. Castellani/Bjork

Transfer Rule – b. “A student who transfers without a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) is ineligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic contest in a particular sport for a period of one (1) year if as a 9-12 grade student participated in that sport, or as a student in grade 7-8 who participated in that sport at the high school level through the Selection Classification process during the one (1) year period immediately preceding his/her transfer.”

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 4 no; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 4 no; Section 11: 4 abstentions. 20 Yes/20 No. The President cast a vote of No.)

- The committee also discussed the Academic Advancement Hardship rule change. The implementation of this change was delayed by one year by the Executive Committee. The Transfer Coordinators will be meeting in the fall to discuss this matter.
- The committee discussed clarifying the language in the appeal procedure to ensure the administrative remedies are exhausted at the Section level before an appeal can be made to the NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel.

A motion to approve the following change to letter b. of the Appeal Procedure carried. Staves/Heimer

“Appeals from the decisions of league presidents and section presidents shall be made to the Athletic Council or its designated appeal panel which will review the evidence, may hear arguments, and shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decisions of the league or section president.”

- The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 10:00AM via conference call.

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Jim Tolle, Chairperson, presented the report.

- Reported the committee met on Thursday, July 14, 2011 via conference call and reviewed and discussed the following:
  - Cross Country – 4 class variation in numbers by Section as per the Championship Philosophy Committee’s recommendation.
• The protocol for athletes to qualify for the State Swimming and Diving Championships as per the Championship Philosophy Committee’s recommendation.
• The 2011 Qualifying Standards for the Girls Swimming and Diving Championships that were approved at the May 2011 Executive Committee meeting.
• The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 9:30AM.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report highlighting the following:

Concussion Management
• In June 2011, the New York State Senate and Assembly each passed the “Concussion Management and Awareness Act”. As of July 2011, Governor Cuomo had not signed the bill into law. When the bill is signed it will go into effect on July 1, 2012. Highlights of the bill are:
  • NYS Education Department and the Department of Health will develop rules and regulations that public schools will have to follow regarding concussions. The NYSPHSAA will be part of an advisory group that will have input regarding those rules and regulations.
  • A course of instruction on concussion management will be required to be completed by all coaches, physical education teachers, nurses and athletic trainers on a biennial basis. The course will include a definition of concussions, signs and symptoms of a concussion, how those injuries occur, practices for prevention and guidelines for return to school and play.
  • The Department of Health and SED will post information on their website regarding concussion management. Schools will be required to provide similar information to all parents and players.
  • Student athletes will be required to be removed from athletic activities if there is a suspected concussion. No student will be able to resume any athletic activity until symptom free for no less than 24 hours. In order to begin athletic activity, the student must have a written and signed authorization from a licensed physician.
  • Each school district will be authorized to develop a concussion management team. The team may be composed of the athletic director, school nurse, school physician, a coach, athletic trainer and other appropriate personnel.

Minimum Weight Certification Program
• We have been working with the National Wrestling Coaches Association over the past two seasons to have results posted on their website through the Optimal Performance Calculator. During this time, we explored the option of directly posting our results from the minimum weight certification program onto their website. Details have been worked out with the NWCA and we would like to proceed with posting the data results from our minimum weight certification program onto the NWCA website. The only change we will have to make is each assessor will have to take three measurements at each one of the skin fold sites. The current process only required a third measurement if the first two measurements had a difference of .5 or greater.

A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Advisory Committee’s recommendation requiring a third measurement to all skin fold sites and to input the data using Optimal Performance Calculation on the NWCA website carried. Westfall/Harrica

Wrestling Skin Infection Form
• The NFHS has changed the language of their skin infection rule to read “designated on-site meet appropriate health care provider”. The Wrestling Committee, Wrestling Advisory Committee and the Safety Committee all recommend that a note be added to our skin infection form that states “For NYSPHSAA member schools an appropriate health care provider is defined as a licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.”

A motion to approve the use of the amended Wrestling Communicable Skin Disease Form to include “For NYSPHSAA member schools an appropriate health care provider is defined as a licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner” carried. Jenkins/Scholla

Early Season Climate Acclimatization
• During the NFHS Summer Meeting in Philadelphia, he attended a workshop on early season acclimatization for student athletes. With many practices beginning in the middle of August, prevention of heat related illnesses should be addressed by all athletic administrators, coaches, athletic trainers, players and parents. A list of steps to provide a safe and productive practice that coaches and players can take to prevent heat related illnesses was included in the meeting folders.

NYSPHSAA Heat Index Procedures
• Reminded that the Heat Index Procedures can be found on the Association’s website.
**Modified Committee.** James Rose, Co-Coordinator, presented the report.

- The committee met on October 15, 2010 and April 1, 2011.
- Reported the Modified Committee’s presentation “Cutting Costs, Not Modified Programs” at the NYSSAA Conference was very well attended.
- Reviewed items approved during the 2010-2011 year:
  - Beth Starkoli was approved as the Modified Girls Lacrosse Sport Coordinator
  - In Modified Baseball and Softball the “mercy rule” was approved.
  - In Modified Boys and Girls Volleyball with Sectional/League approval, the service line may be moved into the court, at a distance not to exceed 2 meters from the regulation service line.
  - In Modified Boys and Girls Soccer the requirement of a goalie helmet has been eliminated.
  - An editorial change was approved regarding wrestling weight classes to the Modified Wrestling Game Rule #1 (Program 1), sentence 3.
  - An editorial change was approved to the Modified Extended Playing Time Rule.

_A motion to approve_ Section V early start dates for Modified Football be August 29, 2011, Wayne County Winter I Boys Modified Basketball be October 24, 2011 and Livingston County Winter I Girls Modified Basketball and Wrestling be October 24, 2011 carried. **Murphy/Lally**

- Reported there is a need for a Modified Girls Gymnastics sport coordinator. Please let him or Nina know if anyone is interested.
- At the Fall 2011 Modified Meeting, there will be discussion and possible action of the use of the 3-point shot rule in Modified Boys and Girls Basketball which is not used at the modified level at this time.
- The Modified Committee will meet on Friday, October 14, 2011 and Friday, March 30, 2012 in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Officials Coordinating Federation.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- At the OCF meeting held May 1, 2011 in Syracuse, the following proposed change to Step 3 (Arbitration) of the Grievance Procedure in the Officials Agreement was presented. “The Arbitration Panel will consist of three (3) members: one (1) representative from NYSPHSAA, one (1) representative from the Officials and an Arbitrator from the American Arbitration Association. If the issue(s) concern a grievance of any nature, the appeal party will remit a filing fee of $200 prior to the convening of the committee and any fee required by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) will be split equally between both parties.”
- The OCF will vote on this proposal at the October 23, 2011 meeting.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

**Sportsmanship Promotion Award**

- Congratulated the schools who received the Sportsmanship Promotion Award banner at the Central Committee Annual Banquet: Middletown City School District (9), Briarcliff Manor UFSD (1) and the Rochester City Athletic Council (5).
- Congratulated the Section Plaque Award winners. These schools will be presented their award in the fall at a Section meeting.

**Hazing Webinar**

- The NYSPHSAA will be hosting a hazing webinar for all athletic directors, coaches and players at the beginning of each sport season. This webinar will define what hazing is, the signs of hazing activities, how these activities can impact a team, school and community and alternative team building activities that teams can use during the season. The webinar is scheduled from 11AM to 1PM on the following dates:
  - August 24th (https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/817890256)
  - August 31st (https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/216614432)
  
  Interested individuals will have to register for the webinar by using the above links for the day they wish to attend. Todd will send out emails as a reminder. Please contact Todd at the Association office if you have any questions.

**Sportsmanship Brochure**

- The Sportsmanship Committee will be discussing and developing a sportsmanship brochure that can be distributed to all member schools. The Committee will offer the best practices to help promote positive sportsmanship and activities that should be avoided that may cause negative sportsmanship.
• Any athletic director or school official who has ideas for the brochure is encouraged to contact their Section sportsmanship representative who will bring the suggestions to the meeting in October. A copy of the brochure will be presented to the Executive Committee at their October meeting.

Citizenship Through Athletics Course
• Todd will be reviewing and updating the Citizenship Through Athletics course this fall.
• The Association will offer an on-line Citizenship Through Athletics training course that is tentatively planned for early February. We will utilize our Go To Training capabilities to offer the course to member schools. We will be able to host up to 25 individuals to take the course at one time. If the need arises, we will offer multiple sessions of the course. Once the date is finalized, registration information will be distributed to all athletic directors.

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

Ed Dopp, Baseball; William Higgins, Boys Basketball; Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball; Wayne Inman, Boys Bowling; Kathy Ferreri, Girls Bowling; Charles Wiltse, Boys Cross Country; Marbry Gansie, Girls Cross Country; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey; Richard Cerone, Football; Rose Bronchetti, Girls Golf; Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey; Tom Hall, Boys Lacrosse; Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse; Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Charles Goehring, Girls Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming/Diving; Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving; Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis; Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis; Donald Sauer, Boys Track & Field; Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field; Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball; Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball; Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track; David Hennessey, Girls Winter Track; Marty Sherman, Wrestling.

A motion to approve all Sport Coordinator reports with commendation carried. Wendt/O'Brien

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Trish Kocialski

Revision of Selection & Classification
• The guidance document is in revision and will be getting a major overhaul. Some of the items currently under consideration for revision are: SED Waivers (notice of all successful athletes to league/section and SED); Athletic Performance Tests; separate packets and checklists for the Director of PE/Athletics and School Medical Officers to ensure the steps to be taken are completed; elimination/consolidation of some forms and renaming the process to Advanced Athletic Placement.

Guidance document for Eligibility Extension for Students with Disabilities
• This document should be out of the Office of Counsel soon and ready for posting on the PE website. Once it is on the website, SED will notify the NYSPHSAA, NYSAAA and NYSAPRDRD to alert districts that it is available. It is hoped to also be noted in the News & Notes that are sent to all superintendents.

Guidance document for elementary physical education
• This document should also be out of Counsel's office soon. The same procedure will be followed when it is available on the PE website.

TEACH System
• Reported the Office of Teaching Initiatives is at least a month behind due to several retirements, a decrease in personnel and the mass of newly graduated teachers. She reviewed steps that can be done to ensure temporary coaching licenses and permanent coaching licenses are issued on time.

Online Course Credit
• The Board of Regents has approved the use of online course work for making up failed course work and for achieving course credit. There are specific parameters that must be in place to use the online courses. The only way online can be used for physical education is in a blended online course. Handouts for these parameters were included in the meeting folders.

Other
• Stated a letter will be sent to all Superintendents and Athletic Directors regarding Athletic Trainers scope of duties. It will be posted on the SED website on the Physical Education page.
• Thanked the NYSPHSAA for their support and stated that she has enjoyed all the work she's done with us.
• On behalf of the Association, Nina presented Trish with a clock as a token of our appreciation.
Contact Information
- Interim SED contact information for Physical Education/Athletics and Health Education: Curriculum and Instruction at emscurric@mail.nysed.gov or Darryl Daily ddaily@mail.nysed.gov

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Kevin O'Reilly, President
- Announced Call for Proposals for the 30th NYSAAA Conference are on their website. An email was sent out to their Chapter Reps to disseminate within the chapters.
- The dates for the annual conference are March 13-16, 2012. The conference theme is “Quality is Everyone’s Responsibility”.
- Reported the 2012 NYSAAA Conference Program and format will be changing as a result of feedback received from attendees, as well as due to the economy. The conference has been streamlined into a Wednesday through Friday format. The conference format has been totally restructured including changing the Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet to Thursday and the Dave Marten Awards Luncheon to Friday. The program will conclude with a General Session with NYSPHSAA Executive Director Nina Van Erk, CAA, followed by the annual meeting and Chapter door prizes. The new format can be referenced under the “Conference” drop down menu on their website. More information will be forthcoming as we finalize speakers and workshop topics.
- The NIAAA Conference will be held in Indianapolis on Friday, December 9 to Tuesday, December 13.
- Check the NYSSA website, www.nysaaa.org for all pertinent information.

NYS Coaches Association. Mike Simon
- Announced future initiatives include also going green and developing a website.

GROUP MEETING REPORTS

CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICERS & SECTION PRESIDENTS. Ray Castellani
How will the tax cap affect the interscholastic athletic program? What proactive measures could the NYSPHSAA take to assist schools?
- Only way to make up difference in tax issue will be to make cuts. Choices will be between academic programs and extra-curricular activities.
- Recognize that adult supervised opportunities are a must to continue.
- What are other states doing that have gone to a tax cap with regards to athletics?
- Much discussion on merging of programs for financial issues as opposed to opportunity issues.
- There will be a direct impact on classification issues.
- Establish a committee on political actions. Be active as an Association in lobbying.
- Develop a position paper.

Should the NYSPHSAA officers be voting members of the Executive Committee and Central Committee?
- Have questions regarding the need. Would like to see what some of the alternatives/issues would be.
- More information is needed.
- Should the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing the constitution get more information and logistics on this?
- Had some concerns regarding the possible unbalancing of votes by Sections. Would not have the balance we now have with 22 and 44 members.

The NYSPHSAA is planning on creating short video presentations on various rules and topics to be accessed from the Association website by athletic administrators and coaches. What rules or topics would you like to see covered?
- Transfer Rule, mergers, foreign exchange students, advanced athletic placement, extended eligibility.
- Introduction to the Association such as who are we and what do we do.
- Political action – what could we do better as a school district or Association regarding political action.

Should the NYSPHSAA pursue title sponsorship of our championship events?
- Need more information
- Know that we need to create more revenue and more opportunity and this would be a way but at what cost?
- Would like to hear what other States are doing so we could get a better idea.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
- Orientation for new members and superintendents so they have a better idea what we do.
PRINCIPALS. Jim Dunnigan

How will the tax cap affect the interscholastic athletic program? What proactive measures could the NYSPHSAA take to assist schools?

- Will undeniably impact interscholastic athletics.
- Each district will address their financial situations differently but we can all be assured that continued reductions in expenditures and programs will be requested.
- Need to be creative in how we design our programs for survival.
- The NYSPHSAA can assist by sharing the best practices of creative scheduling and possibly consolidations from different district and Sections across the State.

Should the NYSPHSAA officers be voting members of the Executive Committee and Central Committee?

- In many organizations members of the Executive committees are part of the legislative process, as is the case in most Sections.
- Whereas potential territorialism could exist through this practice, we are confident that our elected officers are beyond such politics and would support this movement.
- It would align us more closely to federal regulations of an incorporated 501 (c) (3) organization

The NYSPHSAA is planning on creating short video presentations on various rules and topics to be accessed from the Association website by athletic administrators and coaches. What rules or topics would you like to see covered?

- Strongly support this concept.
- The videos should address basic issues that may confront new athletic administrators, currently developing issues, as well as best practices.

Should the NYSPHSAA pursue title sponsorship of our championship events?

- As many districts and schools have followed past practice of not endorsing private enterprise in the school, the harsh reality is that revenues are necessary from these sources.
- The hope is that the monies provided to the State for championships would, in some manner, filter down as a savings at the local level.
- One concept presented was the elimination of state championships and focus on highlighting achievements at the local level, therefore removing the need to generate massive funds for state competitions.
- Overall, the group supports title sponsorship for championship events.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

- The group felt strongly that communication and support from the Association is fantastic and supports continued development as technology advances.
- Other ideas the Association might consider:
  - Invite new Principals and Superintendents to the mandatory AD Workshops.
  - Issue weekly e-mail to new Ads, either directly or through Sections, about common pitfalls or seasonal concerns.
  - Encourage representatives at all levels to share the monthly reports with their constituents as they meet (i.e., County Principals meetings, Superintendents meetings, etc.) to heighten awareness of athletic issues and programs.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES. Julie Maney

How will the tax cap affect the interscholastic athletic program? What proactive measures could the NYSPHSAA take to assist schools?

- Discussed looking at local control to see what things could be managed in their Sections to help with the tax cap.
- Concerned with non-mandated program cuts, the 2% tax cap limits programs such as the bona fide student not being able to fulfill their graduation requirements.
- Look at the language of the modified sports standards in terms of play days and clinics where more teams could come to one localized site rather than cutting programs.

Should the NYSPHSAA officers be voting members of the Executive Committee and Central Committee?

- The group was not in favor.

The NYSPHSAA is planning on creating short video presentations on various rules and topics to be accessed from the Association website by athletic administrators and coaches. What rules or topics would you like to see covered?

- Transfer Rule, extended eligibility, sanctioning, advanced placement athlete, “We Are High School” introduction, coaching certification and TEACH System, sportsmanship, dealing with difficult parents with a possible link to the NFHS training.
Should the NYSPHSAA pursue title sponsorship of our championship events?
- They would be interested in the legal opinion on sponsorships.
- Should be for all sports—gender equity.
- Concerned that some school districts are not be allowed to do this and may have a conflict with the Association seeking this when they’re not able to have the same opportunity.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
- Felt the Albany Office Report and online communication has been great.
- Would like to receive the information that Kevin Banes shares with the Association on a more frequent basis, possibly through a list serve.
- Requested at the AD workshops to promote the 50% scrimmage rule for modified sports because of the negativity that has been received.

SECTION SECRETARIES/TREASURERS. Bob Thabet
How will the tax cap affect the interscholastic athletic program? What proactive measures could the NYSPHSAA take to assist schools?
- May have a major impact on the eligibility of seniors who do not have access to elective courses to make them full time students who can compete in athletics.
- Will delay budget development for Sections until after school district votes in May.
- Since we don’t yet know the full impact of the tax cap, the Association needs to work with Sections to closely monitor the tax cap impact.

Should the NYSPHSAA officers be voting members of the Executive Committee and Central Committee?
- Not at this time.
- We need a rationale for why this is good and necessary.

The NYSPHSAA is planning on creating short video presentations on various rules and topics to be accessed from the Association website by athletic administrators and coaches. What rules or topics would you like to see covered?
- The group felt this was a great idea.
- The topics they would like to see covered: An explanation of common rules violations and possible penalties, Frequently Asked Questions and common sense and plain language explanation of insurance coverage as there has been some difficulty in obtaining Certificates of Insurance for All-Star Contests.

Should the NYSPHSAA pursue title sponsorship of our championship events?
- Felt that it should be explored and then give a clear explanation of the benefits and how money is to be used.
- How would it legally affect the Association, its member schools and athletes?

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
- Give a thorough review of NYSPHSAA budget items.
- Have Assistant Directors attend league meetings to meet and interact with athletic directors and sport coordinators at the league level.

PAST PRESIDENTS. Pat Pizzarelli
How will the tax cap affect the interscholastic athletic program? What proactive measures could the NYSPHSAA take to assist schools?
- Suggested asking coaches and sport coordinators how they feel they can cut back expenses.

Should the NYSPHSAA officers be voting members of the Executive Committee and Central Committee?
- Not in favor. An officer vote would give an additional vote to a Section.

The NYSPHSAA is planning on creating short video presentations on various rules and topics to be accessed from the Association website by athletic administrators and coaches. What rules or topics would you like to see covered?
- Felt it was a cost issue. If there is no cost involved, then go for it.
- Already videos available through the NFHS.
- Many of the rules and topics are covered at the mandatory athletic director workshops.

Should the NYSPHSAA pursue title sponsorship of our championship events?
- They felt it should be looked into as long as it reads “The NYSPHSAA (sport) Championships, sponsored by (sponsor’s name).”

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
- They felt the Association has done a great job over the past few years communicating with member schools.
SPORTS COORDINATORS. Mike Andrew
How will the tax cap affect the interscholastic athletic program? What proactive measures could the NYSPHSAA take to assist schools?

- It was felt the tax cap as imposed is a decrease in available funds for each school district in each succeeding year of its implementation. A cap will reduce the amount of dollars that schools have at their disposal as they struggle to meet their mandated and contractual obligations year after year. The choice of whether to cut educational programs or extracurricular activities will put sports in immediate jeopardy. Teams, sports and programs are already being eliminated in anticipation of what is to come.
- It was suggested that costs could be cut if the requirement of six contests to participate in post sectionals were lowered to three required contests in individual sports.
- It was felt that over time, a reduction in programs would impact classifications and percentages used to determine championships.
- It was felt that the modified programs would be impacted the most; they would be the first to be cut.

Should the NYSPHSAA officers be voting members of the Executive Committee and Central Committee?
- It was felt that where all members of the Central Committee must answer to their Sections concerning any vote they might make, elected officers would have no accountability for their votes.
- It was felt that officers voting would constitute an additional vote for their home section.
- They were informed that there are IRS ramifications to consider.
- Felt there was more information needed from an ad hoc committee.
- A vote taken to deny the right for officers to be voting members was defeated.

The NYSPHSAA is planning on creating short video presentations on various rules and topics to be accessed from the Association website by athletic administrators and coaches. What rules or topics would you like to see covered?
- Sportsmanship, Code of Conduct and policies to be followed, security at state championships, transfer rule, commitment to compete issues, advanced athletic placement, frequently asked questions, hazing, concussions and serious injuries, with more education on return to play protocol.

Should the NYSPHSAA pursue title sponsorship of our championship events?
- Questions were asked as to how much control would a corporate sponsor have, could they dictate to us?
- Recognize the need for outside financial help as a way to generate income.
- Agreed that we should cautiously explore the possibility and keep in mind that we are an educational entity and that should be our first priority.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
- Some coordinators would like to see improvements in the process of printing championship programs. Can local advertising rates be cheaper?
- There was a long discussion on face-to-face vs. conference call committee meetings. They recognize the cost and time savings of conference calls but face-to-face is more preferable when debating and voting on an issue. It was felt that more options should be explored.
- There was a spirited discussion concerning Gate Lists. We are looking for ways to save money but we give free passes to our events costing money.
- Stated the Gate Lists needed to be at the tournament sites sooner.

A motion to approve to receive all Group Meeting reports with commendation carried. Westfall/Bjork

A motion to approve adjournment of the August 2011 Central Committee meeting at 5:15PM on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 carried. Westfall/Murphy

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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