

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
May 2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved February 2008 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P4 Approved Murphee Hayes, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at Whitney Point Central School District (5) as the coordinator of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.
3. P5 Approved Section 1's request that their 2007-2008 winter season end on March 31, 2008.
4. P5 Approved Section participation in 2008-2009 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals.
5. P5 Approved the reappointments of Kathy Ferrari, Girls Bowling State Coordinator and Wayne Inman, Boys Bowling State Coordinator for 5 year terms effective September 1, 2008.
6. P5 Approved the appointments of Jim Amen as Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coordinator and Jamie Harter as Girls Golf Assistant Coordinator.
7. P6 Approved a common Outside Agency Approval Application form to be utilized by each Section.
8. P8 Approved a wrestler may compete twice in a regular dual meet under specific situations pertaining to forfeits and exhibition matches.
9. P8 Approved the NFHS Soccer Rules State Association Adoptions to the 2007-08 NFHS Soccer Rules.
10. P9 Approved allowing different overtime procedures in Boys and Girls Soccer.
11. P9 Approved establishing a Division 2 qualifying standard in Outdoor Track & Field.
12. P9 Approved to start the 2008 Girls Volleyball State Championship Finals on Sunday, November 16 at 10AM.
13. P10 Approved to support the concept of a statewide committee for the classification of Non Public and Charter Schools effective the 2009-10 school year.
14. P10 Approved the Membership and Classification Committee's recommendations to postpone any action regarding separate post season competition and separate membership categories for non public schools until the Classification of Non Public Schools Committee's final report is received.
15. P10 Approved a waiver of no lines people in Boys and Girls Volleyball for all contests up to the semifinals in Section 3 only.
16. P10 Approved a one year waiver for Section 3 in Baseball to allow a called game when a winner cannot be determined be changed to a suspended game and to have the game competed at a later date from the point in the contest that it was declared a suspended game by the umpire.
17. P10 Denied permission for the Buffalo Public Schools to play one extra football game in 2008.
18. P10 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Girls Golf for Section 10.
19. P14/15 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **All Saints Academy (4), Twin Tiers Christian Academy (4), Archangel School (5), New Life Christian School (6), Davis Renov Stahler Yeshiva High School-Boys (8).**
20. P15 Approved the 2008-2009 budget.
21. P15 Approved the nomination of Eileen Troy (2) as the Female Representative of Athletics in the officer rotation vacancy of 2nd Vice President.
22. P15 Approved editorial changes to the Modified Athletics Code of Ethics that will be included in the 2008-2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook.
23. P15 Approved Section VIII's Extended Playing Time Program as an optional plan for use at the league or sectional level by all Sections.
24. P15 Approved a change in the classification numbers for the 2009 Boys Lacrosse season.
25. P15/16 Approved in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving a one year trial to use the 30th place preliminary time
at the NYSPHSAA Championship meet to develop the qualifying time for individual events, the 15th place preliminary time for relay events and a score of 396.00 for diving.

26. P16 Approved any additional awards will be approved and purchased by the Association and have the Association logo and still be paid for by the committee.
27. P16 Approved the Association staff will hold joint sport committee meetings in sports that have both boys and girls teams in order to address equity issues and report back to the CAC with recommendations/reports by October 2008.
28. P16 Approved the rule stating a wrestler found to have cheated on the hydration test in the minimum weight assessment procedure is ineligible for the season.
29. P17 Approved the establishment of a \$200.00 filing fee for all appeals.
30. P17 Approved the Handbook Committee's recommendation of removing "solely" out of the definition of an All Star Contest.
31. P21 Meeting adjourned.

ACTION ITEM – AUGUST MEETING

Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interschool Competition
(increase in number of contests permitted)

DISCUSSION ITEM – AUGUST MEETING

Draft of Penalties

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle

May 2, 2008

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Ron Black at 1:00PM on May 2, 2008. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

Officers & Staff

President Ronald Black
First Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli
Second Vice President Mark Ward
Past President Kathy Faber
Executive Director Nina Van Erk
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Counsel Renee James
Dir. Of Government Relations Kevin Banes
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Patrick Calnon
Karen Lopez
Richard McGuire
Bob Munn
Jim Tolle
Dean Veenhof

Section Representatives

Section 1: Greg Ransom (proxy for CSO), Karen Peterson
Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall
Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Mary Milcetic (proxy for Evelyn Sammons)
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond
Section 5: Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith
Section 6: Don Scholla, Cindy Bullis
Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
Section 8: John Piropato, Laura Orticelle
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
Section 10: Carl Normandin (proxy for Stephanie Putney)
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants

Paul Weatherup, OCF
Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator
Mike Schwenk, Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator
Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
Wayne Bertrand, President-NYSAAA
Greg Geer, NYS Council of Superintendents
Ron Woodruff, President-NYS Coaches Association
Mike Salatel, President-NYS Council of Administrators

Section Ex. Directors

Greg Ransom (1)
Paul Harrison (3)
Ben Nelson (4)
Ed Stores (5)
Bob Dinse (6)
John Gallagher (7)
Carl Normandin (10)
Ed Cinelli (11)

Sport Coordinators

Don Sauer, B. Track & Field
Mike Andrew, B. Soccer
Roger Bell, B. Swimming & Diving
Diane Hicks-Hughes, G. Swimming & Diving

Section Treasurer

Jim Osborne (9)

Guest

Todd Nelson (3)

The February 2008 Executive Committee Meeting minutes were accepted as written.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

1st Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli complimented Nina on her keynote speech “We Are High School” she presented at the NYSAAA Conference. He reported he had attended the NFHS Section 1 meeting in Salem, MA in April. As a result of attending the NFHS meetings, he realizes that all state associations are facing similar problems, ie. Non-public schools, competition, All-Star games. He said it’s been a great experience to see how the other associations handle their problems.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of February through May and presented the following items of interest.

- The 2008 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame will be inducted at the August Central Committee meeting at the Rye Town Hilton, Section I. The six inductees are Sal Ciampi (coach), Jack Foley (administrator), Boomer Esiason (athlete), Gene Masters (coach), Bill Moran (administrator) and Peter Oley (coach).
- **Assistant Director Search.** Nina announced the selection of Todd Nelson as the new NYSPHSAA Assistant Director to take Lloyd Mott’s position who is retiring effective September 1st. He is currently the Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at Herkimer Schools in Section III. He will begin his work with the Association on July 1st.
- **NCAA Eligibility Center.** Mark Hicks and Lisa Mills presented on the changes to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the NFHS Summit Meeting. They suggested updating the list of core courses at least once a year. Submit 6 semester transcripts and encourage student athletes to register with the Eligibility Center in their junior year of high school. The Eligibility Center’s phone number specifically for high school personnel is 877-622-2321. Please encourage your Director of Guidance to register for their list serve by sending an email to ec-clientrelations@ncaa.org. A brochure was included in the meeting folders.
- **NFHS Spirit of Sport Award.** Nina participated on the selection committee for the newly formed NFHS Spirit of Sport Award which is designed to recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.
- **Student Leadership.** The NYSPHSAA will be participating in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference to be held in July in Indianapolis.

A **motion to approve** Murphee Hayes, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at Whitney Point Central School District (5) as the coordinator of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee **carried**.

Maney/Westfall

- **NFHS Rule Book Increase.** The NFHS raised the cost of the Simplified and Illustrated and Rules by Topic Books by twenty-five (25) cents. The NYSPHSAA will increase the cost to our member schools by the same amount for the fall of 2008. The books are printed for the sports of Football, Baseball and Basketball and will now cost \$6.50.
- **Government Relations.** The process of building strong relationships with members of the legislature continues under the direction of Kevin Baner. He and Nina will meet with representatives to discuss bills currently being considered. Meetings will also be arranged with Assemblyman Saladino and Senator Fuschillo to voice support of a bill that increases the penalty for an assault on a sport official.
- **Task Force on Adapted Athletics.** The first Task Force meeting will be scheduled for June. Sections are encouraged to submit the names of representatives who are interested and willing to serve to Nina. Dr. Winnick (SUNY Brockport) and other statewide representatives will be invited to join us in this endeavor.
- **Sport Season Placement Committee.** Jim Osborne (9) will chair the Sport Season Placement Committee which will be scheduled in June. Sections will be asked to identify a representative to serve on the committee.
- **Section Request.** Section 1 has requested an adjustment to their winter sport season end date.

A **motion to approve** Section 1’s request that their 2007-2008 winter season end on March 31, 2008 **carried**.

Ransom/Staves

- **Gas Prices.** The office has received a phone call voicing a concern over the rising gas prices and the extensive travel by some athletic teams. Representatives are encouraged to inform the Association if their Sections wish to seek a statewide limitation on games and travel.
- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops.** The 2008 schedule is nearly complete for the mandatory workshop. The Sportsmanship Workshop will also be included this fall. Sections will have the opportunity to select key eligibility topics to be reviewed.
- **CSIET Advisory List.** The 2008-2009 CSIET Advisory List is now available on the CSIET website, www.csiet.org.
- **Future Meeting Dates –**
 - August 5-7, 2008 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook
 - October 19, 2008 (Sunday) – Lloyd Mott’s Retirement Celebration
 - October 20, 2008 (Monday) – Holiday Inn, Albany
 - January 30-31, 2009 (Friday-Saturday) – TBA
 - May 1-2, 2009 (Friday-Saturday) – TBA Syracuse

Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker

State Championships/Regionals 2007-2008

- Financial summaries for the Fall and Winter season tournaments, as known to date, were included in the meeting folders.
- **Spring Championships – 2008.** AED providers and Emergency Plans confirmation notices will be mailed to Section Executive Directors by May 19, 2008. The Federation Golf Championships will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Mark Twain Country Club in Elmira (4). The West Semi-finals in Boys Lacrosse will not be played at Cicero-North Syracuse. Site TBA.

State Championships/Regionals 2008-2009

- The updated schedule of known dates/sites for 2008-2009 was included in the meeting folders.

A **motion to approve** section participation in 2008-2009 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, #5 was **carried**. Troy/Redmond

- **Future Dates/Sites** projections known to date were included in the meeting folders.

State Sports Coordinators

A **motion to approve** the reappointments of Kathy Ferrari, Girls Bowling State Coordinator and Wayne Inman, Boys Bowling State Coordinator to serve September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013, Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coordinator to serve through August 31, 2011 and Jamie Harter, Girls Golf Assistant Coordinator to serve through August 31, 2009 **carried**. Scholla/Quimby

- **State Sports Coordinators** will be meeting as a group to fulfill their responsibilities as per the NYSPHSAA Constitution (Article VII, par. 1.f.) on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 during the Annual Meeting at the Rye Town Hilton. Section input for the agenda may be sent to Bob Stulmaker prior to the meeting.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- The totals for the Winter 2007-2008 season were 1,721 teams from 513 schools with 18,212 participants.
- A list of the Winter State Champions and their awards presenters were included in the meeting folders.
- The Spring 2008 deadline to apply for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award is **Friday, May 16, 2008**.
- The School of Distinction Award applications, in order to be placed on the NYSPHSAA “Academic Honor Roll” are to be completed following the Spring 2008 deadline and must be received no later than **June 30, 2008**. Award winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.
- Congratulations to the Jamesville-DeWitt (3) Class A NYSPHSAA boys basketball team and the Briarcliff (1) Class B NYSPHSAA girls basketball team who were crowned the 2008 Boys and Girls Basketball Federation Tournament Champions.
- The 2008 Golf Tournament will be held at Mark Twain Country Club in Elmira (4) on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

Officials Coordinating Federation

- The next scheduled meeting is May 4th at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse..
- An Arbitration Hearing involving Section 1 and the Rockland County Umpires Association will be occurring at a date to be determined.

NFHS National Student Leadership Conference

- Students selected to attend the conference July 17-20, 2008 in Indianapolis, IN are Justin Filippone, grade 11-Windham Ashland Jewett HS (4); Alex Patch, grade 10-Nyack HS (1); Joshua Snyder, grade 10-Hammondsport HS (5); Brianna Herman, grade 11-Saratoga Springs HS (2); Taviot Jackowski, grade 10-LaFayette HS (3) and Maggie Seligman, grade 11-Shenendehowa HS (2).

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott

- **Outside Agency Rule.**

A motion to approve a common Outside Agency Approval Application form to be utilized by each Section carried. Greene/Staves

- **Committee for Coaches' Certification.** The committee will meet with Trish Kocialski, SED, in June at the Association office to review criteria for instructor selection and approval. Representatives from the NFHS Coaching Certification will be invited to share their proposals. Ideas will be reviewed for including their materials in our course work or investigating another course for coaches and athletic directors.
- **Coaches Clinics.** The clinics in wrestling, softball, lacrosse, baseball, field hockey, track, field and cross country and volleyball were all successful. The soccer clinic is scheduled for May 30th at the Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta. The ski committee is attempting to plan another clinic for alpine ski coaches in December.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences.

- **Winter Championship Programs** showed a net profit of \$1,684 but commission still needs to be paid to the salespeople.
- **Championship Media/Broadcasting.** The Association netted \$14,750 for the 2008 Winter championship broadcasts. This includes an \$8,500 live telecast of the boys' basketball finals by Time Warner Cable for the 2nd straight year. A broadcasting contract has been secured with MSG to air the boys' lacrosse championships live in June which would be worth \$3,150 for all three games.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Winter Sales** were reviewed for 2004 through 2008 showing an increase in revenue for the Association.
- **Webcasting.** The Association webcasted, at no charge, all five boys basketball championships. Instead of receiving revenues through paid subscriptions, the Association profited over \$1,000 in sponsorship for the five games.

Corporate Sponsorships (Corporate Sponsorships will now be reported by category due to language in contracts that does not allow for disclosure of financing.)

- **Nike.** Agreed to a Bronze sponsorship for a five-year contract to sponsor the football and boys and girls golf state championships. The contract includes cash, 400 gifts to girls and boys state tournament golfers, and 40 dozen golf balls per year for use in the State Tournament and the annual Association golf outing.
- **Spectrum Electronics.** Agreed to a Contributing sponsorship for a one-year contract to market their thunderbolt detector. The Association will receive a minimum guarantee of money or a percentage of their sales, whichever is higher.
- **Girls Golf Magazine.** Agreed to a Contributing sponsorship to provide one issue of its magazine for each participant in the girls' golf tournament.
- **Life of an Athlete.** Three contributing sponsors have been secured to offset the expenses of t-shirts provided to student leader participants as a token of their participation. These sponsors are SAANYS, Verizon Wireless and Herff Jones.
- The following were all contributing sponsors of our winter championships which were not reported at the February meeting: Journeyman Wrestling, Chertow Wrestling and Democrat & Chronicle newspaper.

Public Relations/Marketing

- **Radio** campaigns are in place for the Baseball and Softball state Championships in Binghamton.
- **Press Releases** have been distributed state wide for coaching clinics, the spring championships and the Hall of Fame inductees.

Handouts in Meeting Folders

- **Guidelines for television contracts.** Guidelines developed when putting together or negotiating a television contract were included in the meeting folders.
- **Free webcasting of athletic events.** The Association's long-time webcasting partner EZStream has offered to schools the opportunity to webcast up to 20 athletic contests for free. A handout was included in the meeting folders containing information on how to participate.

Spring Intern

- **Mr. Matt Shambo**, a SUNY Cortland senior sports management major has completed his spring internship with the Association. He will be returning this summer to work on increasing our advertising revenue for the championships programs.

Treasurer. Kathy Hagle reviewed the report stating the Association is in good financial health. She highlighted the following:

- An increase in investment income, increased championship revenue and sponsorship revenue
- Two handouts were distributed from Marvin & Co., our audit firm. The first handout was a basic responsibility letter and the second handout made recommendations for the Association to come in compliance with some financial statements.

Counselor Renee James

- Reported there are two legal matters pending.
 - The Association is still waiting to receive a decision from the NYSED Commissioner regarding the Mixed Competition appeal pertaining to the female bowler that participated on the boy's bowling team during the regular season who then requested permission to bowl in the girl's state tournament and was denied.
 - The Association's insurance company is handling a claim of an injury due to a fall on bleachers.
- Reported the Michigan Athletic Association lost a decision regarding a Title IX case that alleged the sport seasons for girls were not equal to the sport seasons for boys, that they had more advantageous seasons. The court stated the Association had to change their sports seasons. They are also requesting a plan for restructure of its sports seasons.
- Reported on a recruiting case in New Jersey where a wrestling coach left and went to a school that didn't have wrestling. Six students he coached and four others followed and won a State Championship. The Principal of the school signed off that these students were not recruited. At a hearing the school was found guilty. The case went to court who upheld the decision stating there was enough circumstantial evidence to indicate recruiting. The school was placed on two years probation and could not wrestle as a team but the athletes could wrestle individually.
- Reported that around the country legislation continues to be introduced and passed to change athletic association rules when constituents have issues with them.

Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes

- Reported the legislature and governor agreed to a \$121 billion budget. Education aid received a record \$1.7 billion. The Division of Budget under the Governor's office had just released a report that stated NYS along with the country is in a recession and because of that some budgetary items that were approved will be scrutinized again.
- He and Nina are working very closely on making sure the legislators are fully aware of what is being discussed, negotiated, introduced and voted on.
- Currently working on three pieces of legislation that are important to the Association.
 - **Steroids and steroid testing.** Numerous bills have been introduced in the legislature. One bill they are watching very closely is in regards to allowing SED to randomly test students across the state for steroid use. He has also approached legislators to get some money from the budget for

educating students about the harmful effects of steroids. At this time there is no news regarding this appropriation.

- **Synthetic turf issue.** He is watching a bill that would create a six month moratorium on the use and purchase of synthetic turf as a result of a study done by the Department of Health in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Conservation relative to health issues with synthetic turf. He and Nina met with NYS School Boards Association and NYS Council of Superintendents to get on the same page to make sure that any bills being discussed regarding the synthetic turf issue does not impact schools that already have synthetic turf in place.
- **Military Boot Camps.** A bill was introduced that would supersede the bylaws of the Association in regards to a student who participates in military programs and misses a certain number of practices before being able to participate in a contest.
- On Monday, May 5th he and Nina will be meeting with the sponsors of these bills and other legislators to communicate the Association's position and concerns with these issues.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Wrestling.** Bob Stulmaker submitted a written proposal from the Wrestling Committee requesting a wrestler be allowed to compete twice in a regular dual meet in certain situations.

A **motion to approve** a wrestler may compete two times in a regular two-team dual meet in the following situations **carried**.

Nickerson/Normandin

- A wrestler from Team A accepts a forfeit from Team B.
The Team A wrestler may wrestle an exhibition match with a Team B member.
Points Team A: 1 for the forfeit and 1 for the exhibition match.
Points Team B: 1 for the exhibition match.
- Wrestling vs. the extra wrestlers weighed in.
A wrestler from Team A wrestles a match vs. Team B. Team B has a second wrestler weighed in at this weight (or one weight class higher). The Team A wrestler may wrestle an exhibition match with the other Team B wrestler.
Points Team A: 1 for the first match and 1 for the exhibition match.
Points Team B: 1 for the exhibition match.
- *Team A and B may match a wrestler in two exhibitions.*
Points Team A: 2 for the exhibitions.
Points Team B: 2 for the exhibitions

The following must be followed in each of the above situations:

- There must be a 45 minute rest between matches.
- The wrestlers may only wrestle one weight class higher than their weighed in weight class.
- Each match/forfeit counts 1 point toward the individuals 22 point limit.

SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

- **B/G Soccer.** Nina Van Erk submitted the B/G Soccer Committees recommendations of the NFHS Soccer Rules State Association adoptions to the 2007-08 NFHS SOCCER RULES (p. 68).

A **motion to approve** the NFHS Soccer Rules State Association Adoptions to the 2007-08 NFHS Soccer Rules (p. 68) **carried**.

Greene/Staves

They are as follows:

- **Length of Period.** *The game will be played in two equal halves of 40 minutes each.*
- **Shorten Periods.** *By mutual agreement or in any emergency, by agreement of coaches or ordered by the head referee, provided it is determined to shorten the periods before the game or before the second half begins and all remaining periods are the same length.*
- **Suspended Game.** *If less than one half of the game has been completed, the game will be restarted from the point of interruption.*
- **Time on Field.** *Time may be kept on the field by the head referee.*

- **Score on Field.** *The official score may be kept by the head referee.*
- **Reserve Official.** *The reserve official may assume the duties of the scorer.*

- **B/G Soccer – Overtime Procedures.** Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator and Paula Nickerson, Section XI Girls Soccer Coordinator submitted the Boys and Girls Soccer Committees recommendation to allow different overtime procedures, specifically those that were established in January respectively by the boys and girls soccer committees.

A **motion to approve** allowing different overtime procedures in boys and girls soccer **carried.**

Greene/Zumbo

(The vote was cast as follows: Section 1: 1 yes, 1 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 1 yes, 1 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 1 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 11 Yes/10 No.)

Boys Overtime Procedure. *Regular season games should consist of two 40-minute halves with two 10-minute sudden victory overtimes if needed to break the tie. Beginning with Section play and continuing on through the State Tournament, overtimes would consist of two 15-minute sudden victory periods and, if still tied, penalty kicks. The only exception to this would be in the State Championship game where co-champions would be declared after the two sudden victory overtime periods.*

Girls Overtime Procedure. *Regular season games would have two 40-minute halves followed by two mandatory 10-minute fully-played overtimes. In Sectional and State Tournament play, the overtimes would be two 10-minute periods of full play followed by two 5-minute sudden victory overtime periods, if needed. Co-champions would be declared in the State Championship game if the tie was not broken after the two 5-minute sudden victory overtimes.*

- **Outdoor Track & Field.** Don Sauer, Boys Outdoor Track & Field State Coordinator submitted a written proposal from the Boys/Girls Outdoor Track & Field Committee requesting the need for developing a Division 2 qualifying standard.

A **motion to approve** establishing a Division 2 qualifying standard to provide equity and balance between large and small schools **carried.**

Quimby/Maney

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

- **Girls Volleyball.** Nina Van Erk submitted a written proposal from the Girls Volleyball Committee requesting to start the 2008 State Championship Finals on Sunday, November 16 at 10AM.

A **motion to approve** to start the 2008 Girls Volleyball State Championship Finals on Sunday, November 16 with the first match of the five classifications at 10AM **carried.**

Westfall/Staves

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Committee.

- Nina Van Erk reviewed the minutes of their meeting held on February 28, 2008. The NYSPHSAA is currently in the 2nd year of a three year experiment which requires all Sections to review the classification of their non public and charter school members.
- The Committee is recommending the establishment of a statewide committee for the classification of Non Public and Charter Schools. The rationale was to eliminate the political influences and roadblocks at the Section level. The recommendation outlined the process where Sections would determine which non public and charter schools would be reviewed and where other Sections could request a review of a school outside of the Section providing for a “check and balance”. There was general support of the recommendation’s concept. However, there was much discussion and debate regarding the details of the process the statewide committee would use to determine the classification of schools.

A **motion to approve** to support the concept of a statewide committee for the classification of Non Public and Charter Schools effective at the conclusion of the 3 year experiment which would begin the 2009-10 school year **carried.**

Staves/Quimby

Structure and Policy Review Committee.

- The Membership and Classification Implementation Committee was established to examine areas of

concern and their affect on our membership. The committee members either served on the Classification of Non Public Schools Committee or the Structure and Policy Review Committee.

A **motion to approve** the Membership and Classification Committee's recommendations to postpone any action regarding separate post season competition for non public schools and any action regarding separate membership categories for non public schools until the Classification of Non Public Schools Committee's final report is received **carried**. DeCillis/Redmond

- The Membership and Classification Implementation Committee recommended the proposal to change Friend and Neighbor status by eliminating the high school level be taken back to the Sections for discussion with action at the Central Committee meeting in August. It will be placed on the agenda of the Cracker Barrel session.

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 2 reported their Executive Director wrote a letter to Nina voicing the Section's concern with financial expansions statewide and requesting help in curtailing expenses.

Section 3 recommended a language change for the Transfer Rule. They would like it to state, "The Transfer Rule will go into effect once a student enters the high school athletic program through the Selection/Classification program. Their Section Rifle Coordinator requested action be taken to eliminate a waiver that permits coaching of athletes while competing in Air Rifle at the Rifle Regionals.

A **motion to approve** a waiver of no lines people in Boys and Girls Volleyball for all contests up to the semifinals in Section 3 only **carried**. Quimby/Staves

A **motion to approve** a one year waiver for Section 3 in Baseball to allow a called game when a winner cannot be determined be changed to a suspended game and to have the game completed at a later date from the point in the contest that it was declared a suspended game by the umpire **carried**. Quimby/Staves

They inquired about extending the option of having a Senior All-Star Contest up to two weeks after a season ends.

Section 4 voiced a concern with the timeliness of receiving information on Action Items before the Executive Committee meetings.

Section 6 voiced a concern with the need to assign three officials for State Semi-finals and Finals in both Boys and Girls Basketball which was discussed at the CAC meeting.

A **motion to approve** permission for the Buffalo Public Schools to play one extra football game in 2008 so that they could play at their annual city championship, the 104th Harvard Cup Championship, on Thanksgiving Day was **denied**. Scholla/Smith

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

Section 7. John Gallagher, Ex. Director announced Karen Lopez will be the new Section Executive Director effective September 1, 2008. They asked how a Section determines what a qualifying time is for the State Tournament. They also asked if soccer shin guards have to have the NOCSAE name stamped on them.

Section 8 requested the Association to look into a general sport behavior code for spectators. They asked why was there a need for 3-man officiating for Girls Basketball.

Section 10. A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 3 in Girls Golf **carried**. Normandin/Troy

SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNS AND INPUT

The Section Executive Directors voiced the following concerns:

Finances

- Would like the Budget & Finance Committee to look into the possibility of the Association paying for the Sections insurance premiums and increasing the transportation reimbursement for post season contests.

- They voiced a concern with the costs and mandates of Sectionals and Regional qualifiers for individual sports.

Media

- They voiced a concern with the media pirating our contests by taking pictures and then selling them online without paying our fees or having contracts.
- Inquired if the Association could develop a statewide media policy that would include the Sections.

Regional Wrestling Tournament Proposal

- Voiced a concern about the financial impact to the Sections if the proposal gets approved. They are concerned that other individual sports will follow.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2008-2009 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
1	Spring Valley & Ramapo	Baseball Softball
	Lakeland & Panas	Track Golf-B Lacrosse-B/G
	Yonkers, Roosevelt, Saunders, Gorton & Lincoln	Tennis Golf-B Lacrosse-B
	Yonkers, Gorton & Riverside Garrison & Haldane	Track Softball (Mod.) Baseball (Mod.) Lacrosse-B (Mod.)
	Westlake & Briarcliff	Lacrosse-B (JV)
3	Bishop Grimes & Bishop Ludden Sherburne-Earlville & Morrisville-Eaton Utica Proctor & Saquoit Fabius Pompey, Bishop Grimes & LaFayette Corcoran, Fowler & Fabius Pompey LaFayette & Fabius-Pompey	Indoor Track Swim-B Volleyball-B (JV) Lacrosse-G (JV, Mod.) Lacrosse-G (V) Football (V, Mod.) Soccer-B (JV, Mod.) Softball (V) Lacrosse-B (V)
6	Clymer & Sherman	Cross Country-B/G
8	Lynbrook North MS & Lynbrook South MS Elmont, Floral Park & Sewanhaka H. Carey, New Hyde Park	All Sports Wrestling (V, JV) Wrestling (V, JV)
	Elmont, Floral Park, H. Frank Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka	Bowling-B/G (V) Rifle (V) Gymnastics (V)
	Valley Stream South, Valley Stream North, Valley Stream Central & Memorial Calhoun, Mephram & John F. Kennedy	Rifle (V) Swimming-B (V) Rifle (V)

	Lawrence Road MS & Turtle Hook MS H.B. Thompson MS & South Woods MS Carle Place & Wheatley	Bowling-B (V) Swimming-B Swimming-B Football (V, JV) Lacrosse-B Soccer-B/G (V, JV) Tennis-G (V)
	East Rockaway & Malverne	Football (Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.) Swimming-B/G (Mod.) Volleyball-B (V)
	Plainview-Old Bethpage MS & H.B. Mattlin MS	
	Division Avenue & Gen. Douglas McArthur	
9	Roscoe & Livingston Manor	Football (All Levels)
	Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian Academy	Indoor Track-B/G Spring Track-B/G Wrestling Basketball-B/G Softball Baseball Football Swimming-B
	F.D. Roosevelt & Rhinebeck F.D. Roosevelt & Highland	
11	Southampton & Tuckahoe East Islip & Cleary Centereach & Newfield	All Sports (Mod. Level) All Sports (Mod. Level) Cross Country-B/G (V) Gymnastics-G (V) Tennis-G (V, Mod.) Bowling-B/G (V) Winter Track-B/G (V) Golf-B (V) Lacrosse-B/G (V, JV) Tennis-B (V, Mod.) Track-B/G (V) Cross Country-B/G (V) Gymnastics-G (V) Swimming-B/G (V) Bowling-B/G (V) Cross Country-G (V) Field Hockey (V, JV) Gymnastics-G (V) Swimming-B/G (V) Volleyball-B (V, JV) Fencing-B/G (V) Badminton-B/G (V) Baseball (JV2) Lacrosse-B (JV9) Lacrosse-G (V, JV)
	Smithtown East & Smithtown West	Cross Country-G (V, Mod.) Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.) Soccer-B (V, JV, Mod.) Soccer-G (V, Mod.) Volleyball-G (V, JV, Mod.) Basketball-G (V, JV, Mod.)
	Half Hollow Hills East & Half Hollow Hills West	
	Pierson & Bridgehampton	

Greenport, Southold & Mattituck	Baseball (V, JV, Mod.) Softball (V, JV, Mod.) Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.) Wrestling (V, JV) Lacrosse-B/G (JV, Mod.)
East Hampton & Springs East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson	Field Hockey (Mod.) Football (V, JV) Bowling-B (V) Wrestling (V, JV) Tennis-B (V, JV, Mod.)
Greenport, Southold, Mattituck & Shelter Island East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs & Montauk	Football (V, JV, Mod.) Football (Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.) Football (Mod.) Golf-B Soccer-G (V, JV) Tennis-G (Mod.) Volleyball-G (V, JV) Basketball-G (JV) Wrestling (Mod.)
Center Moriches & East Moriches Greenport & Southold	Baseball (V, JV) Softball (V, JV) Tennis-B (V, JV, Mod.) Gymnastics-G (V, Mod.) Gymnastics-G (V) Soccer-B (JV, Mod.) Soccer-G (Mod.) Soccer-G (JV) Baseball (V, JV, Mod.) Softball (JV) Soccer-G (Mod.) Swimming-G (V) Swimming-B/G (V) Swimming-B/G (V) Swimming-G (V) Swimming-G (V) Tennis-G (V, JV) Volleyball-B (Mod.) Lacrosse-B (V, JV) Track-B/G (V) Tennis-G (V, JV) Volleyball-B (V, JV) Winter Track-G (V) Gymnastics-G (Mod.) Gymnastics-G (Mod.) Swimming-B (Mod.) Gymnastics-G (Mod.) Swimming-B (Mod.) Lacrosse-B/G (V, JV) Lacrosse-B (Mod.) Track-B/G (V) Lacrosse-B (Mod.) Swimming-B (Mod.) Tennis-B (Mod.)
Hampton Bays & Southampton Sachem East & Sachem North Greenport & Shelter Island	
Ross & Shelter Island	
East Hampton & Montauk Brentwood & Bay Shore Sayville & Bayport Deer Park & North Babylon Central Islip & Commack East Hampton & Bridgehampton	
Southold, Shelter Island & Greenport Huntington & Harborfields East Hampton & Pierson Accompsett, Great Hollow & Nesaquake Sagamore & Sequoya	
Seneca & Samoset	
Ross, Shelter Island & Pierson Ross & Pierson	
East Hampton, Springs & Montauk Candlewood & West Hollow Nesaquake & Great Hollow	

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	03-12-08	Dutchess County Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B
	03-29-08	WCBCA Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B
	03-29-08	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Ice Hockey
	06-09-08	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
	06-09-08	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
2	03-11-08	Big Ten vs. Suburban Council Sr. All-Star Game-Basketball-B
	03-19-08	Adirondack Senior Contest-Basketball-B/G
	06-08-08	WAC Schools Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
	06-13-08	Foothills, Big 10 and Suburban Council Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-B
	06-13-08	CHVL vs. Patroon Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
3	03-04-08	OHSL Senior Game-Volleyball-G
	06-07/08-08	OHSL & Section 3 Sr. All-Star Contests-Baseball
	06-16-08	OHSL Sr. All Star Contest-Lacrosse-G
4	06-06-08	IAC Sr. All-Star Game-Softball
	06-16-08	Dave Sammon Sr. All-Star Game-Lacrosse-B
5	03-14-08	LCAA Senior All-Star Game-Basketball-B/G
	03-22-08	Greater Rochester HS Sr. All-Star Basketball Games
	06-11-08	Genesee Region League Sr. All-Star Baseball Game
	06-13-08	Finger Lakes League Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**.
(Expiring in May 2010) Ransom/Troy

Section 4

All Saints Academy
158 State Street
Corning, NY 14830
Grades 7-8

Section 4

Twin Tiers Christian Academy
PO Box K, 640 Main Street
Breesport, NY 14816
Grades 7-12

Section 5

Archangel School
95 Stanton Lane
Rochester, NY 14617
Grades 7-12

Section 6

New Life Christian School
102 West Forest Avenue
Olean, NY 14760
Grades 7-12

Section 8

Davis Renov Stahler Yeshiva High School-Boys
700 Ibsen Street
Woodmere, NY 11598

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

Budget. 1st Vice President Pat Pizzarelli presented the proposed 2008-2009 budget and highlighted the following:

- The decrease in revenue is due to not raising the membership dues and the elimination of the Championship Entry Fees.
- The increase in expenditures is due to adjustments in salaries, mileage rate increase, the increasing size of the Scholar/Athlete program; the Student Leadership program being reinstated and the offering of the Female Athlete Triad program to Sections because of the high turnover in Athletic Directors in recent years.
- 1.2% actual increase in budget

A **motion to approve** the 2008-2009 budget **carried**.

Staves/Troy

Nominating Committee. Kathy Faber, Chairperson.

A **motion to approve** the nomination of Eileen Troy, Section 2, as the Female Representative of Athletics, in the officer rotation vacancy of 2nd Vice President **carried**.

Ryan-Curry/Westfall

Modified Committee. Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator.

A **motion to approve** editorial changes to the Modified Athletics Code of Ethics that will be included in the 2008-2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook **carried**.

Ransom/Stores

A **motion to approve** the Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interschool Competition was **postponed** to the August meeting so that Sections could review and discuss it.

Maney/Westfall

A **motion to approve** Section VIII's Extended Playing Time Program designed to provide more playing time to students in four and five periods of play shall be approved as an optional plan for use at the league or sectional level by all Sections **carried**.

Orticelle/Ransom

- Thanked Lloyd for his leadership and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.
- Meeting dates for 2008-2009 are: Friday, October 3, 2008 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office and Friday, April 3, 2009 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report and recommendations of the committee.

A **motion to approve** a change in the classification numbers for the 2009 Boys Lacrosse season to distribute the participating schools into three (3) equal classes **carried**.

Zumbo/Orticelle

(The classification numbers are: Class A: 1,100 +; Class B: 650 – 1,099; Class C: 0 – 649)

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving for equity in qualifying for the State Meet, a one (1) year trial is recommended with the 30th place time in the preliminary heat, from the times of last year's State Meeting being used for individual events **carried**.

Redmond/Bullis

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving for equity in qualifying for the State Meet, a one (1) year trial is recommended for Relays to use the 15th place time in the preliminary heat with the average time over the last four (4) years **carried**.

Maney/Wolfe

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving for equity in qualifying for the State Meet, a one (1) year trial is recommended to use a score of 396.00 for Diving **carried**.

Wolfe/Scholla

A **motion to approve** any additional awards will be approved and purchased by the Association and have the Association logo and still be paid for by the committee **carried**.

Wolfe/Scholla

A **motion to approve** that the Association staff will hold joint sport committee meetings in sports that have both Boys and Girls teams in order to address equity issues and report back to the CAC with recommendations/reports by October 2008 **carried**.

Bullis/Smith

- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 9:00AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

Officials Coordinating Federation. Paul Weatherup, Chairman

- Thanked the Executive Committee for approving the 2008-2010 State Officials Agreement.
- Announced the next meeting of the OCF was Sunday, May 4th at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

- The minutes of the Safety Committee's April 30, 2008 meeting were included in the meeting folders.
- The minutes of the Wrestling Advisory Committee's April 2, 2008 meeting were included in the meeting folders.

Concussion Management Program

- Three Section workshops have been completed and were very well received. The other eight have been scheduled prior to June 6.
- A web casting of the March 26th Section 2 workshop was produced and can be viewed at www.keepyourheadinthegame.org.
- A DVD on concussion management will be taped on Wednesday, May 14th. It will be sent to each member school at no charge thanks to the legislative grant arranged by Senator Hannon. Schools should receive the DVD prior to the fall sports season and are to show it to athletes, coaches, trainers, nurses, physicians and parents.
- The agreement with ImPACT is still in effect. The schools, physicians and psychologists that have experienced treating a concussed athlete and have used the ImPACT program are making very positive reports. All schools are encouraged to register for the ImPACT on-line program. They may register by going to the Association's web site, the NYSAAA web site or www.keepyourheadinthegame.org. Be certain to request the NYSPHSAA rate.
- An "awareness list" will be developed prior to the end of June 2008 that will indicate the medical centers or treatment organizations and locations that have the personnel and ability to treat concussed students who have not responded to the normal approaches.

Drug Testing

- The NYSPHSAA and the Safety Committee's position on drug testing is to support education and prevention. They do not support drug testing.

Girl's Lacrosse

- A concern has been reported over the number of head injuries and concussions in girls' lacrosse. A letter has been received with 150 names on a petition to put helmets on girls. After reviewing literature, statistics, surveys and having meeting with the girls' lacrosse committee and some officials of girls' lacrosse, the Safety Committee will consider a proposal for helmets in girls' lacrosse.

Wrestling

- The Wrestling Committee and the Wrestling Advisory committee support the following penalty for cheating on the hydration test.

A **motion to approve** the rule stating a wrestler found to have cheated on the hydration test in the minimum weight assessment procedure is ineligible for the season **carried**. Maney/Nickerson

- The Wrestling Advisory Committee will be developing an informational letter for parents of wrestlers which will explain why minimum weight assessments are mandated and why the wrestler must be hydrated for the assessment. The letter will also include the penalty to a wrestler found to have cheated on the hydration test. The parents will be required to sign the letter which must be carried to the assessment site by the coach.
- The Safety Committee recommends the Wrestling Committee review the Honor Weigh-In regulation. This is due to the honesty questions reported by coaches, the fact that the NFHS Rules do not allow Honor Weigh-Ins and the positions of the medical community which state this is an unhealthy practice. It is being recommended that only mat side weigh-ins be allowed at all NYSPHSAA wrestling matches.

Handbook Committee. Robbie Greene, Coordinator, presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on April 30, 2008 were reviewed.

Discussion Items

- **Transfer Rule – Student in good standing.** The question was raised, if when students transfer to a new school, possibly to avoid a school imposed penalty, ineligibility or discipline should the Association require the penalty to follow the student. The committee believed this to be a local school decision. The receiving schools can impose their established penalty. The Handbook Committee recommends Sections should advise their member schools to establish school policy if they so desire.
- **Appeals.**

A **motion to approve** the establishment of a \$200.00 filing fee for all appeals **carried.** Staves/Troy

- **All Star Contests.**

A **motion to approve** the committee’s recommendation of removing “solely” out of the definition of an All Star Contest **carried.** Maney/Wolfe

- **Outside Agency.** The committee recommends support of a common form to be used by all Sections when approving events which are co-sponsored by outside agencies.
- **K-8 School Districts.** There are approximately 11 schools that do not have a high school within their district. These K-8 school districts make formal arrangements with neighboring districts to educate their district residents. These students, upon entry in the 9th grade, have the choice of one, or possibly 2-3 high schools. The Handbook Committee recommends the following interpretation of the Transfer Rule. Once a student enters 9th grade in a school district, that district becomes the district of their residency. These students would be subject to the Transfer Rule if there were to be a subsequent transfer.
- **2008-2010 Handbook.** Nina shared with the committee examples of her efforts to add process and reporting procedures to the Handbook.
- **Penalties.** The committee received very little written input. Most were not in support of the current draft of penalties citing the penalties were too severe. The committee postponed any changes to the draft of penalties until the Executive Committee representatives summarized their Section Athletic Council’s feedback. The committee recommends any formal action on “penalties” should be taken by the Central Committee.

Section Feedback to suggested penalties for coach and administrator infractions:

Section 1: Still being discussed; imposing monetary fines raised the most concerns.

Section 2: Didn’t like the idea of suspending coaches; the general feeling was it was not well received; very little support of new penalties.

Section 3: In favor of the coaching infraction; need more clarification on fines under 1st offense of what probation meant; concerned that the larger schools would be more severely impacted by monetary fines because first they would be paying a higher fine because they have so many more students and so many transfers that it makes it hard to track; concerned with more financial implications being placed on schools because of things they cannot control.

Section 4: Concerned with how to determine if a rule violation was intentional or accidental.

Section 5: Little support especially from the Superintendents who were concerned with the financial penalties.

Section 6: Concerned because there are so many new athletic directors, are we going to penalize the kids for adults’ mistakes.

Section 7: Supported the idea of coaching infractions; concerned with financial penalties placing a burden on small schools

Section 8: Concerned with monetary fines; felt Section already had a good policy in place; not in support.

Section 9: Concerned with the severity of penalties.

Section 10: Supported the penalties for coach infractions but concerned with monetary fines.

Section 11: Overwhelmingly not in support. The Superintendents on their Executive Committee felt there was a real issue in utilizing public funds for fines.

Future Discussion

- **Outside Agency Regulation.** Consider narrowing the focus of the outside agency rule to avoid the micro management of regular season events held at such venues local parks, college facilities, golf courses and bowling lanes.

- **Transgender Policy.** Consider the establishment of a policy to accommodate Transgendered students.

Future Meetings

- Wednesday, July 23, 2008 – 9:30AM – Conference Call
- Monday, September 29, 2008 – 9:30AM – NYSPHSAA Office

Life of An Athlete. Mike Schwenk, Co-Coordinator presented the report.

- Section 6 completed Year 4 training on April 28th and became the second Section to train student leaders this year. 300 students and 87 Athletic Directors attended.
- Section 4 training on February 13th was snowed out and is rescheduled in the month of May.
- Sections 2, 9 and 10 will complete their training during the month of May.
- Sections 8 and 11 have scheduled their Year 4 training in the month of October.
- Student leaders were to receive their t-shirts beginning at the Section 6 training on April 28th.
- The next meeting of the Life of An Athlete Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2007 at 10AM at the Association office.
- Year 5 “Putting it all Together – Stakeholders Unity” will be presented in the 2008-09 school year.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2008 at 10AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

- The March 13, 2008 Committee meeting minutes were included in the meeting folders.

NY Good Sports Assessment Program

- Letters have been sent to the Section Coordinators and the Section Executive Directors to remind schools to submit their assessments.
- Coordinators are submitting names of schools for Section Plaque recognition.
- The School Banner selection committee met on May 6th in the Association office.

Citizenship Through Athletics Instructors Course

- The CTA course offered on February 6, 2008 certified 25 new instructors.
- The enthusiastic response to the course has encouraged the Sportsmanship Committee to continue offering the course annually at the Association Office and at any Section or league requesting the course presentation. This course takes 5 hours to thoroughly complete.

Sportsmanship Workshops

- Section Executive Directors are reminded that the mandated sportsmanship workshop is to be on the same date and site as the Annual Athletic Directors’ Workshops.
- Each Section Sportsmanship Committee is to plan and implement the workshop.

Budget & Finance Committee. Past President Bob Munn presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The committee reviewed the final 2006-07 budget.
- The mileage reimbursement of 50.5 cents per mile will be used to develop the 2008-09 budget.
- Recommended the continuation of the multiple day/session reduced championship ticket prices for the sports that have taken advantage of this opportunity.
- The committee agreed to the Girls Lacrosse proposal to permit 4 free youth tickets for every one paying adult at the Girls Lacrosse Championships. A youth tournament is being held in conjunction with our championship at SUNY Cortland.
- Supported the concept of expanding the Budget Committee to include three Executive Directors, three Past Presidents, two Superintendents, the NYSPHSAA Treasurer, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director and an outside financial professional.
- Recommends the elimination of Championship Entry fees in the 2008-09 budget to help reduce the cost to the Sections for the NYSPHSAA individual tournaments. This will result in a loss of revenue of \$50,900.
- Recommends the use of video conferencing to help reduce the cost of travel by Section representatives.
- Recommends a dues increase of \$50 per school and 5 cents per student for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Recommends that all dues must be paid by the deadline of October 15th. If Sections choose to collect the

dues and forward payment to the Association, the payment must be made on time.

- Recommends that all dues be paid directly by the member school beginning with the 2009-20 school year.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Nina Van Erk presented the report.

Physical Education Profile

- SED maintains a website devoted to updates on the Physical Education Profile at www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm.
- Compatibility with VISTA/Microsoft Office 2007 has been addressed and NYSED will make available a compatible version as soon as possible. The PE Profile web page will post availability when it is ready.
- Summer events may be included in the scheduling. Check with your local BOCES to see when PE Profile professional development is scheduled.

Update on Physical Education Compliance

- The NYS Assembly – Committee on Education passed a resolution urging NYSED to commence a comprehensive review of the level of compliance with the New York State physical program requirements and provide greater programmatic oversight, technical support and identify resources to enable school districts to meet the requirements and ensure that all school children are able to benefit from establishing physical fitness, participating in physical activity and maintaining personal health.

NYS Office of the State Comptroller – Auditing of Physical Education Compliance

- A check list is being developed for the OSC for use in their audits of physical education compliance. It will cover items and documentation will need to be presented to confirm compliance. Items in the draft for the audit include:
 - Required instruction (time/days for all levels), adapted PE program, intramural program and Title IX compliance;
 - School district physical education plan (current – within 7 years) covering schedules, curriculum maps and alignment with learning standards, assessment, policy for intramurals and interscholastic athletics and attendance requirements for PE;
 - Personnel are certified, integration with elementary teachers supported in plan, and coaches meet regulations for course work and licenses.
- If your school is not compliant with the regulations for physical education, it would benefit your school to come forward to SED (Trish's unit - Curriculum, Instruction and Instructional Technology Unit or a direct request to the Commissioner) and ask for assistance to achieve compliance rather than wait to be identified by auditors as a non-compliant district.

Coaching

- She reminded all Directors of Physical Education/Athletic Directors to continue their review of coaching qualifications for all their coaches as this may be on the OSC check list.

Selection/Classification

- She is still receiving waiver requests that are incomplete which causes a delay in the student/athlete's participation. Please remember to include the required forms and make sure they are filled out completely and legibly. For a quick response, she asked that an email address be included somewhere on the forms, otherwise it will come via US Mail.
- The following forms may be mailed or faxed (518-473-4884): Individual Athletic Profile form, Special Approval Request Application and Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard).

Revised Coaching Course Outlines

- The effective date for the latest revision (Health Sciences) is July 1, 2008. This will give agencies time to revamp their courses due to the extensive revision of this course.
- Outlines were sent to all agencies approved to teach the courses. Electronic versions were sent to agencies that provided email addresses and the rest were notified by US Mail with a request to notify SED of their email address. **All future communication will be done electronically.** Agencies that fail

to respond with updated information will be removed from the approved list and will no longer be able to provide the coaching courses.

- She asked that if you are an approved agency to provide these courses, to please check the PE web page, www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html , click on Approved Courses, then click on Coaching Courses to verify your information is correct.

Contact Information

- The most effective way to contact her is by email: pkocials@mail.nysed.gov
- Phone: 518-474-5922
- Fax: 518-473-4884
- Address: Trish Kocialski, Association in Physical Education-NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Room 320EB, Albany, NY 12234

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Wayne Bertrand, President

- Announced this year's conference was very successful. 350 Athletic Directors attended the conference. 125 vendors participated in the conference.
- Plans for their 27th annual conference are in progress.
- Congratulated Todd Nelson, their former Chapter 3 representative, on his selection as the new NYSPHSAA Assistant Director.
- Congratulated Lloyd Mott on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his contributions to athletics in New York State and to the NYSAAA.
- Thanked the Association for its continued support and partnership.

NYS Coaches Association. Ron Woodruff, President

- Coaches' clinics and programs continue to be provided to those coaches that attend the NYSAHPERD Conference each year.
- This year twenty (20) coaches from around NYS received Honor or Special Honor awards in recognition of their contributions to the youth of their schools and communities.
- The 2008 conference is being planned at the Turning Stone Casino.
- They continue to request nominations for state and regional awards. Please contact him at rwoodruf42@aol.com or John Iaculli at super84@aol.com for additional information or nomination forms. Nomination forms were also included in the meeting folders.
- Coaches achieving 100 wins can have their information added to their Century Club by sending the information to Ron at his email address. The Century Club (100 Varsity Wins)/Half Century Club (50 Varsity Football Wins) form was included in the meeting folders.
- Any coach interested in serving as an area representative or board member on their executive board should contact Ron. Officer positions are available at this time.
- All physical education/coaches are welcomed to attend their annual meeting at the State Conference.
- The Coaches Association thanked the NYSPHSAA for their efforts in providing leadership for athletic programs throughout New York State and will continue to work with the Association for the development of positive programs and coaching for the state's youth.

NYS Council of Administrators. Mike Salatel, President

- Commended the Association on the hiring of Todd Nelson as an Assistant Director.
- Congratulated Lloyd Mott on his upcoming retirement.
- Met with Jean Stevens, SED as to the roll athletic directors can take to improve physical education within their school districts.
- Exploring the possibility of hiring a part-time director.
- Will be meeting with NYSAHPERD to discuss their future direction with the organization.
- Encouraged Sections to get actively involved in getting their physical education programs up to date.
- Next year's conference will focus on PE Profile, PE Plans and meeting time mandates.

NYS Council of Superintendents. Greg Geer

- Reported the Superintendents Council has several areas of concern:
 - A concern with the energy issue and the high costs association with it.
 - A concern with the possibility of mid-year budget pull-backs and their affects on school districts.
 - A concern with property tax caps. He strongly recommended the Association develop a position on property tax cuts stating it could cut athletic programs throughout the state if successful.
- He cautioned to proceed very carefully with the proposed penalties draft for non-adherence to Association rules as there are many extenuating circumstances such as collective bargaining agreements that will make this a very complicated issue.
- Thanked Nina for her attendance and input at the NYSCOSS meetings and athletic subcommittee meetings.

The May 2008 Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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