

Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Adirondack: Jason Humiston; Scott Smith; Hillary Haskel
CHVL: Art Schmich; Pat Light; Liz Parry
Colonial: John Gallo; Bob Dorrance; Tom Kostrzebski
Foothills: Mike Calvello; Mike DeMagistris; Jim Robare
Patron: Dominick Pitaniello; Terry Nash; Dave Austin
Suburban: Dave Sunkes; Joe Scalise; Regan Johnson
Wasaren: Mike Apostol; Kevin Collins; Mike Kinney
Western: Charlie Karker; Brian Dunn; John Karbowski

Please share this information with your Chief School Officer!

Minutes

- ❖ Seat the Council
- ❖ Establish and Set the Agenda
- ❖ Additions to the Agenda
- ❖ President's Report - Chris Culnan
 - Welcome
 - Section 2 Finances - - Patrick Diggin
 - Financial Report – As of December 31, 2016
 - Assets are \$409,603 in cash and \$150,819 in other investments.
 - All tax filings have been met.
 - ◆ 1099's have been sent out to all individuals that received over \$600 from the Section.
 - ◆ Payroll reports have been filed.
 - Revenues vs. Expenses
 - ◆ Revenue was \$497,738 and expenses \$443,914 leaving a net positive of about \$54,000. Last year this time was \$84,000.
 - ◆ Just fall season – revenue - \$327,000 with expense of about \$245,000 – with a net profit of approximately \$81,000 to \$82,000.
 - ✓ The gate is the key – football was \$154,000 and Wayne, Risë and AI budgeted \$153,000.
 - ✓ Compared to fall of 2015-2016 – gate receipts were around \$34,000 less than last year.
 - ✓ Costs: Some are controlled – one expense off the chart is travel and lodging. It has been steadily rising. Wayne, Risë and AI budgeted \$61,000 and actual was

\$74,000 for the fall sports. That is the price you pay for being a successful Section. It is about 30% of your expenses. All indications are that this will continue to increase.

◆ Everything depends on what the gate is doing? Very difficult to predict.

- Questions: None
- Executive Director Hiring Update
 - Chris gave a brief overview of the process that was followed.
 - **Motion by Joe Scalise; 2nd by Tom Kostrzebski to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee in the hiring of Ed Dopp as Executive Director.**
 - Discussion**
 - Vote: Passed unanimously**
 - Ed accepted the position and thanked the Section for the opportunity to serve as the new Executive Director.
- Section 2 Officers – This is the year that the officers will rotate. (Past President ends; President to Past President; 1st Vice President to President; 2nd Vice President to 1st Vice President)
 - 2nd Vice President –
 - Nominations – If interested, Risë will give you an application. Deadline for applications/nominations is Friday, February 24th. This is an eight (8) year commitment.
 - Nominations will be presented to the Athletic Council on April 26th. Touch base with your Superintendent as there is a tremendous amount of time to devote.
 - Voting Item – June 8th
- Central Committee Representatives -
 - Female PE Representative –
 - The Executive Committee will be recommending the nomination of Kathy Ryan as the Female Representative to the Central Committee at the April 26th meeting.
 - Voting Item – June 8th
 - Male PE Representative – With Ed Dopp becoming the new Executive Director, we need to replace him as the Male PE Representative to the Central Committee.
 - Nominations – If interested, Risë will give you an application. Deadline for applications/nominations is February 24th. The process per the Constitution (By-Law #3, Section 4) is: *In the event of a vacancy during the term of office, a replacement shall be made by the Athletic Council upon the acceptance of the recommendation of the three (3) remaining Section 2 representatives on the NYSPHSAA Central Committee.*
 - The recommendation of the replacement will be presented to the Athletic Council on April 26th.
 - Voting Item – June 8th
- Sports Coordinators –
 - The slate of sports coordinators for 2017-2019 will be presented to the Athletic Council on April 26th.

- Current coordinators will be contacted to see if they are interested in being re-elected. Anyone who is interested in any of the coordinator positions should contact Risë for an application.
- Voting Item – June 8th
- Girls Golf Proposal –
 - The Executive Committee had a very lengthy discussion which included input from League Presidents and Superintendents. The Executive Committee will not at this time be bringing the girls golf proposal forward for a vote.
 - Ryan Sherman – We took a lot of things into consideration:
 - Financial impact not budgeted for: (additional coach, transportation, greens fees)
 - Travel issues this will cause for schools. (Send a team of one (2). Some will have to travel to other sections to get matches in.)
 - Spring: This eliminates anyone that already participated on the boys’ team this fall.
 - Availability of golf courses. That is the busy season for golf courses.
- Constitution –
 - Additional Rules & Regulations – Proposal
 - **Motion by Tom Kostrzebski; 2nd by Dominick Pitaniello to Add Rules & Regulation #19 – While it is recommended that business of Section 2 Committees be conducted in face to face meetings, it is acceptable to use electronic means such as conference calls, e-mails, Skype, etc.**
 - Discussion**
 - Vote – Passed Unanimously**
- Mekeel – Boys Soccer Classification Appeal
 - **Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Dave Sunkes to approve the Executive Committee recommendation to deny the boys’ soccer classification appeal by Mekeel Christian Academy.**
 - Discussion**
 - Vote: Passed unanimously**
- ❖ Executive Director’s Report
 - Wayne Bertrand
 - Website Demonstration
 - Risë Van Iderstine
 - A brief presentation on how to navigate the website will be given at the April 26th meeting.
 - Hot Button Topics
 - Volunteers –
 - We rely on volunteers for boys and girls basketball as well as other sports to keep expenses down.
 - Please make sure that your school volunteer. Have your coach contact their league representative and ask what they can do.
 - Sr. All Star Applications –
 - Must have Section approval prior to event. Deadline are: Fall Sports – October 1st; Winter – February 1st; Spring – May 1st. Per the Constitution failure will result in a \$100 fine to the League. A League has been fined and it has been paid.

- Mergers –
 - Please remember there are also deadlines for these. The deadline for Spring sports was January 1st.
 - Spirit & Intent of the Policy
 - Must first have League Approval, then Section Approval.
 - The original spirit/intent was to allow two (2) or more schools merge with the hope that eventually all of them would be able to field their own team. This may not be happening as much as before. If both schools have numbers capable of fielding their own team, the League should be looking at the merger very closely. The purpose is not to build a super team.

- Sportsmanship –
 - Proposal - #1 – Amend Rules & Regulation #10, Section 4
 - **Motion by John Gallo; 2nd by Mike DeMagistris to amend Rules & Regulation #10, Section 4 to read: If a player is disqualified from a game, it is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to complete and submit the Disqualification Form within one (1) working day. The report should be fact driven as opposed to opinion.**
 - Discussion:**
 - Comment: When the Athletic Director completes the DQ report, he/she is going by what the coach provided.**
 - Wayne: We realize that; but, we are trying to get away from the DQ reports looking like there were prepared by a parent. It seems to becoming guilty with an explanation or excuse.**
 - Vote: Passed unanimously.**
 - Proposal #2 – Add the following to Rules & Regulations #10, Section 7
 - **Motion by Dominick Pitaniello; 2nd by Mike Apostol to add the following to Rules & Regulations #10, Section 7: All ejections from all sports of any player, coach or school support personnel at all levels must be reported on the Section 2 Disqualification Form within one (1) working day by the Athletic Director.**
 - There is no provision in Section 2 of the NYSPHSAA or NFHS rules to review video for the purpose of voiding a suspension associated with an ejection.**
 - The only exception MAY be to dispute a wrongly identified player or coach that was ejected.**
 - Discussion: Everyone wants to send in video of evidence of why the DQ was not warranted. The Constitution specifically states *appeals of disqualifications for unsportsmanlike behavior will not be considered unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances.***
 - Vote: Passed unanimously**

- Ad Hoc Classification Committee Update - Ed Dopp
 - Ed thanked the Committee. This is an issue across the State.

- Committee Members: Kyle Manny; Drew Santandera; Will Ferguson; Regan Johnson; Matt Stein; Mark Therrien; Paul Gallucci; Dominick Pitaniello
- We have a rough draft criteria for team sports. We are now working on individual sports and will look at football as possibly a separate issue.
- Timeline:
 - The plan is to hopefully have a proposal for the April 26th Athletic Council meeting.
 - **Voting Item for June 8, 2017.**
- League Rankings for Seeding Meetings
 - Proposal –
 - **Motion by Dave Sunkes; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve: Each League must provide sport coordinators (committees) with rankings within their League for the seeding meeting. Leagues are requested to discuss and come up with a formula with some sort of rationale to substantiate their ranking. The sport committees would use the League rankings to blend the leagues together when seeding.**
Discussion: This will assist the sport committees in seeding. Leagues have been frustrated with seeding and committees using opinion and handicapping teams. The committee will then determine the order of the teams by League to complete a bracket. This is effective immediately, starting with this winter sport season. The sport committees will accept the League rankings.
Would like Leagues to send their criteria/rationale to Risë.
Playing a school within the same League has not been looked at and is not part of this proposal. This has always been the discretion of the sport committees.
Vote: Passed unanimously
This is now on the Athletic Directors to take charge of this.
- FYI - News/Notes/Reminders
 - Skiing – Venues Being Paid
 - These are falling by the way side. A number of venues have not received payment from certain schools. We will most likely have a more centralized system next year. The Section may pay the bill and then invoice the schools.
 - The Section 2 Student Athletic Development Committee representative is now Lenny Kies.
 - NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule Lawsuit Update
 - We have been informed that the Court of Appeals has denied the appeal. This could subsequently go to the next level which is yet to be determined.
 - Section 2 Dues – 2017-2018 - \$1700
 - DC Sports – Corporate Sponsorships
 - Our partnership is growing. They will be at girls and boys basketball (HVCC and some satellite sites); winter track and cheerleading. This has helped tremendously to close the gap between gate receipts and expenses.
 - Bowling Committee Proposal - Gary VanDerzee (attached)
 - **Voting Item – April 26, 2017 Athletic Council meeting**

- Over the years there has been a flaw in determining who goes to States. The Committee is now being allowed to take a broader look at an athlete's entire work product. If you are a bowler without a * next to your name, you must finish first or second. The rationale is to qualify the athlete who had an outstanding year as opposed to outstanding day. All Leagues were in favor of this.
 - Spirit (Cheerleading) Sectionals
 - Saturday, February 25th
 - Site - Colonie HS
 - Registration Form (attached)
 - ◆ Due by February 20, 2017
 - Sport Season Starting Dates (7-Yr Calendar Attached)
 - Spring 2017- wk #36 March 6 (Varsity) wk #37 March 13 (Modified)
 - Fall 2017 – wk #7 August 14 (Varsity) wk #8 August 21 (Modified)
 - Winter 2017 – wk 19 November 6 (Varsity) wk #20 November 13 (Modified)
 - Spring 2018 – wk #36 March 5 (Varsity) wk #37 March 12 (Modified)
- ❖ Internal Control Officer - Al Roy
- Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting
 - #11 – 160 items – 11/21/2016 - \$25,155.39
 - #12 – 38 items – 12/13/2016 - \$73,049.52 (Brown Coach)
 - #13 – 194 items – 11/28/2016 - \$17,520.15
 - #14 – 68 items – 12/20/2016 - \$76,520.50
 - #15 – 12 items – 1/27/2017 - \$3,929.41
 - Brown has charged us \$.10 more per mile.
 - Paperwork is improving. (The plus 1 theory.)
 - Sectionals will be starting soon. In the early rounds you have the option to pick up the expenses. The only exception is if you are hosting a double header in the early rounds.
 - Paperwork will be sent out to you if you are hosting.
 - Some schools require that the money be filtered through their business office. Please do your best to facilitate that process.
 - Questions: - None
- ❖ State Report - Kathy Ryan/Ed Dopp
- NYSPHSAA October Meeting Minutes Attached
 - Meeting is on Friday, January 27th. We will be supporting several site proposals. BEDS numbers will be voted on also. These are the numbers submitted by your school district to SED. The five (5) classification cut off numbers may be changed.
 - **Discussion Items**
 - Consideration of a Drone Policy
 - Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Recognize Team Champion
 - Football Regional Rotation
 - CAA Certification for Athletic Administrators

- Modified Lacrosse Officials
 - Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotations
 - Girls Lacrosse Table Officials
 - Girls Golf 3 Markers Per Section
 - Softball Suspension of International Tie Breaker
 - **Voting Items**
 - 2nd Relay Team – Girls and Boys Indoor Track Championships
 - ◆ (33 extra relays – 4x200, 4x400; 4x800)
 - Girls Volleyball – yellow to red card
 - Oversight Committee –
 - Baseball – Pitch Count
 - Adding Wet Bulb reading for heat/chill index procedures
 - Cheerleading – Use of Video Replay for safety deductions at State Championship only.
- ❖ NYSPPHSAA – - Robert Zayas
- The Commissioner of SED will be taking action on two (2) eligibility issues. We are asking Executive Directors to attend the Regent meeting. This will drastically change APP and the Duration of Competition regulations if they are passed.
 - Should we have a separate section regarding SED Regulations? The Handbook Committee will discuss this in a meeting on. When asked, SED won't even give an interpretation of the SED Regulation.
 - Sub-Committee to look at the modified program within the State.
 - Ineligible athletes. Should athletes who are not eligible (transfer) be allowed to practice? A survey was sent to the other states. We received a response from 38 states and 36 of them allow them to practice.
 - Do we have too many rules and regulations? Do they all have a purpose and still serve the original purpose? We will be looking at the various rules, regulations, etc.
 - Lawsuits –
 - We are defending two (2) Wrongful Death cases.
 - Transfer Rule - Suit over not allowing 9th grader to attend a school not within their school district. The basis of the lawsuit is it violated the student's civil rights.
 - Home School Legislation –
 - It is back and if passed would allow home schooled students to participate in the home school district.
 - Dues for NYSPPHSAA and tickets prices are not increasing. However, revenue share program will increase. (Section has gone from \$45,000 to \$49,000 next year.) We set a goal of \$500,000 to give back to the Sections. We are getting very close. When we reach that goal, we will set another one.
- ❖ Zips – All Athletic Directors and Sport Coordinators were presented with a ¼ zip today. This was a result of the product credit from the Spalding Ball contract.

- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Eligibility - Chris Culnan
 - Representation Waivers – please make sure you have all the medical documentation needed to support the waiver.
 - Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star - Wayne Bertrand
 - Sr. All Star Contests Approved
 - Section Approved All Star Contests
 - ◆ WAC Boys & Girls Basketball
 - ◆ CHVL Boys Basketball
 - ◆ Suburban Boys & Girls Basketball
 - ◆ Foothills Boys & Girls basketball
 - ◆ Patroon vs Wasaren Boys & Girls basketball
 - Modified - James Schlegel
 - Two (2) items will be discussed and possibly voted on at the NYSPHSAA meeting.
 - Allow baseball/softball to play 4 games per week.
 - Allow an extra game for volleyball.
 - As we receive more information, we will share it with the Section.
 - Classification - Ed Dopp
 - Winter Annual Review Meeting – March 3, 2017
 - February 23rd is the deadline to return any paperwork for re-classifications.
 - Sport Coordinators please discuss at your seeding meetings.
 - Transfer - Pete Bednarek
 - Questions – call the Section office. We are not going to advise you how to get around the rule.
 - Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Joe Sapienza
 - Mergers - Winter Mergers (attached)
 - Sportsmanship – See Above Voting Items
 - Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
 - No report.
 - Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
 - No report
 - Audit Committee - James Schlegel
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- ❖ Sports Committee Reports –
 - Football – Bob Dorrance
 - If your school has won a divisional championship please make arrangements with Bob to pick it up.
 - Scheduling meeting – early February.
 - Bowling – Gary VanDerzee (attached)

- ❖ BEDS –
 - Robert Zayas advised that the numbers were just received from SED and will be voted on at the NYSPHSAA meeting on Friday.
- ❖ League Concerns –
 - Adirondack
 - Pitch Count –
 - Has putting a mercy rule in effect for baseball been discussed?
 - The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee shares the same concern. There was no action from the floor to see a mercy rule. The hope is that it will come up for next year.
 - CHVL
 - Colonial
 - Foothills -
 - Look at six (6) classifications due to BEDS and size of schools playing each other in the sport of football. This impacts the Championship Philosophy Committee. We need to look at why we need to change the CPC criteria.
 - Section 2 will possibly bring this up at the NYSPHSAA meeting.
 - Patroon
 - Suburban
 - Wasaren
 - Western
- ❖ NYSAAA - Dave Sunkes/Regan Johnson
 - State Conference – March 15th – 17th in Saratoga. Anyone who attends and signs up this year will receive a gift. It will be given to you at the April 26th meeting.
 - Registration can be made on the following website: www.familyid.com. If you have any difficulty registering or questions, please contact Dave Sunkes the AAA Chapter Representative.
 - LTC classes will be offered on Wednesday. If you sign up for these, that is a separate registration. They will accept PO's.
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD
 - You should be receiving cards for the conference on March 8th.
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Adjournment
 - Motion by Scott Smith; 2nd by Liz Parry to adjourn.
 - Discussion
 - Vote: Passed

Future Meetings

Athletic Council Meeting April 26, 2017 Vista/Van Patten Country Club 10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting March 9, 2017 Section 2 Office – Saratoga 9:00 a.m.
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League Presidents Meeting March 6, 2017 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.	Officials Conferencing Committee March 13, 2017 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.
Transfer Committee Meeting February 28, 2017	Classification Annual Review March 3, 2017