

NYSPHSAA
ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2013
CONFERENCE CALL

Attendance: S. Stuart, Chair (2); J. Orlando, Vice Chair (1); J. Cunningham, Tournament Chair (3); S. Morrison (5); M. DiFilippo (6); J. Frechette (7); T. Cook (10); R. Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA

Absent: R. Armstrong (4); F. Alessandrino (9)

- Welcome and introduction of new representatives from Section 7 - Justin Frechette, Beekmantown; Section 10 - Tim Cook, Salmon River
- Minutes of 3/18/13 meeting were previously approved via e-mail
 - minutes were reviewed by S. Stuart - no concerns
- Tim Cook volunteered to take on the role of Secretary, replacing S. Stuart now Chairman.
- NYSPHSAA Report
 - Bob Stulmaker introduced his Intern Mike
 - the Association has a new awards vendor - Crown Awards
 - C.P. Sportswear is a new vendor handling the programs and apparel for all State Championships
 - Joe Augustinelli is the new Media Coordinator for the new NYSPHSAA website
- NFHS rule changes/NYS Addendum
 - rule changes were covered (vulnerable player and embellishment)
 - BNQ approved neckguards for all players will be added to the NYS Addendum as per 3/18/13 meeting
- Discussion on the new "Merger Numbers Percentage" change - how does it affect hockey?
 - Sections reported their changes and surprisingly it had little effect on hockey
 - this led to a brief discussion on our cut-off numbers for Div. I and Div. II and the feeling was to leave them be for now.
- Discussion: "Bye into Final Four"
 - Scott Stuart brought up a scenario where the Division II team in his Section (Queensbury) is the only D II team (no Sectional Tournament) and also has the Bye in the Regionals. This would put this team all the way to the Final Four without having to play a game. He stressed that this was not a "true Championship approach" and needs to be rectified. The Committee agreed and began to look at alternatives. Bob Stulmaker informed the Committee that it was probably too late to make a change for this year and encouraged us to come up with a well thought out plan for next year to be ready for presentation by January 1, 2014. Thoughts and recommendations are to be sent to S. Stuart.
- The brackets for this years tournament were reviewed
 - Motion: T. Cook second: J. Orlando to accept the brackets passed 8 - 0
- John Cunningham gave an update on the many changes going on at The Aud.
 - changes should not affect this years tournament to any great degree
 - John will continue discussions with the new management in regards to this years tournament
 - Management has expressed a strong interest in keeping the Tournament in Utica but has not had the time to prepare a bid - talks are ongoing.
 - Bob Stulmaker and Scott Stuart are available to meet with John C. and the management to discuss plans moving forward.
- Motion to adjourn: M. DiFilippo second: J. Orlando passed 8 - 0 11:10 am

Post Season Meeting: Friday March 7, 2014

6:15 p.m.

Radisson Hotel

Utica, N.Y.

