

NYSPHSAA Softball Committee Meeting

November 17, 2015

10:00 am NYSPHSAA Office

Attendance: Section 1: Todd Santabarbara and Susan Duella, Section 2: Mike Glenn, Section 3: Kerry Bennett, Section 4: Terry Palmer, Section 5: Bob Huber, Section 6: absent, Section 7: Ralph Cross, Section 8: Chris Ceruti (conference call), Section 9: Tom Cassata, Section 10: Allen Minckler, Section 11: Jim Wright and Mellissa Edwards.

State Coordinator: Cathy Allen, Past Coordinator Aileen Durrant, NYSSOO President Jim Berkery, NYSPHSAA Staff Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristen Jardin and Intern John

Meeting notes:

Approved minutes from June 12, 2015 meeting and September 24, 2015 conference call

Jim Berkery- gave Umpires school report and Umpires memorial information for Chuck Campney. He was a member of the NYSOO staff and a long time umpire in Section 7.

Staff reports-

Joe Altieri- went over the changes in the Staff since the retirement of Bob Stulmaker.

Handed out 7 year calendars to group and went over dates etc.

If you retire- try to bring in replacement a year in advance if possible

Hall of Fame- not many nominations- looking for more there is currently -no one in the Hall of fame from the Softball Community- packet on website under forms.

State passes- 10 years of service or more- Terry Palmer and Allen Minckler

Spaulding transitioning- ball adoption will start in the Fall of 2016

Introduced Kristen Jadin- will be handling the special programs- scholar athlete, ball, captains' club- student athlete advisory committee and any other programs-

Robert- thanked the Committee- changes in the Office with staff- discussed ball adoption and coaching certification-

Bid process changes- Robert distributed copies of the new Bid format and the group discussed when we would have the Bid Deadline for the 2017-2019 tournaments. May 5th at 11:00 am was chosen as the deadline date for bids- they will be opened at the State office with Committee present.

Joe asked if we would consider changing our meeting to week 18 on the calendar- There are many tournaments this week and time for meeting is difficult. Committee did not decide yet on the next fall

meeting. It was noted that this is a convenient time due to the AHPER Conference starting on Wednesday.

Todd- is in charge of programs- if we want anything added or deleted let him know

Modified committee- was the modified person invited? Cathy stated she needed her email address, every time she emails her it comes back- Todd will send out her email, If you have any for the modified committee let Todd know.

Safety Committee- adult helmets- approved at the July EX Com- tabled until October- was approved in October at all levels-

Face masks issue- safety committee did ask that the Committee discuss it- no approvals on safety – would have to be on a hard shelled helmet- Todd contacted NFHS and they too have concerns of mandating since there is no standards etc.

Discussion ensued with bats- Jim did an excellent job explaining how bats are altered

The question was raised- what does the Committee want to do?

- Discussion on banned bat list- discussion continued on placing the responsibility on the Schools and athletes to comply to the rule concerning these bats-

After much discussion it was decided to propose the following motion:

Committee would like to do the following: Motion- That NYSPHSAA will follow the 'ASA non approved bat list with certification stamp"—using the most current list-on the asasoftball.com website, on all levels of play in NYS schools beginning with the 2016 season. Motion by Susan D, Seconded-Jim W. motion carried 10-0

Motion: The penalty for using an "ASA non approved certification stamped bat", which is found on the most current list will be the same as the penalty for using an altered bat. Motion by Susan D, Seconded: Bob H- motion carried 10-0.

Cathy discussed 2015 and 2016 tournaments-

Regional scheduled were completed- sites, dates and times-

Certificates were handed out- to be awarded at the sub regional - certificate will travel with team. Also at Regional final- if a one game bracket- if the regional is a 2- game bracket then the bye team will be receiving them during the award ceremony.

****Post meeting note- both teams in the Regional final will be receiving a plaque- one will read Regional Finalists the other Regional Champion.

Section concerns-

Section 1- no concerns

Section 2- no concerns

Section 3- no concerns

Section 4- wants to know how many other Sections will be using Memorial Day for the Finals in the event of rain- all using that day except for Section 7.

Section 5- concern to use metal spikes- as per baseball- discussed – there is no interest in changing our wavier- NO Metal cleats on any level.

Section 7 no concerns

Section 8 no concerns

Section 9 no concerns

Section 10 no concerns

Section 11- Jim discussed results of the survey- skill level and quality of play etc. He expressed

Concerns about injuries- A suggestion for next survey would be to have a discussion with section coaches and developed possible questions from their concerns-

New Business:

Discussion on pitching distance for modified- up to Sections and Leagues to determine the distance.

Suspended game vs completed game- after discussion- Reps will take back to Sections for input and more discussion will follow in June.

Two day tournament. Baseball will be going to a two day tournament once approved in January.

Is there a need for softball to look at this same format? Much discussion followed- Bid impact, costs etc. If committee is interested there will have to be a Committee to develop the proposal- costs etc the Committee will go back to Sections and discussion- total time to implement would be 3 years.

May 5th- 11:00 State Office Bid – Robert will prepare Bid proposal and get it out to all by Dec 1st.

Next Committee meeting-

June 10 2016 at SGF HS- 12 noon

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Submitted by

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