



Athletic Director's Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

Location/Room - Erie 1 BOCES Room B-2a

10:30 AM - Activity Board

11:30 AM - Lunch

12:00 PM – Meeting

Opening Remarks

(Dave Hack)

- Division Breakouts: UNIFIED Alignment options: What's best – **Discussion regarding unified bowling alignment, flag football, and track 1- or 2-day meet.**

Athletic Council

(Dave Hack)

- Next Meeting is Wednesday 11/8/2023 @ E1B Room B1

President's Report

(Dave Hack)

- Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2023 Meeting – **1st Greg Witman, 2nd Marissa Fallacaro Dougherty motion passed**
- ECIC Winter Coaches meetings 11/8/2023 @ O.P.—**5:00 p.m. ECIC; 6:00 p.m. Section VI**
- Flag Football: Divisions-- **Vote @ 11/8 AC meeting**
- ECIC Chair people—**thoughts how to honor these individuals who do not get paid for services such as Shirt, Jacket, or money**

Executive Director's Report (Jim Graczyk):

- Office Communications: Any needs?
- Reminder: changing dates, times, contests requires a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office
- Section/League Coaches Meetings: **Spring 3/6/2024; email to coaches**
- Winter Champ sites: **Wrestling @ Lancaster; Swim @ Alden (small school) B meet @ Alden on 1/20 possibly not taking place, need host, participation of B meet has been declining; Swim @ Sweet Home; Bowling@ Airport Lanes**

Activity Board

(Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Vinny Dell'Oso, Dave Hack)

- **SPRING 2024 - Dates with League contests moving to end of season**
- **Track Champs - 1- or 2-day meet vote needed**
- **UNIFIED Sports & League Scheduling /Alignments-- to be approved 11/8 AC meeting**
- **DRAFT Varsity SPRING Alignments - review, approve on 11/8 AC meeting**
- **Combining of Schools - JFK/Cheektowaga Boys Swim, Vote 11/8 AC meeting**

- ECIC Schools honoring their schedule -follow schedule in arbiter, no cancellation and no forfeit. Honor league schedule. Difficulty for some schools to field teams. Unable to keep to schedule. Difficulty with intention sheets and fielding teams too early. Possibly reverting back to 4 divisions. Review intention sheets and discussion before moving from 5 divisions back to 4 divisions.

Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report (Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Vinny Dell’Oso, Dave Hack):

- Report from 9/20 section VI meeting - Notes sent via email 9/20/2023
- Boys Golf needs a new Section Chair – advise if any coach that may be interested

Committee Reports:

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| • Sectional/Intersectional | Jason Przybysz | (no report) |
| • Modified | Ken Partell | meet 11/8 |
| • Safety | Eric Rupp | (no report) |
| • Chemical Awareness | Jason Iwankow | (no report) |
| • Finance | Brian Hickson | |

Meeting in mid-October to discuss officials’ contract and mileage fee. Section discussion regarding billing within dues a flat fee for all schools of \$125. Any school within section with mileage fees over \$1,500, a fund would be created for the schools paying over \$1,500. Section reviewing last contract and the mileage increase.

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| • Sportsmanship | Sandy Gauthier | (no report) |
| • Combining of Schools | Daryl Besant | (no report) |

Old Business:

- ECIC Coaches & Student Athlete Sportsmanship Award Nominees – Any potential nominees submit to Jim Graczyk. Honored in August.

New Business:

- Girls LAX alignment 2024 – draft provided by Jim Graczyk via email
- B&G Basketball; B&G Soccer/ OPT OUT Date earlier, Split Classes – Seeking teams to opt out earlier. Knowing which teams opting out help to balance schedule in order to avoid split classes.
- ECIC Girls division in Wrestling: B. Hickson – Schools with girls wrestling under mixed competition. Few schools have 1 girl. Clarence (10); Sweet Home (10).
- Ball People at Soccer All levels D. Hack – Girls’ home team ball people present. Are there ball people? Are they needed? Ball people needed for sectionals.

Good of the Order:

- ECIC Student Leadership Summit (SAAC) Update J. Lehmbeck: Place Orchard Park Community Center; Date 3/27/2024. Missy West public speaker. Possible sponsor, L & M Financial. Individual amount \$6,000. Through BOCES, aid able funding. Present as a mental health seminar wherein schools may have funds for mental health seminar. Present at December meeting.

- Bowling & Basketball UNIFIED Chair nominees - **Brian Pane (Cheektowaga) & Sean Lauber (Iroquois), B. Hickson AD assigned. Vote on 11/8/23**
- Baseball & Softball Seeding Meetings - **Wednesday May 15, 2024**
- End federated competitions for all sports – D. Hack – **Cross country runners state meet and federated meet. Pay to send whole team to both. No longer held in boys/girls' basketball.**

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors - 12/4/2023 @ E1B Room B1

Athletic Council - 1/10/2024 @ E1B Room B1