



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 6, 2021 – 9:00am**  
**WebEx**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** Approval of the September 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Approval of Combining of Schools
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Approval of Outside Agency Contests
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Approval of Senior All Star Contests
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix A**)



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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** (Brett Banker)

Motion to add items to agenda 2 *Combining of teams pending applications*

*Indoor Track B/G Dunkirk & Silver Creek Federated no league approval required  
Swim B, Dunkirk, Forestville & Westfield requires league approval*

**CARRIED: Graczyk/Donahue**

**3.0 MINUTES** (Brett Banker)

3.1 Motion to Approve of the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes

**CARRIED: Fallacaro-Dougherty/Graczyk**

**4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Mark DiFilippo)

4.1 Officials' Vaccination tracking- NYSPHSAA met with the OCF and approved the process of each individual official's group will monitor their members vaccination status. All officials will be expected to either be vaccinated or test weekly to be assigned. Our group wanted it noted that schools could not possibly manage this.

4.2 Officials' negotiations update. Section team met and were asked to bring back the needs and wants from each of the leagues. The group will meet with the individual sport groups in the near future. Discussion about multi year agreement, recruitment and retention of officials.

4.3 Fall Sectional update – Sites still not finalized for girls' and boys' volleyball. Only 2 leagues (ECIC/NFL) that have boys' volleyball, Mark recommended that we move the semis for boys go back to higher seed instead of a neutral site. The leagues did not have an issue with changing that.

4.4 Girls Flag Football update- Last week Preston and Todd Nelson met with our ADs that were interested in competing this spring. The schools need to respond this week to the survey that Preston sent out so The Bills can select 8-10 teams to be awarded the grant.

**5.0 COMMUNICATIONS** (Mark DiFilippo)

5.1 Motion to approve Combining of Schools

1. Demerger Wrestling Alden & Depew
2. Indoor Track B/G Dunkirk & Silver Creek
3. Swim B, Dunkirk, Forestville & Westfield

**CARRIED: Rabey/Fallacaro-Dougherty**

5.2 Motion to approve Outside Agency Contests:

- a) Boys Basketball Bob Hettler Showcase sponsored by 'The Jolly Boys' 12/23/21 at Amherst High school – co sponsored by Amherst High School

**CARRIED: Graczyk/Rabey**

5.3 Motion to approve Senior All Star Contests:

- a) Basketball N-O/G-R All-Star Game on 3/12/2022 at Albion High School co-sponsored by Niagara Orleans League

**CARRIED: Fallacaro-Dougherty/Rabey**

**6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (Jeff Rabey) -Nothing to Report

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (Jeff Rabey) Nothing to Report

6.3 Finance Committee (Don Scholla)

6.3.1 Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix A**)

**CARRIED: Rabey/Gens**

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional Committee (Mark DiFilippo)

6.4.1 NYSPHSAA Classification Vote discussion (**Attachment**) – Discussion item at the October NYSPHSAA and will be a vote in February. Leagues should discuss and be ready to vote in January.

6.4.2 Track Class meets for 2022 – Chairs would like to continue with 6 class meets. We only have 5 approved and 6 was a COVID decision last year.

6.7 State Executive Committee /Central Committee

- a) Superintendent (Jeff Rabey) - Nothing to Report
- b) Principal (Al Gens) - Nothing to Report
- c) Female Rep. / Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty / J. Graczyk)

Changes to Amateur Rule **Attachment – This will be voted on at the October NYSPHSAA meeting.**

6.8 Extended Eligibility (Mark DiFilippo) – 1 application that was denied.

6.10 Transfer/ Foreign Student (Mark DiFilippo)

*Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee* **Attachment**

6.13 Mixed Competition (Al Gens)

6.13.1 Pine Valley – Girls Volleyball

6.13.2 Kenmore West Field Hockey Appeal – KenTon has appealed to NYSPHSAA after being denied at the Sectional level.

6.13.3 Girls Gymnastics – North, Hamburg, Kenmore all have boys on their team

6.14 Nominations (Maureen Donahue)

6.14.1 Recommend Matt McKenna for Safety Chair Position - Nov AC

6.14.2 Recommend Alex Chambers Asst Boys Tennis Chair - Nov AC

6.15 Corporate Partner (Mark DiFilippo) – Nothing to Report

6.16 Hall of Fame (Jim Dunnigan) – Nothing to Report

6.17 Unified Sports (Doug Ames) – Nothing to Report

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (Jeff Roth)

*Nothing to report Fall Deadline December 6, 2021*

### 7.2 Charter Schools (Mark DiFilippo)

#### 7.2.1 Charter School Placement – Committee Chair Dr. Rabey

CCAA AI Gens, Buffalo Mike House, Charters Marc LaMorticella, have agreed to be on the committee. Waiting on NFL, N/O, ECIC. Mark has asked the other 10 sections, of how the charters are placed. Section 5 is the only other section with as many charter schools as us and they are in their own league with the Catholic schools. As soon as the committee is formed, Dr. Rabey will come up with some rationale and recommend a placement for them.

## 8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 8.1 NYSPHSAA CAC Meeting Minutes **Attachment**

### 8.2 NYSPHSAA Foundation Meeting Minutes **Attachment**

### 8.3 NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Minutes **Attachment**

## 9.0 SPORTS REPORTS

None are due at this time

## 10.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 10.1 Appeals Committee/Fees Proposal **Attachment**

Take a look and let's discuss if we should bring this for a vote later in the year.

### 10.2 **Mask Mandate discussion** – Masks are required at all times while in doors. Much discussion of some enforcing and others not. Some teams not even making an attempt to wear masks. Who is policing the athletes wearing the masks. Much discussion about NYSPHSAA championships that will be indoors and how the mask mandate will be policed.

### 10.3 **Thunder Lightning Policy Attachment**

**Minor differences between what is in our policy handbook verse what is in the NYSPHSAA handbook. Looks like we did not update when the state updated language. Agreed we should update our policy handbook so it is the same as the state.**

## 11.0 NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about mask mandate disparity between school teams & travel teams & youth sports. Should we be talking/writing letters to our legislatures and assemblyman. Enforcing indoor sports with a mask will be next to impossible and also brings health and safety issues into the mix. Adam will share our concerns with local leaders that we are concerned about keeping our kids safe with mask mandate for indoor sports. Provide alternative solutions such as testing non-vaccinated athletes.

## 12.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

**Carried Fallacaro-Dougherty / Gens**