

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
AUGUST 2009 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Crowne Plaza-Lake Placid

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved May 2009 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P5 Approved retroactively Section VIII's request for an extension of the Modified sport season.
3. P5 Approved to continue support of the Licensing Resource Group program.
4. P5 Approved retroactively Section VII's request for a reduction in the required number of contests for Track and Field.
5. P5 Approved the 2009-2010 Section Sports Seasons.
6. P6 Approved date and/or venue changes in the 2009-2010 State Championships for Boys Tennis, Boys Golf and Girls Golf.
7. P6 Approved the reappointment of Bill Higgins as Boys Basketball State Coordinator and the appointment of Dylan Bronson as Boys Golf Assistant State Coordinator.
8. P8 Approved the penalty for any violation of the Preseason Football Rule.
9. P8 Approved for all sports in Regional championships, host officials will be used unless mutually agreed upon by the participating Sections.
10. P9 Approved in Girls Basketball a waiver of the NCAA women's rules to allow Sections to experiment with sixteen (16) minute halves in varsity level non-league contests upon mutual agreement of both schools for the 2009-2010 season.
11. P9 Approved in Boys and Girls Bowling that the oil pattern will be announced in advance of the NYSPHSAA Bowling Tournament.
12. P9 Approved in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving the definition of a Swimming and Diving uniform.
13. P9 Approved in Boys and Girls Volleyball the time length of all time outs is 60 seconds.
14. P9 Approved in Girls Gymnastics the use of the existing *Technical Handbook* along with the 2009 changes and additions.
15. P10 Approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to study the factors for implementing competitive cheerleading as a sport.
16. P13 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **Rye Country Day School (1) and Mesivta Ateres Yaakov High School (8).**
17. P14 Approved revisions to the seeding procedure of the State Wrestling Championship.
18. P14 Approved using 3 person officiating crews for the Regional and State Championships with no additional cost in Girls Basketball.
19. P14 Tabled a motion in individual sports a Board of Education approved coach and/or school designee will attend State Championship contests in a supervisory capacity effective for the 2010-2011 school year.
20. P14 Approved the protocol and possible penalty for a coach/supervisor who violates #9 of the Code of Conduct.
21. P15 Approved revising the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Skin Lesion Release Form to be consistent with the NFHS form and to add the name of the school.
22. P15 Approved the addition of language for clarification in #13. Interstate Contests (NYSPHSAA Handbook-p. 97)
23. P15 Approved language for clarification to the Sportsmanship Regulation (NYSPHSAA Handbook-p. 103)
24. P16 Denied the Budget & Finance Committee's recommendation to increase dues for the 2010-2011 school year.
25. P22 Approved all Group Meeting reports.
26. P22 Meeting adjourned.

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DISCUSSION ITEM – DECEMBER MEETING

Review of the reduction of contests

POSTPONED ITEMS – DECEMBER MEETING

*Boys Basketball Proposals

1. The use of NFHS Rule 2-2-1 for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games which will adopt the replay review rule if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association.
2. Officials must attend a clinic or work some form of game/scrimmage to have experience in three (3) person officiating in order to work the State Tournaments.

*Dues increase of \$30.00 per school and \$.03 per student for the 2010-2011 school year.

**NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Crowne Plaza-Lake Placid

August 4-5, 2009

The Central Committee was called to order by President Patrick Pizzarelli at 2:30PM. Members present included:

Officers & Staff

President Patrick Pizzarelli
First Vice President Mark Ward
Second Vice President Eileen Troy
Past President Ronald Black
Executive Director Nina Van Erk
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Treasurer Kathleen Hagle
Counsel Renee James
Dir. of Government Relations Kevin Banes
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Peter Betrus
Patrick Calnon
Kathryn Faber
Michaela Kasner
Karen Lopez
Richard McGuire
Jim Tolle
Dean Veenhof

Section Representatives

Section 1: John Ventura (proxy for Scott Mosenthal), Karen Peterson, Jen Simmons (proxy for Stewart Hanson), Kenneth Mitchell (Wednesday only)
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall, Mike Joseph Murphy, G. Michael Apostol
Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Evelyn Sammons, Ken Avery (proxy for Richard Hunt-Tues. only), Richard Hunt (Wednesday only), John Rathbun (proxy for Michael Deuel)
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond, Michael Virgil, Terry Heller
Section 5: Dennis O'Brien, Kathy Smith, Joseph Backer, Michael Simon
Section 6: Don Scholla, Cynthia Bullis, James Dunnigan, Michael Wendt (proxy for Jeff Rabey)
Section 7: C. Joseph Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry, John McDonald, Steven Broadwell
Section 8: Todd Heimer (proxy for Dominick Vulpis), Laura Orticelle, Neil Connolly, Henry Grishman
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe, Al Wojtaszek, Robert Thabet (proxy for Donald Andrews)
Section 10: Lori Brewer (proxy for Paul Harrica), Martha Slack (proxy for Stephanie Putney), Carl Normandin (proxy for Darin Saiff), Anthony Bjork
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis, Lynn Schwartz, Ed Cinelli (proxy for John Dolan)

Section Presidents

John Ventura (1), Mike McCarthy (2), Ken Avery (3), David Daniels (4), Dave Green (5), Mike Wendt (6), John Landro (9), Ross Goldin (11)

Section Secretaries & Treasurers

Jen Simmons (1), Doug Kenyon (2), Fred Gula (2), Roger Seward (2), John Rathbun (3), Ben Nelson (4), Thomas DeLaurentiis (4), Ed Stores (5), Jackie Meyer (5), Bob Dinse (6), Loren Ratajczak (6), Karen Lopez (7), John Gallagher (7), Todd Heimer (8), George McElroy (8), Bob Thabet (9), Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin (10), Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11)

State Sports Coordinators

Ed Dopp, Baseball
William Higgins, Basketball-B (Wednesday only)
Eileen Troy, Basketball-G
Kathy Ferreri, Bowling-G
Wayne Inman, Bowling-B
Charles Wiltse, Cross Country-B
Bev Hooper, Field Hockey
Dick Cerone, Football
Doug Courtright, Golf-B
Jamie Harter, Asst. Coordinator G. Golf

Dennis O'Brien, Skiing-B
Bob Underwood, Skiing-G
Mike Andrew, Soccer-B
Charles Goehring, Soccer-G
Cathy Allen, Softball
Roger Bell, Swimming/Diving-B
Diane Hicks-Hughes, Swimming/Diving-G
Selina DeCicco, Tennis-B
Chris Horgan, Tennis-G
Dan Doherty, Track & Field-G

Mike Martin, Gymnastics-B
Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey
Liz Parry, Asst. Coordinator G. Lacrosse
Tom Hall, B. Lacrosse
George Hathaway, Riflery

Don Sauer, Track & Field-B
Judy Hartmann, Volleyball-B
Peggy Seese, Asst. Coordinator G. Volleyball
Oscar Jensen, Winter Track-B
Dave Hennessey, Winter Track-G
Marty Sherman, Wrestling

Ex-Officio & Consultants

Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
Harold Fried, President-NYSAAA
Tom Graham-NYS Coaches Assoc.
Tom McGuire, Pupil Benefits Plan
Trish Kocialski, NYS Education Department

Standing Committees

Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator
Mike Schwenk, Life of an Athlete Coordinator
James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

Guests

Greg Ransom (1)	Joe Sposato (5)
Jamie Rockhill (2)	Kim Henshaw (5)
Mike Kardash (2)	Ted Woods (5)
Ken Fuller (3)	Diane Munro (6)
John Paske (4)	Paul Savage (7)
Jim Dollard (5)	

A **motion to approve** the May 2009 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried.** Heimer/J. Murphy

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Pat Pizzarelli

- Introduced Steve Broadwell, President of Section 7, who welcomed the group to the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid.
- Thanked the staff for their work on behalf of the student-athletes in New York State.
- Thanked the Section Committee Representatives for work well done on behalf of their Sections and student-athletes.
- Reviewed accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2008-2009 school year.
- Announced Executive Director Nina Van Erk's appointment as President-Elect of the NFHS.
- Announced members appointed to the Championship Philosophy Committee as follows: Section 1: Karen Peterson; Section 2: Ryan Sherman; Section 3: Mike Cring; Section 4: need a female CSO or Principal; Section 5: need a female athletic representative; Section 6: Pat Burke; Section 7: Steve Broadwell; Section 8: Saul Lerner; Section 9: Dave Bernsley; Section 10: Tony Bjork; Section 11: Lisa Lally; Past President Representative: Dick McGuire. Doug Kenyon, Executive Director of Section 2 and Karen Lopez, Executive Director of Section 7 will be co-chairs. Pat Pizzarelli, President and Mark Ward, 1st Vice President will also sit on the committee.

1st Vice President Mark Ward

- Attended the NFHS summer meeting in July in Chicago. It was a great opportunity with great workshops and he found that some of the same issues that our Association is dealing with i.e. public vs. private school, cheerleading, funding, other associations throughout the country are also dealing with.
- Attended 8 State Championships throughout the school year and was amazed at the quality of the organization and work that takes place to put on the championships.

2nd Vice President Eileen Troy

- Commended Nina and the Association staff on the great job they do for our schools and Sections.
- Thanked the Principals and Chief School Officers for permitting the sport coordinators and various sport committee representatives to do the work that they do for athletics and student-athletes in New York State.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of May through August and presented the following items of interest.

- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops.** The NYSPHSAA requires all school district athletic directors to attend an annual mandatory NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition. Workshops are scheduled in each of the 11 sections along with a centrally located workshop at the NYSPHSAA office in

Latham. Athletic directors may attend the workshop that best fits their schedule. If additional school personnel wish to attend the workshops, please contact the Section Executive Director to inquire about available space. A list of the dates, times and places of the 2009-2010 workshops was included in the meeting folders.

- **2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook.** The 2009-2010 version of the NYSPHSAA Handbook is available on line. The most recent changes are underlined to indicate the changes that have been made since the printing of the 2008-2010 red handbook. The Handbook will be updated after each NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting so the most current information is available to the membership.

- **Extension of the Season.**

A **motion to retroactively approve** Section VIII's request for an extension of the Modified sport season to June 13, 2009 **carried.** Heimer/Simon

- **Licensing Resource Group.** In January, permission was granted to engage in an agreement with LRG to provide opportunity for schools to receive sales revenue from licensed products. Due to the national interest in this program, the agreement for schools has become an "opt-out" program.

A **motion to approve** to continue to support this program **carried.** Westfall/Simmons

- **Reduction of Required Contests.**

A **motion to retroactively approve** Section VII's request for a reduction in the required number of contests from six (6) to four (4) for Track and Field due to the limited number of meets **carried.** Maney/Staves

- **Legislative Action Update.** Nina and Kevin Banes met with Assemblyman Hayes and members of his staff to discuss the Age and Duration of Competition regulations due to an ineligible disabled athlete from his legislative district. They continue to work with legislators to build bridges of understanding and support.
- **CSIET Advisory List.** The Advisory List was received on May 1st and faxed to the Section offices and placed on the Association's web site. A link to the 2009-2010 Advisory List is available on our website www.nysphsaa.org.
- **Directory Information.** The 2009-2010 Directory Information form included in the meeting folders needs to be completed and returned by September 11, 2009.
- **Central Committee Appointments.** The following members of the Central Committee have been selected to represent their respective sections for a four year term expiring in 2013:

Section 1	Scott Mosenthal	Principal Representative
Section 2	Liz Hemstead	Female Athletic Representative
Section 3	Michael Carboine	Male Athletic Representative
Section 4	TBA	Female Athletic Representative
Section 5	Dennis O'Brien	Male Athletic Representative
Section 6	Cindy Bullis	Female Athletic Representative
Section 7	Steve Broadwell	Principal Representative
Section 8	Neil Connolly	Principal Representative
Section 9	Jim Wolfe	Male Athletic Representative
Section 10	Paul Harrica	Chief School Officer Representative
Section 11	John Dolan	Principal Representative

New Central Committee members welcomed were:

Section 1	Ken Mitchell	Chief School Officer Representative (2011)
Section 8	Dominick Vulpis	Male Athletic Representative (2012)

- **Section Sports Seasons.**

A **motion to approve** the 2009-2010 Section Sports Seasons **carried.** Sammons/DeGillis

- **Concussion Management.** Lloyd Mott will be working with the Concussion Management teams across the state to schedule webinar dates for ImPACT training sessions geared toward physicians, psychologists and certified athletic trainers.
- **NFHS Appointments.** The following representatives have recently been appointed to NFHS Committees:
Carl Normandin – Coaches Quarterly Publications Committee
Jacquie Gow – Girls Lacrosse Rules Committee
Bob Kersch – Officials Quarterly Publications Committee
Nina Van Erk – Board of Directors – President Elect

- **Future Meeting Dates –**

Executive Committee:

December 6-7, 2009 –Holiday Inn-Wolf Road, Albany

Sunday – 2:30PM to 5:00PM Monday – 9:00AM to conclusion

April 30-May 1, 2010 – Holiday Inn - Binghamton

Central Committee:

August 3-5, 2010 – Holiday Valley – Ellicottville (6) (Tuesday – Thursday)

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

2008-2009 State Championships.

- A summary as of July 25, 2009 of the Championship Financial Report and a comparison to previous years was included in the meeting folders.
- Conference Medal/Trophy Co. Replica Plaque program returned \$648.00 from the sales of 216 replicas of the NYSPHSAA award. Royalties totaling \$8,661.00 have been received in the 10 years of this program.
- Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2008-2009 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2009-2010.

2009-2010 State Championships.

- A master schedule as approved by the Executive Committee in January 2009 was included in the meeting folders.

A **motion to approve** the following changes **carried:**

Hemstead/Nickerson

Boys Tennis	June 3-5, 2010	USTA Complex (NYC)
Boys Golf	June 5-7, 2010	Cornell University (4)
Girls Golf	June 11-13, 2010	SUNY Delhi (4)

- A list of 2009-2010 National Exam Dates, showing championship date conflicts was included in the meeting folders.
- Future Dates/Sites. The tentative schedule of dates and sites of future state championships planned for 2010-2011 and beyond was included in the meeting folders.

State Sports Coordinators.

A **motion to approve** the reappointment of Bill Higgins as Boys Basketball State Coordinator, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2014 and Dylan Bronson as Boys Golf Assistant State Coordinator through August 31, 2012 **carried.**

DeCillis/Staves

- Sports whose State Coordinators with appointments/reappointments scheduled during 2009-2010 are Riflery, Boys Skiing, Girls Skiing, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, Girls Gymnastics and Girls Lacrosse.
- The annual meeting for the State Sports Coordinators, as required by the NYSPHSAA Constitution, was held as an extension of the Central Committee Group meeting on Wednesday, August 5. The Sports Coordinators manual has been updated and will be distributed at this meeting. Copies for Section Executive Directors will be provided. Other copies are available upon request.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- The Scholar/Athlete Team Award program had concluded its 18th year with record participation totals.
- A list of the Spring 2009 Scholar/Athlete State Champions and award presenters was included in the meeting folders.
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 14th year of sponsorship.

School of Distinction

- 2008-2009 School of Distinction winners are: Rye HS (1), The Ursuline School (1), Morris CS (4), Barker CS (6), Clarence HS (6), Indian Lake CS (7), Jericho HS (8), John F. Kennedy HS (8), Massapequa HS (8), Paul D. Schreiber HS (8), Commack HS (11), Islip HS (11) and Sayville HS (11).
- Thank you to Lee's Trophies Co., Schenectady, NY for sponsoring the awards.
- 2009-2010 instructions and application forms are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.
- 2008-2009 Scholar Athlete and School of Distinction Record Book was available for review at the Central Committee meeting.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association

- 2009-2010 officers are: President: Don Douglas, PSAL; Vice President: Donal Buckley, CHSAA; Secretary: MJ Quigley, AISAA; Treasurer: Nina Van Erk, PHSAA; and Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton.
- 2009-2010 meeting schedule is as follows: Fall: September 14, 2009; Winter: December 10, 2009; Spring: May 17, 2010

NFHS Student Leadership Conference

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson attended the NFHS Student Leadership Conference on July 16-19, 2009 in Indianapolis along with Murphee Hayes, Student Athlete Advisory Coordinator and the Athletic Administrator at Whitney Point High School (4).
- Student leaders selected from our member schools to attend were: Owen Daniels (grade 11)-Albany (2); Stephen Rathbun (grade 11)-Cicero-North Syracuse (3); Matthew Struckle (grade 11)-Laurens (4); Erin Kelly (grade 11)-Guilderland (2); Catherine Mucha (grade 11)-Keshequa (5); Bethany Raudenbush (grade 11)-Saranac (7).
- Next year's conference is scheduled for July 15-18, 2010 in Indianapolis.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Classification of Schools

- Letters of instruction for the 2010-2011 classification reports will be sent to the Section offices in early September.
- As the Executive Committee will be reviewing the classification numbers for the 2010-2011 school year at their December meeting, member school BEDS numbers will be due to the Association office by November 13, 2009.
- The Executive Committee voted in January 2009 to keep the classification numbers for the 2009-2010 school year the same as the 2008-2009 school year. They can be found on pages 174-175 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The variations for the 2008-2009 school year also found on pages 174-175 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook will remain the same for the 2009-2010 school year.

Coaches Clinics

- Although attendance during our sport clinics was down from previous years, we have decided to continue to provide this valuable professional development to our coaches across the state.
- Coaches clinics were held in wrestling, boys' lacrosse, softball, baseball, field hockey, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, volleyball, cheerleading and boys' and girls' soccer.
- The Association sponsored the first ever cheerleading coaches' clinic in Syracuse. Coaches from Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended.

Sanctioning

Interstate Contest Sanctioning

- He thanked our member schools for notifying the office when traveling outside of the state for competition.
- Beginning in August 2009, the NFHS sanctioning process will be on-line. Athletic administrators can visit the NFHS website to receive information about sanctioning and to verify if an event has been sanctioned by the NFHS.
- The fee structure for sanctioning has changed. It has been increased to \$200.00. Late fees have also doubled.

Coaching Certification Review Committee

- The Coaching Education Committee is working on how to implement an option for coaches to take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course and get credit toward the Principles and Philosophy course required by SED.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences during the months of May through August.

- **Spring Championship Programs** provided a net loss of \$1,940 due to program printing expenses.
- **Championship Programs** showed a profit of \$11,687 due to increased income from program sales at the state tournaments.
- **Championship Media/Broadcasting.**
 - The Association saw revenues of \$39,150 for all championship TV, radio and internet broadcasts in 2008-2009. Live TV broadcasts were conducted in the Football Semis and Finals, Boys Basketball Finals, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse.
 - MSG/Cablevision has contacted a number of Sections to propose an exclusive telecasting contract where they would have the rights to regular games, sectionals and county championships. Any Section who has questions or concerns, please contact Joe and he will be happy to assist you.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Sales** were reviewed for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. The 2009 revenues exceeded \$100,000 for the first time ever.

Corporate Sponsorships

- **US Marines.** We have received a verbal agreement that the Marines will return as a "Platinum" sponsor for 2009-2010. Final commitment and details will follow at the December Executive Committee meeting.
- **American Dairy Association.** A one year contract has been signed for a "Silver" level sponsorship. The sponsorship includes an eligibility poster that was developed for member schools. Each school will receive two posters at the AD Workshops.
- **CSEA.** We have met with and begun discussions on a "Bronze" level sponsorship for the 2009-2010 school year. This would be the 7th consecutive year CSEA would sponsor NYSPHSAA at the "Bronze" level.
- **Holiday Inn.** Due to our partnership with the Holiday Inn this year, we generated approximately \$30,000 this year in room revenue and advertising revenue from Holiday Inn hotels since September.
- **Worldwide Sport Supply.** We have met with and discussed a two-year sponsorship as a "Contributing" level partner for our Wrestling Championships.
- A listing of current NYSPHSAA corporate sponsors and their level of sponsorships was included in the meeting

folders.

Media

- **Media Advisory Committee.** The committee is scheduled to meet August 25th or 26th at the Association office.
- **Media Credentials.** Requests for media credentials for all our state tournaments can now be done by visiting our website and accessing the online request form.

Public Relations/Marketing

- **Press releases** have been distributed statewide for the following: New York Good Sports winners, Hall of Fame inductions, appointment of Nina as NFHS President Elect (copy included in the meeting folders) and the request for media credentials being available online.
- **New Logo.** The process of implementing our new logo has begun. Each Section Executive Director was mailed a CD of the new logo and the variations adopted at the May meeting. Please refer to the Logo Guidelines Manual to ensure accuracy and brand consistency if you are looking to use the new logo in any manner.

Treasurer Kathy Higle reviewed the budget stating the financial condition of the Association is strong.

Financials

- The Association will finish the year \$32,000 better than budget due to an increase in sponsorship revenues and a significant decrease in the post retirement health benefits and health benefits due to a new benefit provider.

Audit

- We received a clean opinion from our auditors, Marvin & Co., for 2007-2008. Our only management comment recommended hiring an actuary to estimate our post retirement health benefits. This can be seen as an unnecessary annual expense as the Treasurer already takes an actuarial approach to the calculation of the benefit estimate. Copies of the audited financial statements are available.

Dues

- There will be no dues increase for 2009-2010. They will remain at \$750.00 for each school plus \$80 for each student over 300 students in grades 7-12.

Counselor Renee James

- Asked for input on the wording of a proposed amendment to the Sportsmanship Rule dealing with the misidentification of a student.
- Reported the Association had received a complaint filed by the Office of Civil Rights on behalf of the parents of a student who turned 19 beyond the deadline and wanted to play soccer. She reported they went through mediation with a federal mediator and the parents in attendance and explained that it is a Commissioner of Education regulation and we cannot change the rule.
- Reported there is an appeal pending before the Commissioner of Education dealing with formation of leagues within a Section in Baseball. The Section first classified them based on enrollment and then within those subclasses, classifies them on an ability based formula. The appeal was brought to the Association who upheld the Section and is now before the Commissioner.
- Reported a committee has been formed to develop a policy on Transgender and gender identity in terms of student athletes.

Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes

- Reviewed the power struggle issue in the Senate and concerns with the \$2.1 billion budget deficit.
- Reported Assemblyman Jim Hayes who had introduced a bill that would authorize the Commissioner of Education to issue a waiver for eligibility rights for students with disabilities. He and Nina met with Assemblyman Hayes and his counsel and shared the problems it would cause if such a waiver was allowed. The bill has not moved out of committee.

POSTPONED ITEMS

- **Football – Penalty for Violation.**

A **motion to approve** the penalty for any violation of the Preseason Football Rule **carried**. Quimby/McDonald
The penalty states: “For any violation of this rule, the head coach will be suspended from the next regularly scheduled contest. The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site. Not being present at the site means the disqualified coach is not present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game.”

- **Boys Lacrosse – Officials for Regionals.** The use of top officials from competing Sections in Boys Lacrosse beginning with the 2010 season, if both Sections agree, generated much discussion.

A **motion to approve** for all sports in Regional championships, host officials will be used unless mutually agreed upon by the participating Sections **carried**. DeCillis/Scholla

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 4 no; Section 2: 4 yes; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 3 yes; Section 11: 4 yes. 23 Yes/20 No)

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Transfer Committee. Executive Director Nina Van Erk reviewed the minutes from the May 18, 2009 meeting highlighting:

- A concern was should Selectively Classified students be included in the Transfer Rule? Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 expressed interest to make this recommendation but Sections 4, 7, 8, 9 and 11 were opposed to the change.
- The committee felt that the use of standardized forms and the process we have is working well at this time.
- The topic of Religious Education Classes generated a great deal of discussion. It was suggested to ask Renee James to establish language that would exclude the use of courses that are prohibited from being taught in a public school as the basis of an Educational Waiver of the Transfer Rule.
- The next meeting of the Transfer Coordinators will be scheduled for the spring of 2010.

Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Committee. Section 1 Executive Director Jen Simmons reviewed the minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting highlighting:

- The minutes of the June 2008 meeting were reviewed and clarified.
- Sections were asked to explain the process for classification of schools within their Section.
- The committee felt the process at the Section level is working and should remain locally controlled.
- The committee was reminded to provide a written rationale for their decisions when communicating with the schools that have been reclassified.
- The committee felt that the criteria for placement and the forms used by all Sections must be standardized.
- The committee felt the review of non public and charter school programs should be yearly but the placement should be for a two year period.
- All schools that are evaluated by a Section committee will be reported on the NYSPHSAA website.

SPORT COORDINATORS

- **Girls Basketball.** Eileen Troy, G. Basketball State Coordinator, submitted the Girls Basketball Committee's proposal requesting to experiment with sixteen (16) minute halves for the 2009-2010 season.

A **motion to approve** in Girls Basketball for the 2009-2010 season, a waiver of the NCAA women's' rules to allow Sections to experiment with sixteen (16) minute halves in varsity level non-league contests upon mutual agreement of both schools **carried.** Westfall/Quimby

- **Bowling.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committee's proposal to announce the oil pattern in advance of the NYSPHSAA Bowling Tournament.

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Bowling that the oil pattern will be announced in advance of the NYSPHSAA Bowling Tournament **carried.** DeCillis/Redmond

The pattern will be prepared for the practice round, with the understanding the pattern will be set as consistent as possible throughout the tournament. Other pertinent lane information will be included in the pre-tournament announcement.

- **Swimming and Diving.** Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Committee's proposal of a definition for the Swimming and Diving uniform to limit the use of tech suits by restricting the individuals to using one swimsuit during competition with the exclusion of divers who may need additional support.

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving the definition of a Swimming and Diving uniform **carried.** Cinelli/Greene

"The uniform is defined as one swimsuit or garment. No other suit, garment or material is permitted to be worn attached or supplemented under, over, or as part of the uniform during competition. This includes tanks or briefs worn under the suit or drag suits worn over the suit."

- **Volleyball.** Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Volleyball Committee's proposal for a waiver of the NCAA Time Out Rule.

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Volleyball the time length of all time outs is 60 seconds **carried.** Scholla/Staves

- **Boys Basketball.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented two proposals from the Boys Basketball Committee regarding replay review and officials preparation.

A **motion to postpone** until the December Executive Committee meeting for Boys Basketball the use of NFHS Rule 2-2-1 for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games which will adopt the replay review rule if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association **carried.** Redmond/Virgil

A **motion to postpone** until the December Executive Committee meeting in Boys Basketball that officials must attend a clinic or work some form of game/scrimmage to have experience in three (3)-person officiating in order to work the State Tournament **carried.** O'Brien/Orticelle

- **Girls Gymnastics.** Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the Girls Gymnastics Committee’s proposal for permission to use the Technical Handbook for Girls’ Gymnastics.

A **motion to approve** in Girls Gymnastics the use of the existing *Technical Handbook* along with the 2009 changes and additions to the *Technical Handbook* **carried.** Heimer/Cinelli

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 1 voiced a concern from their Golf Coaches Committee regarding the ability for coaches at the practice round of the state championships to be able to work with athletes before the final round. This will be put on the agenda at the Golf Committee’s meeting.

Section 2 requested approval to continue a modified softball variation they have been using where in innings one through six, it allows for five runs or three outs (whichever comes first) and the seventh inning is played as a regular inning. This should be brought to the Fall Modified Committee meeting by their modified representatives.

Section 3 requested that 7th and 8th graders be included in the Transfer Rule. They voiced a concern about the expense they may incur as a result of the field hockey bow requirement. They requested information on if they are granted a waiver and are not able to complete the survey, what affect does it have on the sport. They voiced a concern in regards to coaches who are supervising athletes at the state track meet having to pay admission.

Section 4 reported their football coordinator along with the Section would be willing to pilot in football the new Football Preseason Practice configuration to offer more data to the Safety Committee who did not recommend the change because they wanted the football players to acclimate themselves with the equipment over the three days as all athletes do not attend football camps or clinics in the off season. This will be placed on the agenda of the Safety Committee’s meeting in October. They requested a review of the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. They stated that with Cheerleading becoming more popular they felt parameters needed to be developed.

A **motion to approve** an ad hoc committee be formed to study the factors for implementing competitive cheerleading as a sport and make a recommendation at the 2010 Central Committee meeting **carried.**

Virgil/Grishman

Section 6 requested a review of the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season.

Section 8 voiced a concern with the labeling of the Field Hockey sticks and the timeliness of it. They stated in the Fall of 2010 they will commit to Boys Volleyball which will allow Boys Volleyball to have a championship tournament.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2009-2010 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
1	Ramapo & Spring Valley	Soccer-G Cross Country-B/G Swimming-G Skiing-B/G Ice Hockey Wrestling Baseball Softball Football Swimming-B/G Skiing-B/G Indoor Track-B/G
	John Jay Cross River & North Salem	Swimming-G Swimming-G Swimming-G Cross Country-B/G Wrestling Indoor Track-B/G Ice Hockey Gymnastics Lacrosse-B/G Golf-B Track & Field Swimming-B/G Gymnastics
	West Lake, Pleasantville & Briarcliff Ardsley & Hastings Lakeland & Walter Panas	
	Clarkstown North & Clarkstown South	

	Rye & Blind Brook Irvington & Edgemont	Fencing Skiing-B/G Golf-G Swimming-G Swimming-G
	Croton & Hendrick Hudson	Swimming-G Skiing-B/G
	Sleepy Hollow, Irvington & Edgemont Valhalla, Pleasantville, Byram Hills, Westlake & Briarcliff Lakeland, Walter Panas & Putnam Valley Pleasantville, Westlake, Valhalla & Briarcliff Roy C. Ketcham & John Jay East Fishkill	Swimming-G Swimming-B Swimming-B Ice Hockey Gymnastics Swimming-B Golf-G Lacrosse-B/G
	Rye, Rye Neck & Blind Brook	Wrestling Ice Hockey
	North Salem & Somers Pawling & Dover Eastchester, Bronxville & Tuckahoe Sleepy Hollow & Irvington JFK & Putnam Valley Hawthorne Cedar Knolls & Linden Hill	Ice Hockey Ice Hockey Ice Hockey Ice Hockey Ice Hockey Basketball-B
2	Ballston Spa & Burnt Hills Berlin & New Lebanon	Ice Hockey (V) Swimming-B/G (All levels)
	Canajoharie & Fort Plain	Wrestling (All levels) Cross Country-B/G (All levels) Swimming-B (All levels) Wrestling (All levels)
	Colonie & Shaker Doane Stuart & Rensselaer	Ice Hockey (V) Soccer-B (V) Volleyball-G (V, JV)
	Gloversville & Mayfield Guilderland & Voorheesville Hadley Luzerne & Lake George Hudson Falls & South Glens Falls	Swimming-G (V) Swimming-B/G Wrestling (V, JV) Swimming-G (V) Swimming-B/G (Mod.)
	Johnstown & Fonda-Fultonville Johnstown & Wheelerville	Swimming/Diving-B/G (V) Soccer-B (Mod.) Football (Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.)
	Mohonasen & Schalmont	Swimming/Diving-B (All levels) Swimming/Diving-G (V)
	Niskayuna & Schenectady St. Johnsville & Oppenheim-Ephratah	Ice Hockey (V) Ice Hockey (V) Baseball (All levels) Basketball-B/G (Mod.) Volleyball-G (Mod.) Soccer-B/G (All levels) Softball (All levels)
	Watervliet & Loudonville Christian	Wrestling (All levels)
3	Jamesville-DeWitt & CBA CBA & Jamesville-DeWitt	Ice Hockey Swimming-B (V) Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Mohawk & Richfield Springs Holland Patent & New Hartford	Football (Mod.) Gymnastics-G (V)

	LaFargeville & Alexandria Sauquoit & Whitesboro Notre Dame & Utica Proctor Richfield Springs & Owen D. Young Fowler & Corcoran	Football (V, Mod.) Gymnastics-G (V) Gymnastics-G (V) Soccer-B (V) Soccer-G (V, JV) Golf-B (V) Lacrosse-B (V, JV, Mod.) Swimming-G (V, Mod.) Golf-B (V) Lacrosse-G (V, JV, Mod.)
	Henninger & Nottingham	
	Corcoran, Henninger, Nottingham, Syracuse Institute of Technology & Fowler	Volleyball-B (V, JV) Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.) Bowling-B/G (V) Ice Hockey (V)
	Corcoran & Nottingham Homer & Cortland Corcoran, Fowler, Henninger, Syracuse Institute of Technology & Nottingham	Swimming-B (V, Mod.) Golf-G (V) All Modified Sports Swimming-G (V) Swimming-G (V) Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	St. Joseph, Tyburn & Auburn Hamilton & Sherburne-Earville Corcoran, Fowler, Jordan Elbridge & Westhill Westhill & Solvay	
6	Clymer & Sherman Ripley & Sherman Ripley & Clymer Hinsdale & Allegany-Limestone International Prep at Grover & Grover Cleveland Kenmore East & Kenmore West Chautauqua Lake & Panama Westfield & Chautauqua Lake Portville & Olean Portville, Allegany-Limestone & Olean Ellicottville & Franklinville	Cross Country-B/G Football (V, JV) Basketball-G Swimming-G All Sports Field Hockey (JV) Swimming-B Swimming-G Swimming-G Swimming-B Swimming-G
7	Saranac, Peru, Seton & Elizabethtown Beekmantown & Saranac Beekmantown & Chazy Indian Lake & Long Lake Lake Pleasant & Wells Minerva & Newcomb Keene & Lake Placid Keene, Lake Placid & Tupper Lake Keene, Westport, Moriah & Elizabethtown Chazy, Beekmantown, Seton Catholic, Plattsburgh, Saranac & Northeastern Clinton Plattsburgh & AuSable Valley Saranac Lake & Beekmantown Peru & Saranac Seton Catholic & Northern Adirondack	Ice Hockey-B Gymnastics-G Ice Hockey-B All Varsity & Modified Sports as needed Modified Sports as needed All Sports Ice Hockey-B Ice Hockey-G Tennis-B/G Outdoor Track/Field-B/G Ice Hockey-G Ice Hockey-B Nordic Skiing-B/G Swimming-G (V) Football (V, Mod.)
9	Livingston Manor & Roscoe Tri-Valley & Fallsburg Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian Academy	Football (All Levels) Tennis-B/G Alpine Skiing-B/G Golf-G Indoor Track-B/G Spring Track-B/G Wrestling

Basketball-B/G
Softball
Baseball
Football
Field Hockey

11 Mattituck, Southold, Greenport

Lacrosse-B/G (JV)

SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

SECTION	DATE	CONTEST
3	06-11-09	Frontier League Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
4	11-04-09	MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-Field Hockey
	11-04-09	MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-B/G Soccer
	11-08-09	STAC Senior Showcase-B/G Soccer
	11-09-09	STAC Senior Showcase-G. Volleyball
	11-09-09	STAC/MAC/IAC Showcase-Field Hockey
	03-01-10	MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-G. Volleyball
	03-09-10	MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-B/G Basketball
	03-03-10	STAC Senior Showcase-B. Basketball
	06-14-10	MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-Baseball/Softball
	06-14-10	STAC Senior Showcase-Baseball/Softball
5	06-09-09	Finger Lakes-East Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
	06-11-09	LCAA Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball/Softball
	06-14-09	Monroe County Sr. All-Star Game-Softball
6	06-10-09	Exceptional Senior Lacrosse Game-B. Lacrosse
	06-14-09	Senior Game-WNY-G. Lacrosse
	11-14 & 15-09	Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Games-B/G Soccer
10	06-10-09	Section 10 Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Lacrosse

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**. (Expiring August 2011).
DeCillis/Orticelle

Section 1

Rye Country Day School
Cedar Street
Rye, NY 10580
Grades 7-12

Section 8

Mesivta Ateres Yaakov High School
1170A William Street
Hewlett, NY 11557
Grades 9-12

ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee. 1st Vice President Mark Ward reviewed the 2009-10 budget passed at the May 2009 Executive Committee meeting.

- Highlighted the increased championship and sponsorship revenues.
- Reported the Post-Retirement Health Benefits and Benefits & Pension figures were lower due to a new health insurance plan which is less costly.
- Reported expenditures were decreased by 7.4% due to significant cost savings on a new health plan, savings on travel reimbursements due to the reduction of one Executive Committee meeting, conference calls, video conferencing and other cost saving reductions taken.

Modified Committee. James Rose, Co-Coordinator, presented the report.

- The committee met on October 3, 2008 and April 3, 2009
- Reported the Modified Football pilot allowing the use of two wide receivers was extended through the 2009-2010 school year.
- Reported the Modified Wrestling pilot is ongoing which allows wrestlers to wrestle 2 or 3 bouts in a contest providing they follow "Program 2" 1st period 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd period 1 ½ minutes.
- Reported the Track & Field pilot is ongoing which increased the height of the hurdle for the 55m event from 30 to 33 inches.
- Announced the following Modified Sport Coordinators were approved for 2009-2010: Pat Levy (1) Boys and Girls Tennis, James Miller (5) Boys and Girls Basketball and Matt Wood (4) Boys and Girls Soccer.
- Discussion items for the Fall 2009 meeting are: modified bats for baseball, softball regulations for extra innings, Modified Track and Varsity Track combined meets, a review of the new online survey process and fiscal concerns.
- The committee is in need of a Sports Coordinator for Boys and Girls Gymnastics, Girls Lacrosse and Softball. Please contact James Rose or Mira Martincich if you know of anyone who is interested.
- Announced that all Modified Surveys are online.
- Congratulated Mira Martincich on her retirement as an Athletic Director. She will continue as Secretary of the Modified Committee.
- The next meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009 at 9AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Championship Advisory Committee. Jim Tolle, Chairperson, presented the report.

- **Wrestling.** Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator reviewed the Wrestling Committee's proposed revisions to the seeding procedure by adding points to returning state champions and increasing points for their placement in the State Wrestling Championship.

A **motion to approve** in Wrestling the revisions to the seeding procedure of the State Wrestling Championship **carried.**

Murphy/DeCillis

A **motion to approve** in Girls Basketball using 3 person officiating crews for the Regional and State Championship tournaments with no additional cost **carried.**

Westfall/Scholla

A **motion to approve** in individual sports a Board of Education approved coach and/or school designee will attend State Championship contests in a supervisory capacity effective for the 2010-2011 school year was **tabled.**

O'Brien/Cinelli

- President Pizzarelli appointed Ed Cinelli as the Section Executive Director representative to the CAC.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Life Of An Athlete. Patti Murphy and Mike Schwenk presented the report.

- Training for Year 5 "Putting It All Together-Stakeholders Unity" was completed in all Sections except 8 and 11 who will complete their training in the fall. John Underwood did an update for Section 5.
- The committee was asked to recommend protocol and possible penalty should a coach/supervisor violate #9 of the Code of Conduct which states that a coach/supervisor in a supervisory capacity will abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances (unless prescribed by a physician).

A **motion to approve** the protocol and possible penalty for a coach/supervisor who violates #9 of the Code of Conduct as follows **carried:**

Maney/Normandin

1. The school and Section will be notified immediately.
 2. Documentation of the incident will occur.
 3. A recommendation from the Section for disciplinary action will be given.
- Suggestions to highlight their program included slides to be included in the mandatory Athletic Director's workshop of the Life of an Athlete program and how athletic administrators and coaches can obtain the DVD's and to advertise in *Scholastic Athletics* the sale of the Life of an Athlete DVD.
 - The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009 via conference call.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report highlighting the following:

Minimum Weight Certification Program

- The handbooks for the assessors and for the schools have been updated and printed for distribution at the end of August. The changes approved at the May 2009 Executive Committee meeting have been included.

Concussion Management

- Reported a grant has been approved for the Concussion Management Program to continue.
- A review of the program was included in the meeting folders. If any Section or school has questions or concerns, contact Lloyd Mott at fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.net.

Heat Index

- A draft Heat Index Policy developed in Spring 2009 and shared with all members of the Safety Committee was included in the meeting folders. The Committee is requesting that all Sections review the draft policy and provide feedback to the Committee or the Association office prior to the Safety Committee meeting in October.

Girls Lacrosse Helmet

- Data collected from the NFHS injury surveillance system, NYSPHSAA survey, the Girls' Lacrosse Committee survey and Pupil Benefits will be discussed at the Committee's October meeting. If anyone has any information that would be pertinent to this discussion, please share it with your Safety Committee representative.

Wrestling Release for Participation with Skin Lesion

- The NYSPHSAA has developed a Wrestling Skin Lesion Release Form that has been combined with a similar form produced by the NFHS. The NFHS has made some minor changes to their form and we would like to make the same changes to be consistent. The Committee also recommends adding the school name to the form.

A **motion to approve** revising the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Skin Lesion Release Form to be consistent with the NFHS form and to add the name of the school **carried**. Quimby/Nickerson

Officials Coordinating Federation. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- Efforts continue by the NYSPHSAA to assist Sections and Officials' Chapters to recruit more officials.
- Reported there was a Fact Finders Hearing on May 22, 2009 involving Section 2 and the Section 2 Officials. It will be going to arbitration.
- The Fall meeting of the OCF is scheduled for October 18, 2009 at 9AM in the NYSPHSAA office. The Spring meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2010 at 9AM at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, East Syracuse.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Sportsmanship Standard #27

- The Committee thanked the Handbook Committee for changing the wording of the Sportsmanship Standard #27 to guide member schools on how to handle a student athlete or coach if they received multiple disqualification penalties from an official. They recommended all Sections have a conversation with the official groups in their Sections so that they understand that the Executive Committee only approved a change in language. Officials should continue to handle unsportsmanlike behavior as outlined in their guidelines and sport rule book.

Ejection Free Program

- The Committee is continuing to secure a sponsor for the Ejection Free Program. One potential sponsor has requested a list of schools that would have qualified for the award during the 2008-2009 school year. Sections 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 provided the necessary information. If the remaining Sections could provide this information, it would be helpful when trying to secure a sponsor.

State Sportsmanship Promotion Award

- The schools who received the Sportsmanship Promotion Award banner at the Central Committee Annual Banquet were Elmira City School District (4), Beacon City School District (1) and Commack UFSD (11).

Sportsmanship Tee Shirts

- The appropriate changes in the distribution of our sportsmanship tee shirts to ensure that we are treating team and individual sports in the same fashion have been made. A document showing the current distribution of the tee shirts was included in the meeting folders.

Handbook Committee. Robbie Greene, Coordinator, presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on July 15, 2009 were reviewed.

Action Items

- **#13. Interstate Contests – (b.)**(pg. 97)

A **motion to approve** adding the following language for clarification **carried**.

Nickerson/Westfall

“No member school will engage in athletic competition, *scrimmage and/ or practice* with an out-of-state school...”

- **Sportsmanship Regulation**

A **motion to approve** the following language clarification to the Sportsmanship Regulation **carried**. Broadwell/Heimer

“Any coach and player:

- *Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport* shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
- *Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport* in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,
- *Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport* in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.

If the third *disqualification penalty* takes place in the last contest of the season (regular season or post schedule play), the Section Athletic Council will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation.”

Discussion Items

- **Definition of a Scrimmage.** This will be a discussion item for the Cracker Barrel session at the Central Committee meeting. Sport Coordinators will provide input to find commonality and uniqueness. Discussion will include the need to establish limitations per day and nights rest between scrimmages.
- **Appeals of Sportsmanship Rule when a player is misidentified.** This will be a discussion item for the Cracker Barrel session at the Central Committee meeting. Renee will share her concerns about due process and the need for clear and convincing evidence.
- **Ejection of a Coach.** The consistent interpretation from the NYSPHSAA office has always been if a certified coach is ejected from a contest and there is no Board appointed certified coach present at that contest, the contest is a forfeit. The committee discussed the issue of non-certified coaches and should there be future consideration for language to address situations when a non-certified coach participates in a contest and should there be an established penalty such as a forfeit?
- **Sportsmanship Regulation.** At the request of Section IX, the Sportsmanship Committee will be reviewing the issue of when a student-athlete is ejected from the last contest of the year and is required to sit out 1 or 2 games in their next season of participation. Nina suggested the Sportsmanship Committee representatives contact their Section Executive Directors or Handbook Committee representatives.
- **Transgender Policy.** A subcommittee was formed to address this policy. Members are Renee James, Trish Kocialski, Bonnie Smith and Carol Rog.
- **NYSED Concerns.** Trish reported she has received calls from Long Island parents complaining about high school coaches who also coach out of season clubs. The student athletes feel intimidated if they don't participate in club teams and as a result won't make the high school team. Nina stated that the NYSPHSAA does not regulate club teams but schools need to uphold the integrity of the NYSPHSAA Practice Regulation. This will be made a Point of Emphasis at the Athletic Administrator Workshop.

Future Meeting

- The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 9:30AM via conference call.

Budget & Finance Committee. Past President Pat Calnon presented the report.

- Reported the committee met on March 21, 2009.
- Reported a Section Executive Director had asked the committee to consider having the Association cover the cost of Sport Coordinators attending meetings in Latham. The committee acknowledged the concern but felt the increase use of video and phone conferencing will produce a savings to Sections in terms of reduced travel.
- Reported on a request by the Championship Advisory Committee that the Budget & Finance Committee act on all CAC proposals that have fiscal impact. The committee felt it was not appropriate to do this at this time. He stated that President Pizzarelli is appointing a new Championship Philosophy Committee and hopefully that will address the concern.

A **motion to approve** the Committee's recommendation to increase dues \$50.00 per school and \$.05 per student for the 2010-2011 school year was **denied**.

Quimby/Redmond

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 4 no; Section 2: 4 no; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 3 no; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 4 no; Section 11: 4 no. 31 No/12 Yes)

A **motion to postpone** until the December Executive Committee meeting a dues increase of \$30.00 per school and \$.03 per student for the 2010-2011 school year **carried**.

O'Brien/Simmons

PRINTED AND/OR ORAL REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STATE SPORT COORDINATORS:

Ed Dopp, Baseball; William Higgins, Boys Basketball; Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball; Wayne Inman, Boys Bowling; Kathy Ferreri, Girls Bowling; Charles Wiltse, Boys Cross Country; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey; Richard Cerone, Football; Doug Courtright, Boys Golf; Mike Martin, Boys Gymnastics; Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey; Tom Hall, Boys Lacrosse; Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse; George Hathaway, Riflery; Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Charles Goehring, Girls Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Roger Bell, Boys Swimming/Diving; Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving; Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis; Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis; Donald Sauer, Boys Track & Field; Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field; Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball; Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball; Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track; David Hennessey, Girls Winter Track; Marty Sherman, Wrestling.

All Sport Coordinator reports were received with commendation.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

Pupil Benefits Plan. Tom McGuire

- Has received numerous telephone calls from athletic trainers and the Athletic Trainers Association regarding Pupil Benefits Plan's opinion on having athletic trainers in schools. He stated from their perspective, they felt it was good; it helps to control claim loss especially if the trainer at the high school level has the expertise to evaluate certain types of injuries. He asked for schools that have trainers to contact him so he can pull data to see the positive and negative ramifications of having athletic trainers.
- He stated it has been a very challenging time. Any increase in renewal rates is based on claim loss and what the company needs to survive. He wanted schools to know they understand the economic situations they are experiencing and are willing to listen to the hardships they have and possibly renegotiate their renewal rate.

State Education Department. Trish Kocialski Commissioner's Regulation Revisions (effective July 16, 2009)

- **Elementary Physical Education Required Instruction.** School districts that have grades 5 and/or 6 in a middle level school may now opt to follow the secondary required instruction requirement instead of the elementary required instruction requirement (Secondary: 3 times one semester or 2 times the other semester-or every other day).
- **Requirements to Coach in NYS public schools.** There are several changes in this area.
 - All coaches, whether paid or unpaid must follow the coaching requirements. All must attend the child abuse and violence abuse workshop, be certified in CPR and First Aid and be fingerprinted the first year.
 - The time line to complete course work has been increased to five years from the date of the initial appointment, with an extension of up to two additional years for extenuating circumstances by applying to SED. Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education must still be completed within two years of the initial appointment. The time line is the same for both teacher coaches and non-teacher coaches.
 - Lapse of service extension has been added. A two year extension of time can be added to complete the courses for coaches who had a lapse in coaching service due to pregnancy, military leave, accident/illness or other extenuating circumstance.
 - **5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Accident/Illness.** The change requires supporting documentation by the chief school officer to include an explanation on how the accident/illness resulted in the athlete needing additional semester(s) to meet the graduation requirements.
- **NYS Guidelines for Coaching Regulations.** The revised guideline that incorporates the coaching changes may now be found on the physical education web page: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/ under the Toolkit section.
- **Physical Education Web Page.** The web page has been redesigned. Most resources are now under the Toolkit. The address is: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/.
- **Elementary Integration Guideline.** She is currently working with a group of individuals to develop a guideline for integrating physical education into the elementary classroom. It will include the purpose, citations from regulation and interpretation, recess vs. physical education and samples on integration, lesson plans and additional resources. The guideline should appear on the physical education website in October or November.

Contact Information

- The most effective way to contact her is by email: pkocials@mail.nysed.gov.
- Phone: 518-474-5922
- Fax: 519-473-4884
- Address: Trish Kocialski, Associate in Physical Education-NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Room 320EB, Albany, NY 12234.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Harold Fried, President

- Announced next year's conference is scheduled for March 16-19, 2010.
- Announced Dave Martens will be inducted into the first ever NIAAA Hall of Fame and Denny Fries will receive the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award at the NIAAA's national meeting in December in Dallas, TX.
- Reported the Leadership Training Institute in Cape Cod was a great success with many New York athletic directors in attendance. Approximately 65 attendees took advantage of fifteen courses over two and a half days.
- Announced the next NYSAAA newsletter will be out in October. A new electronic magazine, *E-Zines*, will be published

between the three newsletters.

- Thanked the Association for their partnership and continued support.

NYS Coaches Association. Tom Graham

- Announced Jim Burke, Wayland HS (5) and Bob Wolff, a news journalist for high school sports from Long Island were nominated for the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame.
- Announced Pat Pizzarelli, Lawrence HS (8), was a National Athletic Director of the Year finalist.
- Announced Gerald Gasez, Baseball Coach at Williamsville East HS (6), Mary Jo Cerqua, Volleyball Coach at Baker HS (3) and Bob Coppolla, Wrestling Coach at Central Square HS (3) were National Coaches of the Year finalists.
- Announced Rob Cole (8) will be their next President.
- Reported Ron Woodruff is updating their Association's "Coaches Century Club" for varsity coaches with 100+ wins in their sport or 50+ wins in football. A form to register a new entry or to update current listings within the Century Club was included in the meeting folders. He asked to please distribute this form to your athletic directors. Also included in the meeting folders was an Honor or Special Honor Award Nominations Form to recognize coaches for their contribution to the youth of our state.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA for including them in our meetings.

NYS Council of Administrators. David Garbarino, President

- This year's conference will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 18 & 19, 2009 at the Turning Stone Casino, Verona, NY. The theme is "Climbing to New Heights in Physical Education and Health One Step at a Time". Topics this year will be the *PE Profile-Year Two*, the *Nuts and Bolts to High School Health*, and a session by Bob Goldberg and Toni Guli. They hope to have Senator Nolan speak on a *Senator's View of Physical Education in New York State*.

GROUP MEETING REPORTS

CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICERS. Hank Grishman

Lifetime NYSPHSAA Pass

- Keep as is.
- Recommended establishing criteria for lifetime passes for those outside of the Central Committee.

Defining a Scrimmage

- Felt that we should enforce what we have in the Handbook under Interschool Scrimmage/Practice Sessions (pg. 96).
- Felt we do need parameters and that the Sport Coordinators should develop a definition and guidelines and bring back to the Central Committee.

Cheerleading – Establish Guidelines

- Felt it was time to establish competitive cheerleading as a sport.
- Approved of the proposal for an ad hoc committee to be formed to study the factors for implementing competitive cheerleading as a sport.

Appeals of Sportsmanship Penalty – Misidentified athlete

- Felt the official's position at the game should stand.
- Felt it should be up to the Section to determine the penalty.

Is there a need for language in the Handbook regarding certified coaches (Board appointed)?

- Yes, there should be language developed by the Association.

Raising GPA for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- Support the way it is.

Ways to improve communication

- Kudos for the "Albany Office Report".
- They would like to be included in the Section Executive Director email distribution list.
- They would also like to be included in the monthly conference call with the Section Executive Directors.
- Felt the length of time between the August Central Committee meeting and the December Executive Committee meeting was too long a time.

For the Good of the Order

- Felt Superintendent and Principal Representatives should attend all three Executive Committee meetings.
- Suggested the possibility of coordinating the winter Executive Committee meeting with the Superintendents mid-winter conference in Albany.
- Felt it was a positive move in using conference calls for meetings thereby reducing travel to Albany.

- They voiced continued concern over financial challenges in the years ahead and thanked the staff for initiatives taken to reduce costs and suggested that additional strategies be considered to reduce “in house” costs.

Other Concerns

- There was discussion on the Association’s Strategic Plan. The group felt it might be an appropriate time to update the Strategic Plan and strategic goals. They also felt input should be received from the Central Committee and the member schools when revising and updating it.

PRINCIPALS. Mike Simon

Lifetime NYSPHSAA Pass

- Suggested to initially distribute the pass to active members with a certain number of years service (5+?)
- Suggested that lifetime passes should be issued after completing a full term but not for 1 year of service.
- Suggested there should be an expiration date on the pass.

Defining a Scrimmage

- Suggested Nina emphasize the definition of scrimmage at the Athletic Director Workshops.
- Suggested Sport Coordinators define scrimmages for their sport and communicate to their Section.
- Felt there was no need to redefine the language in the Handbook.

Cheerleading – Establish Guidelines

- Felt we should continue investigating cheerleading as a sport and should begin the process of establishing guidelines.

Appeals of Sportsmanship Penalty – Misidentified athlete

- Felt it should be allowed but conclusive evidence must be produced.

Is there a need for language in Handbook regarding certified coaches (Board appointed)?

- Yes this should be in the Handbook as “Board Appointed”.

Raising GPA for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- Keep GPA as is.
- Would like to see an enhancement of the program to recognize progress for achievements. They suggested a school improvement award.

Ways to improve communication

- Felt teleconferencing has been very successful.
- Stated communications from the Association has improved greatly over the past several years.
- Suggested the possibility of teleconferencing for emergencies.

Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group

- Felt the Association has done a great job and there are no recommendations at this time.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES. Evelyn Sammons

Lifetime NYSPHSAA Pass

- An active member of the Association should receive a two-year pass that includes his/her name.
- Establish criteria for a lifetime pass that will include the pass holder’s photo and present this pass along with other service awards.

Defining a Scrimmage

- Felt language addressing “nights rest” and “limitations per day” should be included in the Handbook.
- Felt sport specific guidelines should be created for scrimmages and include them in the Sports Standards of the Handbook.

Cheerleading – Establish Guidelines

- Felt due to the current financial situation, this may not be a good time for the Association to look at cheerleading.
- Suggested to let each Section continue managing cheerleading as they see fit.
- Suggested the Association create a form for Sections to share regarding best practices.

Appeals of Sportsmanship Penalty – Misidentified athlete

- Were in favor of an appeal process and criteria for a misidentified athlete.

Is there a need for language in Handbook regarding certified coaches (Board appointed)?

- Questioned if coaches in non-public schools are required to obtain coaching certification?
- Felt there was too much gray area with this and that we need to move slowly as the TEACH program gets underway.
- Don’t want student-athletes punished for administrative wrong doings.

Raising GPA for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- Leave as is. The program is a feel good program that recognizes many students.

Ways to improve communication

- The group appreciates receiving meeting information electronically prior to meetings.
- Felt communication is much better.

Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group

- The group had no suggestions.

SECTION SECRETARIES/TREASURERS. Doug Kenyon

Lifetime NYSPHSAA Pass

- The group agreed there should be a lifetime NYSPHSAA pass and that criteria should be developed.
- The Section Executive Directors would like a list of all the pass holders so they could review and update the list.

Defining a Scrimmage

- The group felt sport committees should have input to more clearly define a scrimmage.

Cheerleading – Establish guidelines

- Felt an Ad hoc committee is necessary to develop guidelines for cheerleading.

Is there a need for language in Handbook regarding certified coaches (Board appointed)?

- Felt the TEACH system is good but still a work in progress.
- Stated students shouldn't be punished for the indiscretions of coaches or athletic/school administrators.

Raising GPA for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- Felt an area that needs to be looked at is schools who are winning numerous times may be using letter grades instead of numeric grades and in the process of conversion it might elevate the grades they are receiving.
- Another area they felt needed to be looked at was the possibility of increasing the number of team members in some sports.
- They all agreed it was a tremendous public relations program and great for the Association. They want to see the program continue but not make it too difficult to qualify.

Ways to improve communication

- The group felt communication has greatly improved.
- The Section Executive Directors meet monthly via conference call.

SECTION PRESIDENTS. Ken Avery

Lifetime NYSPHSAA Pass

- Felt a minimum number of years service should be established to be able to receive a lifetime pass, otherwise the pass is only current while serving.

Defining a Scrimmage

- Felt that input from Sport Coordinators is needed.
- Felt that admission should not be charged, coaches should be allowed on the field or court, the score should be erased after designated periods and scrimmages should be pre-determined as scrimmages.
- Discussed uniforms not be allowed.
- Felt that leagues should police the issue.

Cheerleading – Establish guidelines

- Agreed it was time to establish guidelines.

Appeals of Sportsmanship Penalty – Misidentified athlete

- Allow appeal if it can be clearly established through video or testimony that the penalized player was not the player who was unsportsmanlike.
- There should be no requirement to identify the guilty party but if they can be clearly identified, there should be a consequence.

Is there a need for language in Handbook regarding certified coaches (Board appointed)?

- Felt no action is needed by NYSPHSAA. The issue is between the SED and school district involved.

Raising GPA for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- Leave as is.
- The program allows a connection between athletics and academics and is a positive public relations tool.

Use of host officials for regional play

- No strong feeling for cost saving solutions.
- General consensus is neutral officials are best for the game.
- Can accept the option of host officials or using officials from both Sections involved if agreed upon.
- Questioned who needs to be in agreement; coaches, coordinators, Executive Director?

Ways to improve communication

- Consensus was that the communication is good.
- Felt that responses to questions directed to the Association office is timely.

PAST PRESIDENTS. Ron Black

Lifetime NYSPHSAA Pass

- Need criteria for lifetime passes.
- Agreed with issuing two year passes.
- Suggested all passes be issued with person's name and an expiration date.

Defining a Scrimmage

- Support input from the sport coordinators is needed.
- Suggested giving examples of what constitutes a scrimmage in a number of sports to help clarify the definition.

Cheerleading – Establish guidelines

- Suggested to establish a special committee to study this issue.
- Suggested to inquire what other states are doing.
- Suggested using the NFHS Spirit Rules until report is received from special committee.

Appeals of Sportsmanship Penalty – Misidentified athlete

- Appeal is heard at level of competition, i.e. League, section or state.
- If evidence is available to indicate that the student-athlete charged with the penalty was not involved, then the athlete is exonerated.
- If you can identify who actually committed the infraction, then the penalty is assessed to that athlete and that athlete has a right to appeal. If you can't identify the athlete who committed the infraction, there is no penalty.
- All parties concerned should be invited to the initial hearing.

Is there a need for language in Handbook regarding certified coaches (Board appointed)?

- Felt that all games should be forfeited and the uncertified coach cannot coach again until certified as specified in NYSED regulations.

Raising GPA for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- Keep GPA at 90%. This gives lower ability students a chance to reach this goal whereas many could not reach a higher GPA.
- Felt that current program is great for public relations.

Ways to improve communication

- Recommended to keep doing what is being done, i.e. monthly meetings via conference call with Section Executive Directors, and information being electronically sent such as sport reports, agenda items and the Albany Office Report and the mandatory Athletic Director Workshops.
- Encouraged all to take the time to read this wealth of information.

SPORTS COORDINATORS. Ed Dopp

Lifetime NYSPHSAA Pass

- Felt there should be a term limit and an expiration date on the pass.
- Suggested a lifetime pass be issued after a certain number of years service.
- Felt that some form of identification should be presented when using the pass or the possibility of issuing passes with photos on them.
- Inquired as to how serious an issue is this. Does the rate of abuse equal the amount of time, finances and effort to address this issue?

Defining a Scrimmage

- Felt it should be sport specific and that sport committees input is needed.
- Felt the guidelines in the Handbook need to be enforced.
- Felt it should be an area of emphasis at the mandatory Athletic Directors Workshops.

Cheerleading – Establish guidelines

- Felt it was time to establish guidelines to address safety, liability and eligibility issues as it is currently a sport without boundaries.
- Felt the sport should be defined as either spirit or competition as the parameters are different for each.

Appeals of Sportsmanship Penalty – Misidentified athlete

- Felt we should have a system in place to correct a wrong.

Is there a need for language in Handbook regarding certified coaches (Board appointed)?

- Questions – Intersectional contest-Sectional coaches – are we on solid ground legally and can we ask a school district if a sectional coach who is not employed by that district to coach their athletes?
- How do we handle the ill, emergency situation where the BOE approved coach isn't present?

Raising GPA for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- Leave the GPA as is.
- Suggested looking at the percentage of the roster size and compare how this changes the current practices and results.
- Suggested considering additional levels to the School of Distinction Award so that more schools might be recognized.

Ways to improve communication

- Felt Nina and the staff have done a great job in the communication area.
- Have a concern with teleconferencing because it is new to some coordinators so they are not comfortable with how it works and also the negative impact on new committee members not being able to have face to face time with their other committee members.

Concerns/Input and ways the Association can better serve the group

- Would like to be involved in December in the review of the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season.
- Asked for improved representation of sport coordinators on committees and improved communication with coordinators prior to approval of actions. Felt it was occurring at the sectional level, but the communication between Sections and State Coordinators is almost non-existent.

A **motion to approve** to receive all Group Meeting reports with commendation **carried**.

Murphy/DeCillis

The August 2009 Central Committee meeting adjourned at 5:45PM on Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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