

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
January 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via Conference Call

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3 Approved December 5, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
2. P3 Approved December 21, 2010 Central Committee Meeting minutes.
3. P3 Approved the NYSPHSAA Executive Director be empowered to grant individual schools a waiver of the uniform rule when compliance is related to budget concerns.
4. P4 Approved the 2012, 2013 and 2014 Boys Soccer State Championships to be held at Middletown High School (9).
5. P4 Approved the Field Hockey and Girls Soccer State Championships will change to a Saturday-Sunday schedule with Monday as a weather day pending site approval effective the 2011 season.
6. P4 Approved the appointment of Tim Mullins as Boys Lacrosse Assistant State Coordinator.
7. P7 Approved to take back to the Sections for discussion and vote on at the May Executive Committee meeting at the Cross Country State Championship, athletes from each Section will wear their sectional colored t-shirts, providing there is no cost to the individual Section's budget.
8. P7 Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Indoor Track in Section 1.
9. P7 Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Alpine Skiing in Sections 7 and 2.
10. P7 Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Indoor Track in Section 10.
11. P9 Approved adjournment.

TO BE TAKEN BACK TO THE SECTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Cross Country - Wearing of Section t-shirts at the Cross Country State Championships.
Safety Committee - Mandatory Safety meeting be required every other year.

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Via phone conference

January 25, 2011

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Mark Ward at 10:06AM on January 25, 2011. He reported Bob Munn, Past President, was out of the hospital and doing much better and that cards and well wishes would still be appreciated. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

Officers & Staff

President Mark Ward
First Vice President Eileen Troy
Second Vice President Steven Broadwell
Past President Patrick Pizzarelli
Executive Director Nina Van Erk
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Director of Marketing & Media Joe Altieri
Treasurer Kathleen Hagle
Counsel Renee James
Director of Government Affairs Kevin Banas
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Patrick Calnon
James Tolle

Section Representatives

Section 1: Scott Mosenthal, Kenneth Mitchell (proxy for Karen Peterson)
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall
Section 3: Barbara Felice, Michael Carboine
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond
Section 5: Kim Henshaw, Dennis O'Brien
Section 6: Cindy Bullis, Don Scholla
Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, C. Joseph Staves
Section 8: Laura Orticelle, Dominick Vulpis
Section 9: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe
Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants

Paul Weatherup – OCF
Trish Kocialski - SED
Fritz Kilian, President - NYSCOA

Section Ex. Directors

John Rathbun (3) Bob Thabet (9)
Timm Slade (6) Carl Normandin (10)
Karen Lopez (7) Ed Cinelli (11)
Todd Heimer (8)

Guests

Tony Bjork (10)
Jena Prentice – NYSPHSAA Spring Intern

A **motion to approve** the December 5, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**.

Harrica/Westfall

A **motion to approve** the December 21, 2010 Central Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**.

Hemstead/Scholla

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Mark Ward

- Thanked all for participating in the phone conference.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk

December-January Activity

- Reported on her attendance at a variety of conferences and meetings, most notably, the NIAAA Conference in December and the NFHS Board of Directors Winter Meeting in Savannah, GA in January where she had the opportunity to preside over the luncheon and the National Council meeting.
- Reported the motion to approve the national championship events in the sports of cross country and golf were defeated at the NFHS National Council meeting.

NYSED Regents Eligibility Regulation Change

- The Association will be involved in the development of the guideline documents for the new regulation change regarding a 5th year of athletic eligibility for students with disabilities.
- The Association and Sections are out of the appeal process completely which helps to limit exposure to potential legal challenges.

NFHS Uniform Rule Waivers

- In an attempt to provide relief to school districts, the NFHS has postponed the implementation of the Soccer uniform change until 2013. The NYSPHSAA has approved a waiver of the implementation of the Field Hockey uniform rule change until the 2012 season. It is a concern that school districts will struggle with compliance even with the delayed implementation dates.

A **motion to approve** the NYSPHSAA Executive Director be empowered to grant individual schools a waiver of the uniform rule when compliance is related to budget concerns **carried**.

Hemstead/Greene

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame

- Announced 19 Hall of Fame applications had been received; 5 administrators, 9 coaches, 2 officials, 2 athletes and one contributor.
- The Screening Committee will meet on February 7th via phone conference to evaluate the applications.
- Inductees will be announced by mid-March.

NFHS Bat Rule Notification

- A flier has been developed and will be distributed to all Section Executive Directors, athletic directors and members of the baseball committee to highlight the new restrictions on baseball bats.

Licensing Resource Group

- The NFHS/LRG program will be distributing royalty funds to some of our member schools in the next few months. Schools will be asked to “opt-in” to continue in the program for next year. The NYSPHSAA and LRG will work together to notify schools and facilitate the program.

Future Meeting Dates

- May 6-7, 2011 (Friday/Saturday) – Holiday Inn, Liverpool
- August 2-4, 2011 (Tuesday/Thursday) – High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid
- October 23-24, 2011 (Sunday/Monday) – Holiday Inn Turf, Albany
- January 2012 – TBA
- May 4-5, 2012 (Friday/Saturday) – Holiday Inn, Lake George

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

State Championships

A **motion to approve** the 2012, 2013 and 2014 Boys Soccer State Championships to be held at Middletown High School (9) **carried**. Greene/Hemstead

A **motion to approve** the Field Hockey and Girls Soccer State Championships change to a Saturday-Sunday schedule with Monday as a weather day pending site approval effective for the 2011 season **carried**. If site approval is not granted, this will become effective for the 2012 season. Carboine/Nickerson
(Site approval was granted for Girls Soccer. Field Hockey is waiting for approval.)

Sport Coordinator

A **motion to approve** the appointment of Tim Mullins (Section 11) as Boys Lacrosse Assistant State Coordinator effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016 **carried**. Harrica/Westfall

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- The Winter 2010-2011 deadline is Friday, March 4, 2011.
- Required filing continues to be electronic.

NFHS Rules Update

- Girls Basketball and Boys and Girls Volleyball will be sending in their reports by the February 1st deadline. Softball has been received.
- All the reports will be sent to the Executive Committee for their review after February 1st.
- This will be an agenda item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Community Service Challenge Award

- The application is available on our website.
- The deadline for schools to submit their application to the Section is May 1st.
- Section winners must be submitted to the Association office by June 1st.
- The winner will be announced by the end of the school year.

Officials Coordinating Federation

- The next meeting of the OCF is Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the Holiday Inn at Carrier Circle in Syracuse.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Classification Variations

- As of this meeting, we have not received any recommendations from our sports committees for a change in the classification variations numbers. We did examine all the sports last year that have approved variations. The Executive Committee approved any changes that were recommended by the sport committee.

Sanctioning

- He reiterated that the Spring season is approaching and many of our teams will be traveling south for scrimmages and contests. If your school is participating in an event that is sponsored by an outside organization or is in a tournament with four or more schools, a NOTICE OF ENTRY must be filled out on the NYSPHSAA website under Sanctioning. If the contest or scrimmage is against a single school, the athletic administrator needs to verify that the school is a member of their state athletic association or an approved school by the state athletic association.
- He reiterated that all sports now have defined scrimmage guidelines in the NYSPHSAA Handbook that must be followed by all of our member schools.
- Please contact him if you have any questions.

New Clinic

- The NYSPHSAA will be offering a Sports Medicine Clinic on March 5, 2011 at Binghamton High School. The clinic will offer presentations on Concussion Management, Preventing Knee Injuries in Female Athletes, Emergency Procedures, Frequently Asked Questions and Nutrition. The clinic is open to all Athletic Trainers, Athletic Administrators and Coaches. Pending approval, Athletic Trainers will receive Continuing Education Credit for attending the clinic.

Upcoming Clinics (Registration brochures will be available on the NYSPHSAA website.)

- Softball – Extra Innings, Ballston Spa – January 28, 2011
- Baseball – Cooperstown – March 4, 2011
- Sports Medicine – Binghamton – March 5, 2011
- Volleyball – Binghamton – April 2, 2011
- Track/Field and Cross Country – Utica – March 25-26, 2011
- Cheerleading – Rochester – May 13, 2011
- Boys & Girls Soccer – Utica – June 3, 2011

Heat Index/Wind Chill Procedures

- With the recent cold weather, he reminded everyone of the Heat Index/Wind Chill Procedures located on our website. He stated temperatures of minus 11 and below would preclude any outside activity, practice or contest from being held. Alpine Skiing is exempt from this and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held. Nordic Skiing is not exempt.

Director of Media, Marketing and Public Relations Joe Altieri

Sponsorships

- The Marines will not be a sponsor for the 2011 year due to budget constraints.
- We have a verbal commitment and a contract for a Bronze Level sponsorship with the Air National Guard.
- We are in negotiations with the US Army for a Bronze Level sponsorship.
- Other sponsorship meetings and conference calls have been conducted with Wegmans, Nike and MaxPreps.

Marketing

- Radio campaigns are in place for wrestling and boys and girls basketball with Albany radio stations.
- Press releases have gone out announcing tickets are now on sale for the Boys Basketball and Wrestling State Championships as well as coaching clinics and Federation news.

Championships

- Vendor bids for all winter championships are being reviewed and will be awarded 30 days before each tournament.
- Time Warner Cable will be broadcasting the boys and girls basketball finals live.
- Time Warner Cable was also used to produce a one minute highlight video for the football finals to “dress up” the pre-game for each championship game at the Carrier Dome. Plans are under way to produce the same type of video for the wrestling finals.

New Intern

- He introduced Jena Prentice, the Association’s spring intern. She is currently a junior at UAlbany and a former three-sport student-athlete from Section VI.

Treasurer Kathy Hagle

Income Statement

- Reported the August 31, 2010 income statement has changed significantly since the preliminary statements shown at the December 5, 2010 meeting due to an increase in the Post Retirement Health Benefits figure.
- She reviewed the Championship net revenue to date chart because it shows up and down trends when compared with the averages. Most sports are doing better or close to their historical averages with the exception of football where although expenses have not varied much from year to year, revenues are down significantly.

Balance Sheet

- She reviewed the Balance sheet from August 31, 2010 stating that our target budget reserve is an area that needs to be addressed in future budgets.

Counselor Renee James

- Reported on a transfer issue involving Utica-Notre Dame High School in Section 3. The student

enrolled in Utica-Notre Dame in July. The father lost his job in June and got a job in Albany. The mother and father entered into an agreement so that the father could move to Utica in November to be closer to his job in Albany. The son also moved to Utica to live with him. Section 3 received transfer papers from Utica-Notre Dame. Section 3 denied the transfer because it did not fall under Part A of the Transfer Rule since there was not a corresponding change of the residence at the time of the student's change in registration. The Association appeal panel convened to hear the appeal. The appeal was denied on the same grounds. The family took the Association to court. The judge denied the request, basing his decision on the fact that the transfer and the change in residence were four months apart. He also indicated the exemption for divorced and separated parents in the Transfer Rule was not meant to permit parents to move so their son could attend a school where he wanted to play basketball. She stated the decision from the judge will help with the interpretation of the Transfer Rule. She has ordered a transcript from the judge and will send it to all Section Executive Directors to share with their Transfer Committees.

- Reported on a challenge in Federal Court from a Section 3 school on the classification of non-public and charter school policy. The suit was filed under the first amendment procedural Federal due process rights. There is a Federal Court decision based on the same facts from 2000 dismissing the challenge. We are moving to dismiss this challenge. She will keep us posted on the decision.
- Reported there are a couple of Duration of Competition issues before the Commissioner.
 - The first case involves a basketball player who wanted an additional year of eligibility because his treating psychiatrist said he needed to go to a certain school because of his depression and that school did not have basketball. He needed an additional year of education because he failed the 9th grade year earlier. The Association appeal panel denied the request for an extension of eligibility. The boy's parents requested a Stay which was granted by the Commissioner but with no basis. She will keep us posted.
 - The second case involves a student who played soccer as a ninth grader during the fall season of the 2008-2009 school year. In late 2008, she moved to Texas and played again under their rules during their soccer season, December to April. During the 2009-10 school year she participated in soccer in Texas for a third season. She moved back to New York in 2010 and played soccer during her junior year. This was her fourth season of soccer from her entry into ninth grade. After checking with SED regarding their interpretation of the Duration of Competition rule, the student was declared to be ineligible to play soccer in her senior year because she had used up the number of seasons allowed under the Duration of Competition rule. The Association appeal panel denied the request for extended eligibility on the basis of SED's interpretation. The case is now before the Commissioner. She will keep us posted.
- Reported on an OCR complaint alleging sexual discrimination because a boy was told he needed to wear a skirt in field hockey. The school did not request a waiver which they would have received. The case is in mediation and should be settled.
- Section II questioned how to classify Charter Schools that are starting varsity sports. Renee recommended they treat them like other non-public schools; follow the criteria in the classification procedures. She also suggested because most Charter Schools are just starting out, to classify non-public and charter schools lower until there is a record to base the classification on. Call her with any questions.

Director of Government Affairs Kevin Banes

- He gave an overview of the new changes in government.
- He reported the State Comptroller has anticipated an \$11 billion budget gap. Governor Cuomo has stated he will not raise taxes and will cut spending to help close the gap.
- He reported two of the largest areas the governor can tap are education and health care. He expects there will be major cuts in both areas.
- He reported the governor will be introducing the new budget on February 1st. He will be watching very closely and will keep us updated.
- He and Nina met last week with some members of the Senate Republican majority conference to discuss

pending legislation on Concussion Management. He reported receiving word that the Senate wants to act quickly on crafting their own Concussion Management bill. We will be working closely with the Senate on this. He will keep us posted on developments as they move forward.

Championship Philosophy Committee – Karen Lopez, Co-Chair

- Reported their meeting scheduled for January 18th was cancelled due to weather and is rescheduled for February 8th.
- She stated the committee will present their recommendations to the Executive Committee at their May meeting with a possible vote at the August Central Committee meeting.

Sport Coordinators

Cross Country

- Nina presented a written proposal from the Boys and Girls Cross Country Committees regarding the wearing of Section t-shirts at championship events.

A **motion to approve** taking back to the Sections for discussion and a vote at the May Executive Committee meeting that in the Cross Country State Championship, athletes from each Section will wear their sectional colored t-shirts, providing there is no cost to the individual Section's budget **carried**. O'Brien/Westfall

Section Concerns and Input

Section 1: A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Indoor Track to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Section 1 **carried**. Mitchell/Scholla

Section 6: Reported their Modified Committee Representative was going to present a proposal to the Modified Committee for the 7-8-9th grade modified program to follow the Varsity schedule. This proposal would eliminate the JV and 7-8th grade modified program. This option would require Section/League approval.

Section 7: A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Alpine Skiing to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Sections 7 and 2 **carried**. Staves/Hemstead

Section 8: Voiced a concern with wearing a mask along with the mandatory goggles in Field Hockey. The goggles do not fit over the mask. Todd stated this will be a discussion item at the Safety Committee's meeting in April.

Section 10: A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Indoor Track to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Section 10 **carried**. Harrica/Westfall

Section 11: Voiced a concern with the supervision of athletes at the bowling state championships, because the coaches' meeting is being held at a different hotel than where the athletes are staying. Nina stated they will see if the meeting can be rearranged to make it more convenient for everyone.

Cheerleading Update – Todd Nelson

- The objective of the Cheerleading sub-committee was to look at competitive cheer and come up with recommendations regarding competition guidelines.
- The sub-committee met four times from December 21, 2010 to January 18, 2011.
- The sub-committee's recommendations will be presented to the full Cheerleading Committee at their next meeting in February and a final recommendation will be presented to the Executive Committee at their May meeting.

Safety Committee – Todd Nelson

- At the Fall Safety Committee meeting, the issue of the mandatory yearly safety meeting that was approved in 1981 by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee was discussed. The committee felt that since the fiscal concerns mandates are in effect until 2012, they would like to recommend the safety meeting mandate be required every other year. President Ward directed that this be taken back to the Sections for discussion and placed on the agenda of the May Executive Committee Meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee – Steve Broadwell

- Reported the committee met for the first time on January 24th.
- The committee reviewed the past two Strategic Plans.

- He noted Nina will be attending the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee meeting at the end of the week and will be interested in hearing her report.
- Their next meeting will be held in March.
- The goal is for the updated plan to be presented for approval at the August 2011 Central Committee meeting.

Combining of Schools

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2010-2011 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
3	Westmoreland, Oneida, Oriskany, Waterville, Madison, Norwich, Sherburne-Earlville, Canastota, Otselic Valley & Hamilton Morrisville-Eaton & Sherburne-Earlville Solvay, CBA & Jamesville-DeWitt	B. Ice Hockey (V) B/G Indoor Track (V) B. Wrestling (V, JV)

**Dissolve the merger of Westhill & Solvay for B. Wrestling (V, 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
2	03-22-11	Colonial Council – Foothills Council Sr. All-Star Contest-B. Basketball
6	03-23-11 03-26-11	Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball Cheektowaga Lions Exceptional Senior HS Basketball Classic-G. Basketball
7	03-15-11	CVAC Boys & Girls Senior Basketball Game
10	03-16-11 03-11-11	Section 10 All-Star Game - Boys Ice Hockey Section 10 All-Star Senior Game – B/G Basketball

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department – Trish Kocialski

- Thanked everyone for their cards and condolences on the recent death of her mother.
- She met with Associate Commissioners Jean Stevens and Rebecca Court and Office of Counsel regarding the development of guidelines for the new 5th year of eligibility for students with disabilities regulation. All agreed that she would work with the Association on developing the guidelines for this change in regulation and have Office of Counsel review it prior to dissemination.
- She reported the revised regulation does not include an appeal process in the language. The NYSPHSAA, Leagues, Sections and her office would not be involved in any appeal process. All appeals would follow the regular 310 Appeal process.
- She reported on a language revision to Item C of Physical Education Learning Standards. Item C states “for pupils in grades 10 through 12 only, a comparable time each semester in extra class programs for those pupils who have demonstrated acceptable levels of physical fitness, physical skills, and knowledge of physical education activities.” More specific language will be included referring to assessing the achievement at the commencement level prior to athletes using this option. The NYSED PE Profile Assessment tool or a locally developed assessment tool approved by SED must be used to do the assessment. If approved by the Regents, it will be effective for next school year. Nina asked her to reach out to NYSAAA and NYS Council of Administrators to inform them of this revision.
- She noted SED opposed all the concussion bills brought before the department last year for reasons such

as unfunded mandate, conflict with education law or Commissioner's regulations or Board of Regents. She stated she would like to be included in the development of a new bill so that it doesn't meet any opposition by SED.

NYS Council of Administrators – Fritz Kilian, President

- Reported they are getting ready for their November 2011 conference.
- Reported they started a new initiative last year where different zones or sections organize youth sport coaches seminars. One seminar was held in the Albany area in August. Another is being planned in Rochester in June. The goal is to see every zone or section organize a seminar.

NYS Athletic Administrators – Nina Van Erk

- Reported the NYSAAA Conference will be held March 16-19, 2011 at the Saratoga Hilton Hotel. She encouraged all Athletic Directors to attend.
- She will be the keynote speaker on Friday afternoon.
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson and members of the Modified Committee will be doing a presentation on Thursday.
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson announced the Sportsmanship Committee meeting will be held at the conference on Thursday, March 17th at 1:30PM.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Nina reported a sub-committee is being formed to develop a policy for State Association passes. Anyone interested in participating on the committee is asked to contact her.

A **motion to approve** the adjournment of the January 2011 Executive Committee meeting at 11:58AM **carried**.
Westfall/Henshaw

Respectfully submitted,



Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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