

MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

COLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL

March 21,2018 9AM

minutes

All members present with
Exception of New Paltz,Pine Plains,
And Spackenkill.

1.APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING-motion to approve by Tom Cassata, second by Steve Boucher. Motion carried.

2.VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- TOM CASSATA

- Items of interest from the Section IX meeting
- heat/wind chill and thunder and lightning policies discussed.
- Waiver of age (current SED regulation) for Unified Sports only. Motion by Tom Cassata, second by Hans Sebald. Motion Carried.
- Email Mike Kroemer with female wrestling participants. (especially modified level)
- Changes are coming in the sport of cheer. A score sheet may replace the rubric and "Game Day Cheer" may be implemented
- The MHAL is in favor of maintaining Honor Weigh Ins.
- The MHAL favors the proposed changes to the Community Service Challenge Program
- The MHAL approved at our February meeting: The proposed change to the representation rule and the waiver of field dimensions for 8 man football..

3. REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT- CHRIS MAYO

4. MHAL ATHLETIC COORDINATOR- DENNIS BURKETT-

- Meeting materials
- Cross country schedule-motion to approve by Derek Adams, second by Tom Cassata. Final meet may be designated unofficially as division championship meet. Motion carried.
- Conference basketball games- one additional conference matchup will be added to the post MHAL schedule for basketball next season. Motion by Derek Adams, second by Bill Blayney. Motion carried.

- MHAL 2018-19 Calendar vote-Motion to approve by Tom Cassata, Second by Steve Boucher. (Oct. 11 for Sectional meeting and all MHAL meeting will begin at 9:30am). Motion carried.
- Scholar Athlete Breakfast-please adhere to deadlines as discussed # of attendees by 4/9 and bios to Dennis by 4/15.
- The proposed volleyball rotation and tiebreaker for baseball states (used for many years) were both approved.

5.SPRING CHAIR REPORTS

- Softball Jonnah O'Donnell-championships at Tony Williams 5/12
- Baseball Dennis Burkett-packets have been distributed to coaches and ADs
- Tennis Kermit Moyer-the use of Sportplex for girls tennis was discussed. MHAL's should be "long day" 5/12 at Bard with 5/14 finishing the tournament.
- Track Derek Adams-5/19 championships at FDR. A discussion about a throwers pentathlon for next season was discussed.

6.MODIFIED REPORT- GREG WARREN- recent modified committee proposals

After discussion it was determined that the MHAL is NOT in favor of additional games or extended playing time. The MHAL is NOT in favor of earlier season starts. However, there is support for rule changes that mirror high school competition and perhaps adjusting required practices to the same standard as high school sports.

Rebranding should not be "middle school" as many schools utilize the "A" model and this would not be well received by 9th grade participants. Suggestions included a label of "Novice" etc.

7. COMBINING OF TEAMS COMMITTEE REPORT- Kermit Moyer-a motion to approve a merger for modified baseball (2018) Rhinebeck as host and RH. Will follow the Rhinebeck schedule. RH baseball games will be byes. Second by Hans Sebald, motion carried.

8.OLD BUSINESS- some discussion about "standard of care" and the need for each athletic dept. To have an emergency plan of action for each sport and level. Access to AEDs must be evaluated.

9.NEW BUSINESS- Frank Alfons asked how sectional travel costs are calculated. Greg Ransom replied that they are calculated on a per student basis.

10.MOTION TO ADJOURN- motion by Jonnah O'Donnell, second by Frank Alfonso. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Burkett

