

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 - 9:30 A.M.**

**ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM B/C**

All members were present except: Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mt. Academy School

Guests Present: Mr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake Middle School  
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. J.J. Cass, Eldred Administrative Intern  
Mr. Tom Rickard, Minisink Administrative Intern

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on January 27, 2015  
Motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. NYSPHSAA Executive Director– Mr. Robert Zayas  
A. Ball Adoption  
Mr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, reported this initiative started two years ago. Some sections have gotten their own ball adoptions in the past. NYSPHSAA has bid out a state wide ball adoption with proceeds to be distributed to the Sections. Mr. Zayas stated \$390,000. will be given back to the Sections from Spalding for using the Spalding ball in the Sectional, Regional and State Championship games. Mr. Michael Bellarosa (Valley Central) asked about availability and cost of the balls. Anaconda Sports may still be the vendor for the Spalding ball. Athletic Directors may also send out a bid for the Spalding ball to vendors. All Sections must buy into this ball adoption policy for the listed guaranteed rights fee to be granted. Mr. Zayas stated the Sections will benefit tremendously. For five years beginning in 2016-2017, Section IX will receive \$28,084 per year, \$3,240. in retail product credit annually to purchase Russell/Spalding apparel, and \$6,928. in annual product quantities for Sectional Finals staged at a neutral site hosted by Section IX. If Section IX does not join the ball adoption, Mr. Zayas said the monetary package would be decreased across the board. If that were to occur, Mr. Zayas told the Athletic Directors that he would have to explain to the other sections that their remuneration is decreased because Section IX and or other Sections opted not to join in this venture.
3. Section IX Secretary/Treasurer – Mr. James Osborne  
A. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2015. Handouts were reviewed from NYSPHSAA Committee Reports. Refer to copy in folder.
  - Athletic Placement Process to replace Selection Classification will take effective in the fall season 2015.
  - National Federation Courses will be implemented. The coaches will need to stay consistent by taking either National Federation courses or the courses offered through the Regional

Office of Interscholastic Athletics. Coaches may not take course offerings from both sources.

- Safety Committee Report - review of football contact limitations.
- Mixed Competition Guidelines were approved.
- NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule - Academic waiver has been taken out.
- Jewelry rule remains in effect for Cross Country and Track & Field.

Mr. Osborne explained the two Anaconda Sports proposals to Section IX Athletics. **Proposal A:** Anaconda would have rights to 3 sports (Basketball [The Rock], Soccer [Anaconda], and Softball [Trump]) through the Section IX Finals. Section IX, in return, would receive \$200,000.00 in the form of cash (\$100,000.00) and Product (\$100,000.00) over a 5 year period. **Proposal B:** Section IX agrees to use the Rock Basketball and the New Anaconda Sports Soccer ball for all games up until the Section IX tournament. In return, Anaconda agrees to provide \$20,000.00 per year in product (T-Shirts, Plaques, etc.) for five years. This proposal would come into effect if Section IX agrees to participate in the State Ball Adoption with Spalding. It enables Section IX to maintain a working relationship with Anaconda. Section IX would classify Anaconda Sports as the preferred vendor for Section IX Athletics. Anaconda Sports has offered to supply the Anaconda soccer ball for schools to tryout. Questions were asked concerning the transformation of ball use from another brand to Spalding. Mr. Osborne stated the deadline to decide is April 17, 2015.

4. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa

Mr. Bellarosa, OCIAA President (Valley Central) reported on the following items.

A. Merger Process

Shadowing teams was discussed. The reasons for merging and the process for approval of mergers was discussed by Mr. Bellarosa. Mr. Mayo stated there is a Section IX application to request a merger. This application process should start with the Section for approval and then go to the Leagues for League approval. Mr. Mayo discussed there are four schools that have merged in skiing. There are now requests for multi school mergers in other sports. The reasons for the merger must be stated in the application. Super teams and the potential for super teams was discussed. Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator, stated there are merger requests to merge with nonpublic schools. There needs to be a revision of the process and include the Superintendent's signature. Mr. Glen Maisch, Sportsmanship Chairperson, (Kingston) stated he will look at the process further to make suggestions for the next meeting. Mr. Mayo explained that time lines are very important to football.

B. Softball Helmets for Coaches

Still under discussion. **This has not been approved** yet by the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee.

C. Cheerleading – NYSPHSAA Invitational at Guilderland was discussed. Overnight competitions and inclement weather conditions should be communicated better by the State Committee organizing the event. Mrs. Heather Walsh, Assistant Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, explained Cheerleading invitationals that are offered by schools will count toward the number of competitions needed to qualify for the Sectional and State Cheerleading Competitions.

Indoor Track was discussed. Mr. Mayo stated the Section IX Indoor Track Championship was cancelled due to the number of schools that had to drop due to snow. Mr. Mayo stated

there were negative comments made concerning the decision to cancel the Section IX Championship meet due to the inclement weather. This negativity must not occur should a cancellation need to be made. Mr. Mayo discussed the limited availability for rescheduling the Fieldhouse at West Point.

5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
Items of Concern:

A. OCIAA Scholar Athlete for 2014-2015

The OCIAA Senior Scholar Athlete Breakfast is April 23, 2015 at Kuhl's Highland House. Please submit pictures and bios as soon as possible.

B. 2015 Late Winter/Early Spring Coaching Courses

Courses are listed in the folder and are also posted on the ROIA website. The Spring Sports Rules Interpretations Meeting for varsity, JV and modified will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the C.J. Hooker Middle School in Goshen.

C. Mergers 2015-2016 – Kingston / Mt. Academy

Discussion was made by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). He stated in order for Mt. Academy to have a team a merger is necessary. In the case of Mt. Academy it is only for three or four students. Motion to approve mergers for Kingston and Mt. Academy in all sports except for Boys Soccer and Cross Country made by Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen (Liberty) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). Discussion was made on impact of merged teams and reasons why Mt. Academy could not merely shadow Kingston and have their own Spring Track team. The motion was tabled for more information on the number of students involved in the merger.

D. Orange-Ulster BOCES Student Calendar 2015-2016 – updated

E. 2015-2016 Proposed OCIAA Athletic Calendar

Meeting dates and events are proposed for 2015-2016. Please look over for a vote of approval to take place at the next Athletic Directors Workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

F. Fall Schedules 2015 (vote)

The Scheduling Committee met to review the fall schedules that will be voted on by the OCIAA Athletic Directors. Mr. Christopher Mayo stated in varsity sports both schools must agree to drop the non-league contest. All games marked Crossover must be played. The set-up in Boys and Girls Soccer is same. Some Saturdays are scheduled. There are four divisions in Boys and Girls Modified Soccer. Girls Swimming is two divisions the same as last year. Some tri-meets are scheduled for teams that have few swimmers. When viewing the schedules in Sportspak select view all schools. Girls Tennis is three divisions for varsity. Volleyball will play in three divisions. The Volleyball NYSPHSAA Championship is later this year which will allow more time for matches in the regular season. Modified Volleyball is broken down into divisions. Cross Country allows six total meets. Schools will face opponents no more than twice. Modified Cross Country will have two multi meets at Orange County Park for a total of five meets. Monroe-Woodbury will have one team for Modified Football which is Modified B. Valley Central is moving from Modified A Football to Modified B Football. Newburgh and Cornwall will have Freshman Football.

Motion to approve the OCIAA 2015 Fall Schedules was made by Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury), second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (S.S. Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Section IX Football 2015  
Modified Football discussed above.

H. NYSPHSAA and OCIAA Cheerleading 2015  
Mr. Mayo stated if your school has missed the last NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Invitational due to weather cancellation. Please notify Mr. Todd Nelson, Assistant Superintendent at NYSPHSAA, for your school to request admission in the next NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Invitational.

I. Orange-Ulster BOCES Interscholastic Athletics Budget for 2015-2016  
Mr. Christopher Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, reviewed the Orange-Ulster BOCES Interscholastic Athletics Budget for 2015-2016. The ROIA has raised dues \$250. per school next year. There is an increase of \$60. to the base pay dues in Section IX. The total dues increase for next year is \$310. per school district. Motion to approve the 2015-2016 Interscholastic Athletics Budget was made by Mr. Jason Semo (Newburgh), second by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Old Business

Mr. Rob Gravelle, OCIAA Boys Basketball Chairperson (Seward), explained schools must submit their basketball rosters as soon as possible for the Basketball Tournament booklet to be given to the printer.

Mr. Christopher Mayo announced that cancelled games can now be viewed on SportsPak master schedules. Check your dates for school proms and class trips for scheduling athletic contests.

#### 6. New Business

Pine Plains will request merging with Rhinebeck for Varsity Football. This will classify them from a C school to a B school. Motion to approve this request was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe). All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Additional Items in Folder:

- NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Reports
- OCIAA Senior Scholar Athlete Award form for recipient information
- 2015 Fall Sports Scheduling Information
- Orange-Ulster BOCES Interscholastic Athletics Budget for 2015-2016
- Coaching Course Certificates
- Billing Memorandums

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.  
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at John A. Coleman Catholic High School. (Parking in back of high school)

8. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo), second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo  
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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