

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

TUESDAY, June 13, 2017- 9:30 A.M.

All members present except: Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Academy
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field
Mr. Rick Cowles, Kingston
Ms. Lori Hock, Monroe-Woodbury
Mrs. Debra Crowe, James I. O'Neill
Mr. Jason Closs, Tri-Valley

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Chris Radon, Athletic Director, Greenwood Lake
Ms. Nicole Feller Lee

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) second by Mr. Ron Semerano (Port Jervis) All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Guest Speaker- Nicole Feller Lee

As the founder of The Corinne Feller Memorial Fund, Nicole Feller Lee updated the Athletic Directors on the progress she has made with setting up the assembly scheduled to take place on September 20, 2017 at the Newburgh Free Academy with live streaming capability. Nicole also requested confirmation from the schools that would be interested in attending so that she can move forward with the organization of the event. Jason Semo discussed the coordination of bus transportation and parking with his Administration and Security Team in order for them to prepare in doing the best job possible to make everything run in a smooth and safe manor. If you would like any further information on participating in this program, please contact Nicole Feller Lee.

3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa

A. Section IX Report:

Mr. Bellarosa reviewed the action items from the NYSPHSAA Back from the Leagues report.

a. NYSPHSAA Voting Items

1. Hall of Fame

- To allow for a minimum of any five supporting documents to be accompanied with an application for a candidate.

- To provide individuals an extended period of time, following holidays to submit applications.

- To match the evaluation scales for both the Screening and Selection Committees to use a 1 through 5: not 1, 3 and 5 as scoring values for applications.

Motion to support all three items made by Mike Gillespie, second by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Transgender Guidelines

- The student ~~and~~ OR parent/ guardian shall notify the Superintendent that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic Athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies.

- On a seasonal basis the schools will provide approval of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student's gender identity.

Motion to support by Bill Miller, second by James Ryan. 1 Abstention.

Motion carried.

3. Girls Volleyball

- The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval for the attached Classification numbers to even out the numbers per class at 20% each.

- Request by Boys Volleyball Committee to use the NCAA Volleyball Rule for the score of the 5th set for varsity matches.

Motion to support made by Mike Kroemer, second by Gary Vyskocil. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Boys Soccer

- That the NYSPHSAA Soccer Committees no longer be required to provide an end of the year report regarding disqualifications, in Girls & Boys Soccer.

Motion to support made by Kirk Wareham, second by Tim Bult. All in favor.

Motion carried.

5. Ice Hockey

- Consideration of approval to use the 2 referee & 2 linesman system.

- Consideration of approval for Ice hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (*17 minutes*) and penalties (*2/5 & 10 minutes*) to begin with the 2018-2019 season.

Motion to support both items made by James Ryan, second by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. State School Classifications

-Consideration of proposed classification cut-off numbers for Girls & Boys Soccer, Girls & Boys Basketball, Softball and Baseball to take effect for the 2018-2019 season.

Motion to support made by Tim Bult, second by Jason Semo.

1 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

7. Ineligible Students to Practice

Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility.

Motion to support made by John Landro, second by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. New Athletic Directors- Mr. Bellarosa introduced Mr. Matt O'Brien as a replacement for Dr. Greg Voloshin who will be taking on a new role as the Scotchtown Elementary School Principal. Mr. Bill Miller has officially taken on the role as the Director of Health, Phys. Ed. and Athletics for Valley Central.

Additionally, Mr. Jason Semo will be leaving Newburgh Free Academy to become an Athletic Director for the Chappaqua School District in Section I and Mr. James Ryan will be leaving Monticello to become the Athletic Director for the Port Chester School District also in Section I.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

A. Bylaws- Tie Breaking Procedure (vote)

Motion to approve the Tie-Breaking Procedure Proposal insertion into all OCIAA sport bylaws concerning division ties. Motion to approve by Mr. David Coates, second by Mr. Bill Miller. Discussion was made to add "current season" and Head to Head "between tied teams overall".

All in favor. Motion carried

B. Jim Ross Service Award 2016-2017

Please be sure to distribute your Jim Ross service awards.

C. Spring 2017 OCIAA and Section IX Championships Chair Reports

Please find attached list of Division Champion Winners in your folder.

D. Summer Coaching Courses

Please refer to handout in folder and please be sure to make sure that your coaches are up to date with their certifications.

E. Fall Rules Interpretations Meetings

- **Football Rules Interpretations Meeting- Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Middletown High School at 5:00 pm *in the Library.***
- **Fall Sports Rules Interpretation Meeting (Varsity, JV, Modified) – Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Goshen High School at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium. *Cheerleading will not be included in this meeting as it is a Winter Sport.***

- **OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop- Thursday August 24, 2017 at OUBOCES at 9:30 am in the Carl P. Onken Conference Rooms B & C.**
- **Modified Football Rules Interpretations Meeting- Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Middletown High School at 6:00 pm. *MHAL Schools are welcome to attend this meeting, with new bylaws being added.***
- **NYSPPHSAA Mandated Workshop- Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Wallkill High School at 9:30 am.**

F. Spring Sports Schedules for 2018

Please refer to handout in folder and notify the League Office as soon as possible with any changes.

G. Topics needed for NYSPHSAA Mandatory Workshop

Please contact Chris with any suggestions to bring forth to this workshop via email @ christopher.mayo@ouboces.org

Please review the following handout provided in your folder:

- Scrimmage/Game Chart
- Meeting Dates
- NYSAAA Newsletter- Mr. Mike Kroemer also advised that he is in need of a liaison for his position at NYSA

4. Old Business

Mr. James Osborne -

- Motion made to support reduction of numbers from 14 to 12 in 8 man Football made by John Landro, second by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Section VII to begin Modified Sports beginning in the Fall of 2017 made by David Coates, second by Mike Kroemer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Michael Kroemer -

Information on Wrestling will be provided no later than June 20th.

Mr. David Coates-

Reminder: The Heads Up Meeting is scheduled on June 20th @ 8:00 am at Monroe- Woodbury High School Auditorium.

Mr. Chris Mayo-

Would like to for the Athletic Directors to stress to their coaches the importance of the rating forms that are sent back to our office. Mr. Mayo is willing to explain how these forms affect how officials are assigned to Sectional games.

Mr. Mayo also discussed the impact and pressure of social media and would like all Athletic Directors to be mindful when making decisions that can affect not only their own school and community, but others as well.

5. New Business

Ms. Sue Lenzian-

- Cheerleading is in the process trying to combine dance and tumbling using the ICU guidelines.
- Cheerleading is still a Winter Sport and should be recognized as a club activity during the Fall
- Cheerleading judges are needed; please let her know if you have anyone who is interested in becoming a judge.

Mr. Tim Bult-

Combining of teams:

Chester/ Tuxedo on the following sports with Chester as host school for the following sports:

JV/V Football, JV/V Boys Basketball, JV/V Girls Basketball, JV Softball, Varsity Wrestling, JV/V Boys Soccer, JV/V Girls Soccer

Motion to approve made by Tim Bult, second by Adam Larson. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Mr. Adam Larson-

Livingston Manor will be combining with Downsville for the following sports: Girls Varsity Soccer, Boys Varsity Soccer, Boys Modified Soccer. All games will be played in Section IV.

Mr. Gary Vyskocil-

Gary was approached by Mike White with an opportunity to participate in Indoor Track events at the Armory. Seven schools expressed interest and Mr. Mayo would like to look at the financial implications involved with bussing the athletes to these events.

Mr. Christopher Mayo-

Mr. Mayo congratulated Mr. Ronald Semerano of Port Jervis and Mr. William Burr from the OCIAA League Office on their retirement - both presented with a plaque.

6. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Thursday, August 24, 2017 @ Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Tim Bult, second by Mike Gillespie. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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