THE OCIAA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 9:30 AM

All members present except:  Ms. Lori Hock, Monroe-Woodbury
Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mount Academy

Guests Present:  Mr. Dennis Burket, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:37 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
   Motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019, OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop
   made by Ms. Debbie Crowe (Highland Falls/O’Neill) and seconded by Mr. Adam Larson
   (Livingston Manor). All in favor. Motion carried.

2. NYSPHSAA Meeting Report – Mr. Greg Ransom
   Please review handout. Mr. Ransom summarized the highlights of the meeting to include several
   discussion items previously approved by Section IX.

3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
   Please refer to handouts provided for each topic below.
   a. Athletic Trainer
   Language and affordability were both discussed at length in last month’s meeting.
   “Require” vs. “recommend” can make a difference in presenting the value to your district
   administrators. Mr. Bellarosa will look into whether or not employment eligibility must
   be based on the Civil Service process.
   b. Representation Rule
   This rule for Girls Wrestling and all individual sports was previously supported by
   Section IX and is expected to go into effect in the 2019-2020 school year.
   c. Voting Items:
   i. Sport Season Length
   Section IX is set to vote in favor at May’s meeting to take effect for the 2020-
   2021 school year.
   ii. Jewelry Rule
   Discussed and approved at previous meeting.
   iii. Amateur Rule
   Motion to approve the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to $500
   made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Rich Silverstein
   (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.
   iv. Boys and Girls Tennis
   Discussion to adopt a rotation and revise championship dates occurred. Motion
   to approve made by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Coates
   (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.
   v. Girls Lacrosse
   Discussion to adopt a new 3-year Regional rotation and post-season requirements
   for officials occurred. Motion to approve made by Ms. Crowe (Highland
   Falls/O’Neill) and seconded by Ms. Suzanne Lendzian (Fallsburg). All in favor.
   Motion carried.
vi. Baseball
Motion to approve Adoption of Pitch Count Summary Form made by Ms. Lendzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.

d. NYSED Report Highlights
Please be sure to read and note highlights, such as the more than doubling in heroin and other illegal drug use, vaping, PE plan, coaching guidelines, and mental health links.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
Items of Concern:

a. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Breakfast
i. Breakfast date has been changed to **Tuesday, June 4, 2019**, due to a conflict with the School District Budget Votes on May 21. Please be sure to share this new information.
ii. Biographical Sketch for Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards form is enclosed and **due on or before Friday, April 26, 2019**.

b. Tyler Muise Award
Application is enclosed and the deadline has been extended to Friday, April 26, 2019. Two applications have been received to-date … please keep them coming!

c. O-U BOCES 2019-2020 Student Calendar
This will be sent to all via email.

d. 2019-2020 Proposed Athletic Calendar
Please refer to the handout. A few dates need to be confirmed before the calendar is finalized. Mr. Adam Kless (Burke) offered to host the Fall Sports Rules Interpretation Meeting on August 29, 2019.

e. Fall Schedules 2019 – Vote
Motion to approve Fall Schedules except Football made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Ms. Lendzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Section IX Football 2019 Items – Mr. David Coates
i. Currently working on geographical scheduling for 8-man
ii. Similar to Tennis, may implement rotational basis to fill Byes – will know more after March meeting
iii. 25-second play clock being changed to 40 seconds and instant replay currently being discussed
iv. Currently discussing semi-final games going to higher seed, aligning with other sports – play at your home field or your selected turf facility, rather than neutral site
v. Schedules are almost complete – some current Byes may be filled at a later time.
vi. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting Championship games on your turf field.

g. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
i. **COT policy (verbiage edit)** - Pg.4 of of the COT Application - The following would be added at the bottom of the page, in recognition of the sport of wrestling and the 8 weight classes (no longer a minimum of 8 wrestlers) to have a chance to win a match.
**"The sport of wrestling requires representation in at least eight (8) weight classes to win a match. Initial COT approval may be granted prior to the season, but final approval is contingent upon the actual weights of wrestlers during the S9 weight certification process."

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Mayo asked if the committee had reviewed the possibility of changing wrestling, for the purposes of combining of teams, to a team sport. Mr. J.J. Gass spoke in support of that concept as did Mr. Mark Mongiardo of Liberty. Mr. Bult stated his committee would review this. Mr. Mayo said AD’s would discuss this at the next AD’s meeting.

ii. Varsity V Baseball - Webutuck/Millbrook (Webutuck Host) - Spring 2019
Girls V Tennis - TV/Fallsburg (TV Host) - Fall 2019-20

Motion to approve made by Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley) and seconded by Ms. Lendzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Old Business
   a. REMINDER: The Spring Rules Interpretation Meeting on March 11 will be held at Valley Central High School at 7:30pm. Please use the gym entrance and be sure to share with all of your Spring coaches.
   b. The NYSPHSAA Conference will be held on March 12-15. Mr. Coates (Middletown) will be honored at the dinner.
   c. Mr. Ransom thanked all of those who assisted in the cheerleading competition to include Monroe-Woodbury and Monticello for the use of their mats and Ms. Heather Walsh and Ms. Lendzian (Fallsburg) for all of their work at the event. Everything went well!
   d. Mr. Mayo asked to let us know ASAP if you think you’re dropping any of your Spring sports.
   e. The CPR/AED courses scheduled for February 20 have been rescheduled for February 26 at Valley Central HS in the North Cafeteria.

6. New Business
   None to report.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 9:30 am
   Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B/C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at Coleman High School at 9:30 am

8. Adjourn
   Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Lendzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.