



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

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020 - 9:30 AM**

All members present.

Guests Present:

Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director  
Mr. Edgar Glascott, Newburgh  
Mr. Ryan Wall, Florida (SS Seward)  
Mr. Steve Suarez, West Point

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:30 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (June 9, 2020)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Debbie Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Moment of Silence for Mr. Fred Ahart  
Fred (Roscoe) will be sorely missed by so many. Please continue to keep Mr. Ron Montalto (Rondout) in your thoughts and prayers as he continues recovering in the hospital.
3. Section IX Return-to-Play Task Force – Mr. Greg Ransom
  - a. State Task Force, Section IX Task Force, and Executive Director meetings are all occurring within the next day or so. Information will be shared as details and decisions are made.
  - b. No guidelines in writing from the Governor yet. A lot of blanks right now, ie, locker rooms, Cheerleading, etc.
  - c. Physical Education guidelines in Daryl Daly's memo will be emailed.
  - d. *Shape America* and *NYSAHPERD* are other suggested links to check regarding guidelines.
4. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Report – Mr. Jim Osborne / Mr. Greg Ransom  
Highlights and proposals were briefly discussed and have been emailed for your review. Any items to be voted on will take place at the next AD meeting on September 22.

5. OCIAA President's Report: Mr. Michael Bellarosa
  - a. New Athletic Directors  
Mr. Howie Harrison (Newburgh) was welcomed. Both he and Mr. Edgar Glascott (Newburgh) were wished well in their new positions.
  - b. NYSPHSAA Proposals  
Proposals were briefly discussed and have been emailed for your review. Any items to be voted on will take place at the next AD meeting on September 22.
6. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
Items of Concern:
  - a. 2020-2021 Schedules discussion  
Please be sure to discuss with your administrators. Many points were discussed in the meeting:
    - i. Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) shared the importance students' safety and equity in participating in sports. Practice still allows participation and being a part of something ~ it is good emotionally, physically, and mentally. Her coaches are currently using Google Meet to stay in touch with student-athletes.
    - ii. Mr. Mike Gillespie inquired about flexibility to not overlap 3-season schedule, if starting in January. Mr. Mayo and Mr. Dennis Burkett have managed to create a template to avoid season overlaps.
    - iii. Transportation issues, officials refusing assignments, and an officials COVID questionnaire were briefly discussed.
    - iv. Sportspak will be running for online schedules at this time. We will be transitioning to rSchoolToday.
    - v. During this meeting, Mr. Burkett received notice that all Ulster County MHAL Superintendents believe all sports should start in January 2021.
  - b. rSchool Today Program  
This program is almost ready for release. Training will be set up upon this release. Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) shared their experience with the program. She shared it is easy to use and how it can be expanded into other areas, such as tracking coaching certifications, transportation, etc.
  - c. OCIAA 2020-2021 Events Risk & Emergency Plan  
Date updated but no changes in plan. COVID information may be posted online but will not be included in this document.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Suzanne Lendzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - d. 2020-2021 Rules Interpretations Meetings: Video Conference / Online information  
These meeting will not be held in-person this year and may become the future process as well. We will email the new dates once they are determined, and will provide the new guidelines in setting up these meetings.
  - e. Coaching Courses
    - i. Mr. Ransom is continuing his coaching course instruction virtually for Philosophy & Principles this fall.

- ii. Existing NYSED CPR/AED/FA certification expiration is extended to November 30, 2020.
    - iii. CPR/AED/FA initial certification courses will be offered for new coaches this September, if there is a need. It will be a blended course to include online instruction and in-person skills. Please let Ms. Amanda York know if you have new coaches who need these classes and information will follow shortly.
  - f. Spring Schedules 2020  
Please review schedule online. Vote will take place at our next AD meeting on September 22.
  - g. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult  
None to report.
  - h. Special Programs – Ms. Amanda York  
The Scholar-Athlete Community Service Challenge and the Athletics Newsletter are still planned for this school year.
  - i. Award in Memory of Fred Ahart  
Discussion to create an award in Fred’s honor was well-received by all. There is great interest in creating a committee and planning to present the award at the Scholar-Athlete Breakfast.
7. Old Business  
None to report.
8. New Business
- a. Mr. Ray Holyk requested we all share information on our school procedures in regards to appointment of coaches, remote practices, and consideration of late practices to better accommodate working parents with transportation.
  - b. A follow-up meeting will be set up to discuss highlights of the Task Force meetings and Executive Director meeting.
9. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 9:30 am, via Google Meet
- NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop – TBA – will be held online
- Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2020, via Zoom or Google Meet
10. Adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Howie Harrison (Newburgh). All in favor. Motion carried.*