

**SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**New York State Public High School Athletic Association**  
**January 25, 2018      9:30am    Baxter Mountain Inn**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to order and attendance
  - Officers: C. Mazzella
  - Staff: M. Walentuk
  - MVAC: J. Toney, M. Douglas, M. Douglas
  - CVAC: V. McMillan, J. Harrica, G. Myers, B. Larrow
  - Central Committee: T. Farrell
  - Executive Committee: S. Broadwell
  - CVAC Executive Secretary: M. Farmer
  - Absent Excused: C. Staves, P. Curry, J. McDonald, B. Norcross, M. Mills, D. Snide,  
K. Lopez
  - Confirmation of Proxies
    - M. Farmer for C. Staves
    - R. Sutphen for J. McDonald
    - J. Reynold for P. Curry - **Myers, Harrica** **APPROVED**
  
2. Approval of December 7, 2017 Minutes – **Harrica, Douglas** **APPROVED**
3. Financial Report – Walentuk – **McMillan, Harrica** **APPROVED**
  - a. Review of Fall State Championship Report
    - We had three teams make it to Soccer State Championships
  - b. 2017-18 Budget to Date
    - Received Spalding Ball Adoption Funds
    - Budget is running on an expected course
  - c. Finance Committee
    - Reviewed tax return for 2016-17 fiscal year
    - Going to look into including NYSPHSAA insurance in BOCES Coser
    - Discussed Winter Championship RFP
      - Push for advance sale t-shirts
      - Ask vendor to pay \$500 fee to college
      - Need to promote t-shirts better
      - We will not give out free t-shirts at championships
  
4. Conference reports/concerns
  - a. CVAC
    - Consider increasing sports coordinator stipends
      - We ask coordinators to do more and more

- Gather information as to what other sections do
    - The CVAC is requiring one location pre-season meeting at one location. These will be the Thursday prior to the season start date.
      - Feel that it is important for all coaches to be there to hear a message from the Section. Asked that the Section consider having soccer there where the CVAC fall meeting is.
      - MVAC reps do not think it will be an issue
  - b. MVAC
    - The Wells AD was concerned whether they could host a basketball game in their gym. The basketball committee told Wells last year they could not host. The MVAC had a 8-7 vote allowing Wells to host a basketball game if seeding worked out that way. The question was brought up who is in charge of this? As far as the MVAC knows there is not something restricting court size.
      - P. Curry remembers there being a rule, however we cannot find it.
      - Recommendation from the basketball committee should come to the Section.
      - Communicate to the basketball committee they do not have the authority to restrict Wells from hosting a sectional game.
    - The MVAC is in support of using the NFHS rule book for girls basketball.
5. Executive Director Report – Walentuk
- a. Winter Championship Souvenir RFP
    - Get presale information out to schools. Ask them to cover \$500 fee from Plattsburgh State
  - b. Conflict of Interest Signature Forms
    - An email will be sent out with the form to be filled out and returned to Executive Director
  - c. Nominating Committee for April 19<sup>th</sup> Athletic Council Meeting
    - C. Mazzella is forming a nomination committee.
    - Appointment will start in 2018-19 school year.
  - d. Fall Championships T-shirt update
    - Section VII received \$1,250 from the fall championship t-shirt sales.
  - e. Potential dates of 2018-19 Athletic Council Meetings
    - Dates/locations will be coming at the April meeting
  - f. Consider requests for Combining of Schools – **Myers, Harrica**                      **APPROVED**
    - Bolton/Schroon Lake – Baseball/Softball (all levels)
    - Elizabethtown-Lewis/Westport – Baseball/Softball (all levels)
  - g. Discussion Items from December 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Sectional Patches

- Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, individual champions will receive a separate patch. The patch will be different color/design from the current patch.
    - The current patches will continue for championship teams
  - Media Policy
    - We want to promote schools and teams. Media should be used to promote this.
    - There's a new media radio station showing up in Ticonderoga
    - How do our current media fit in the policy?
    - We will continue discussions in April and have something to adopt in 2018-19 school year.
  - DASA training in Section VII – April 14<sup>th</sup> in Lake Placid
    - Online registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/4RPjiIhXCJyUiwhG2>
  - Outdoor Track & Field Sectional Date – Thursday, 5/24 @ Peru 2,3 PM
- h. Other
- The officials' contract expires June 2020. We want to reach out to people interested in negotiating on behalf of the Section.
- i. Important Dates:
- Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
  - Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Sectionals begin (Girls Ice Hockey/Bowling)
  - Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Scholar Athlete Team Entries Open
  - Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – CVAC Meeting
  - Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – MVAC Meeting
  - Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Coaches First Aid Meeting, Yokum 205
  - Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Sports Start Date
  - Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – CVAC Meeting
  - Tues 3/13- Fri. 3/16 – NYSAAA Conference - Saratoga, NY
  - Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Section Appeal Committee Meeting
  - Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – DASA training for Coaches, Lake Placid, NY
6. NYSPHSAA Reports
- a. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Todd Nelson
- Excited for the first ever Wrestling Dual Meet Championships. Peru is representing Section VII.
  - Hazing Prevention course is available online for \$100 for 30 licenses. This is worthwhile course. Take the proactive approach
  - On May 16<sup>th</sup>, NYSPHSAA will celebrate Coaches Appreciation Day. They will highlight coaches through social media. It's important for everyone to recognize coaches for all that they do.
- b. CAC Report – Curry/Broadwell

- They held a conference call. They supported items in the Executive Committee agenda and there are no concerns in championship sites.
- c. SAAC Report – Douglas
- Nothing current.
- d. Other
- e. February 2, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting: Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
- **Action Items:**
    - Consider approval to revise modified pitchers nights rest - **Yes**
    - Consider approval of to revise five classification cut-off numbers. - **Yes**
    - Consider approval of 2018-19 School Enrollment numbers. - **Yes**
    - Consider approval of league placement – Utica Academy of Science
      - **Joe and Patricia will make recommendation after discussion at the meeting.**
    - Consider approval of Albany Times Union Center as the site of the 2019-2021 Wrestling State Championships. - **Yes**
    - Consider the approval of The HarborCenter for 2019-2021 Boys Ice Hockey Championships. – **Yes**
      - **NYPHSAA should consider a bigger reimbursement for schools**
    - Consider approval of Gore Mountain('19), Bristol Mountain('20) and Whiteface Mountain ('21) as the future sites of Ski State Championships.- **Yes**
    - Consider approval of AMF Strike-N-Spare (Syracuse) as the site of 2019-21 Bowling State Championships. – **Yes**
      - **Section 3 will not be bidding after 2021. Venue size is a concern. The event may half to be split**
    - Consider approval of RIT as the site of 2019-21 Cheer State Championships - **Yes**
    - Consider approval of Deerfield Country Club (Rochester) as the site of the 2019-21 Girls Golf State Championships. - **Yes**
    - Consider approval to adjust Regional Rotation when byes allow direct berth to States in baseball. - **Yes**
    - Consider approval of game ending procedure in baseball. – **No**
      - **Question about a potential 5-run rule in modified baseball**
    - Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections in several sports. - **Yes**
    - Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools. - **Yes**
  - **Discussion Items:**
    - Consideration to support revised age requirements within NYSED regulations for Unified Sports.

- **Concern at State meeting. Some special education students are educated until they are 21 year old.**
- **Consider a 5 person panel to look at data using APP physical test. Compare it to mixed competition standards which are a 16 year old at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile**
- Discussion of the use of NCAA Basketball rules for Girls Basketball compared to NFHS Basketball rules.
  - **It may be more beneficial to look at how many exemptions to the NFHS rulebook would need to be made.**
- Consideration for approval to allow for the ability of modified scoring in regular season girls golf w/ Section/League approval
  - **Some sections are already doing this (picking up after a max number of strokes)**
- Revise NYSPHSAA Golf Rule 11.08.2 (Championship Golf) to remove markers being able to point out rulings.
- Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation
  - **New 3-year rotation – no major changes**
- Revisions to NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge
  - **A company will now track this.**
- NYSPHSAA Baseball Regional Tournament tie breaker system
  - **Tie breaker was never officially approved.**
- Revisions to the NYSPHSAA Tennis Handbook
  - **Cleaning up something that is already done.**
- Approved Senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams
- Change in language of representation rule to allow females who play on male individual sports during the regular season to compete in sectionals in the female sport.

7. Officials Report – Walentuk

- a. Spring Assignors: - **Larrow, Famer** **APPROVED**
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|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| Bill Wrisley          | Outdoor T & F | <a href="mailto:wrizzz@wriznet.us">wrizzz@wriznet.us</a>         |
| Anthony “Cy” Labatore | BB & SB South | <a href="mailto:cycloppizza@yahoo.com">cycloppizza@yahoo.com</a> |
- Have to recommend from the following for North baseball and softball**
- Paul “Crusher” O’Connell
  - Keith Rebideau
- A motion was made to approve Paul O’Connell – **Harrica, Sutphen APPROVED**

8. Other

- Section VII is looking for a male sophomore for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Application link on NYSPHSAA website, open in March

9. Adjournment – Myers, Harrica

**APPROVED**

**NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**