

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
DIPACIFICS RESTAURANT
MAY 11, 2005**

Executive Committee members present: Phil Langton, Joe Sposato, Sandy Cutter, Rod Verkey, Joe Backer, Mike Simon, Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith, Dave Green, Kathy Hoyt, Kim Henshaw, Jackie Meyer, Ted Woods, Ed Stores

Athletic Council members present: Monroe County: Jack Milner, Howard Maffucci, Sam Utter; Allegany County: Phil Stockin, Doreen Martin; Finger Lakes: Fred Ciaburri, George Tortolon; Steuben County: Dennis O'Brien, Michele Plank, Mike Wright; Genesee Region: Bill Burns, Andy Buckenmeyer; Livingston County: Brian Moran; Wayne County: Bill Rotenberg. Nick DerCola, Jim Newby, Dave Alena; Private-Parochial: Dick Cerone, Chris Ells; City-Catholic/Rochester: Neil Zwierlein, David Boundy, Kathy Boughton.

Also present: Dennis Fries, Scott Morrison, Sandy Jago, Walt Dyer, Bill Mathews, Jon Carbaugh and Paul Fauth

Special Guest: Nina Van Erk, Executive Director – NYSPHSAA

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of the April 6, 2005 meeting were approved
Senior All-Star games in softball and baseball for Livingston County and boys lacrosse for Monroe County were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Dennis Fries gave an update on where the Section is with Logical Solutions, Inc.. He asked the committee for permission to explore the possibilities of advertising on the Web and to proceed to Phase II of the project. Permission was granted.

Nina Van Erk gave a report on the activities of the State organization. In the future her report will be filed with the sections electronically so that they can be seen in their entirety. She reviewed the criteria for non-public school classification, transfer rule issues upcoming clinics and support for steroid legislation in Albany.

Phil Langton presented the slate of candidates for the positions of male and female league reps to the executive Committee. They are Dave Green and Kim Henshaw. In addition the Council also nominated Jim Zumbo as the boys Central Committee Rep and Sandy Cutter as the Girls vice-President. There were no other nominations.

A recommendation to the Council from the finance committee was approved. It was agreed that for baseball and softball games played at the higher seed in the first two rounds. Each team would pay for an official. There would be no cost incurred by the section. For games played at neutral sites, the Section will pay all expenses. These games should be played at a site conducive to selling tickets.

The proposed classification policy recommendations from a special committee were discussed. Among the proposals new cut-off numbers for splitting classes were discussed. It was decided to put this off until the June meeting with the idea that each league would have an opportunity to discuss the proposals.

A FINANCIAL REPORT WAS GIVEN. Respective sport losses continue to be a concern but overall our finances are in good shape.

HEARING

The Executive Committee held a hearing to consider a complaint from a member school regarding alleged comments made by an official toward a student athlete. It was determined that comments were in fact made but the question of who actually made them remained a concern. The Executive Director was directed to find out more information for the June meeting.

SPORT COORDINATOR REPORTS

Mark Hoyt, wrestling, reported that he will attend a state coordinator's meeting later in the month. He was looking for approval to discuss a multiple entry philosophy with the section coordinators. This was approved by the section. A situation regarding damage to the hotel at the state tournament was discussed. Mark will get back to the Committee if Section V is implicated.

Maureen Conley, boys volleyball, gave a post season report. The tournament was successful both from a competitive and financial standpoint. Maureen is resigning as coordinator and has recommended Shawn Strege as her replacement. The Athletic council approved the recommendation and thanked Maureen for her outstanding work as committee chair.

Victor Van Vliet, girls soccer, shared concerns over classifications for next fall. He will wait to see the outcome of the Classification Committee proposal before doing his classes.

Wayne Inman, boys bowling, and Kathy Ferreri, girls bowling sent in their report. No action items were requested. Dates for 05-06 were distributed.

Dave Hennessey, winter track, expressed concerns over officials fees and the difficulty to break even financially. He gave his end of the season results and announced his Good Sport winners.

Dick Cerone, football, presented dates for the 2005 season. While the dates are solid, sites are always a question. There was no request for any action items.

Sam Utter, ice hockey, announced his retirement. He recommended Scott Morrison as his replacement. The Council commended Sam for his outstanding efforts on behalf of hockey and the Section and approved the recommendation for Scott Morrison.

Walt Dyer, Nordic skiing, Bill Mathews, alpine skiing and Dennis O'brien, State skiing coordinator were present. Nordic made no request for changes next year but did submit dates for the season. Alpine shared a concern about commitment to the Sectional tournament and State tournament. They will be looking to select State team representatives after team member have been selected.

Tom Hagadorn, boys soccer, is investigating ways to put yellow cards as well as red cards on the web page. Accounting for yellow cards has been a problem. He is waiting to see what happens with classification proposals to see the impact on boys soccer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

*From Nina Van Erk in the
The NYSPHSAA Office
May 2005*

ITEMS APPROVED BY NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (May 6, 2005):

Rule Waivers:

Girls Volleyball – Waiver of the NCAA warm-up protocol

Boys Volleyball – Waiver (until 2009) of the USA Uniform rule 4.3.3.2 pertaining to the size and placement of numbers on game jerseys.

Boys Soccer – Section II overtime experiment for regular season games calling for two ten minute periods of sudden victory and sectional games overtime procedure to follow state tournament protocol of two ten minute, then two five minute periods, both sudden victory.

Skiing – Waiver of the minimum ski length for SL and GS.

Boys and Girls Swimming – Participation in the NFHS “no-recall” experiment.

Modified:

- Approval of nights rest variation for Modified Boys Ice Hockey for the purposes of scheduling and rescheduling, the minimum time interval between ice hockey contests may be decreased from two nights to one night, with the following restrictions:
 - May occur no more than three times per season;
 - a team may never play three days in a row; and,
 - There shall be no more than three contests played per calendar week.
- With sectional approval, variations of modified athletic game rules and conditions may be adopted selectively for use by specified conferences or leagues. Reminder, all game rule changes need prior approval of NYSPHSAA Modified and Executive Committees.

Handbook Committee:

Transfer Rule – added to Exemption #1 – “and can substantiate that they are independent and self supporting.” (age of majority)

Representation – “School districts may submit a written request to the Section for adjustment of contests for individual participants.

Senator Skelos’ Steroid Bill – The NYSPHSAA will write a letter of support of Senate Bill #494A which requires the State

Education Department to draft a procedure for school districts to follow if they wish to drug test their student population.

MRSA – Methicillin-Resistance Staphylococcus Aureus, an antibiotic-resistant skin infection has been reported in clusters since 2000 within the competitive sports population. MRSA has historically been associated with outbreaks in health-care institutions but the bacteria is being spread among participants in sports that often have risk factors for infection including cuts, scrapes, open wounds, skin trauma from turf burns and shaving. The bacteria is believed to be transmitted through skin-to-skin contact, sharing towels or equipment. Recommendations include practicing good hygiene, promoting clean facilities, avoiding sharing towels or equipment, and receiving appropriate first aid for all open wounds and active skin infections. If the infection is suspected, a culture should be completed ASAP to ensure proper antibiotics are used.

2005 CLINICS

Soccer @ Hall of Fame, Oneonta – May 20, 2005

Volleyball @ SUNY Oneonta – June 17, 2005

PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Letters regarding the Participation Survey will be sent out later this month. Please submit the information electronically. The deadline will be May 16, 2005

PRACTICE RULE CLARIFICATION

The following clarification will be added to the NYSPHSAA Handbook on page 68 Eligibility Standard #22 – B and inserted as the second sentence.

Specifically, during the regular season physical and/or instructional activities related to the sport on seven consecutive days is prohibited.

CLASSIFICATION CUT OFF NUMBERS 2005-2006

Reminder: The five classification cut off numbers will change for next year. They are located in the NYSPHSAA Handbook on page 145. They will be:

Class AA	950 – up
Class A	550 – 949
Class B	325 – 549
Class C	193 – 324
Class D	192 – below

SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARD

The Spring 2004 -2005 application deadline is Friday, May 20, 2005. Reminder: if 100% of all the varsity athletic teams at your school qualified for the Scholar Athlete Team Award please submit an application to receive the “School of Distinction” Award by June 30, 2005.

BOYS LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

The site for the June 4, 2005 Finals has been moved to Cornell University (4) with housing for the teams available at Ithaca College.

ACTION ON TARGET

John Underwood is available to present the workshop entitled “Life of an Athlete” for either an original or repeat request basis at a Section’s request. Presentations may be scheduled before the end of 2004-05 or 2005-06.