

MINUTES
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council

NYSPHSAA, Inc.

January 19, 2023

Section XI Office

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- A.** The meeting was called to order by President Masterson at 9:08 am. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	K. Masterson	X	Central Comm.:	T. Gulluscio	X
1 st Vice Pres:	R. Cox	X		D. Ferry	X
2 nd Vice Pres:	M. Reggio	X		R. Masera	abs
Past Pres:	S. Schuster	abs		R. Haas	abs
At Large:	P. Trombetta	X		T. Mullins	X
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Polansky	abs			
<u>Ex-Officio:</u>			Executive Director:	T. Combs	X
Treasurer:	S. Leister	X	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
Counsel:	K. Seaman	abs	Consultant:	K. O'Reilly	x

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	N. Taylor	abs	II.	J. Coady	abs
	M. Keltos	abs		J. Klomp	abs
	M. Dantuono	x		M. DeVincenzo	x
	G. Beutel	x		T. Horan	x
	K. Mitchell	x		L. Dolson	x
	A. Smith	x			
III.	S. Lipshie	abs	IV.	S. Petretti	abs
	F. Pugliese	abs		D. Phillips	x
	M. Passamonte	x		M. DeJoseph	x
	S. Reh	abs		E. Kelly-Gorman	x
	A. Shannon	x		K. Daniels	abs
	A. Daleo	x			

Also in attendance: Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

B. Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2022 Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: M. Dantuno

Second: A. Smith

Motion: **Approved**

II. REPORTS

The Executive Board met on Monday, January 9, 2023, In attendance: President K. Masterson, R. Cox, M. Reggio, P. Trombetta, T. Gulluscio, D. Ferry, R. Haas, J. Polansky, J. Quinn, K. O'Reilly, K. Seaman, T. Mullins, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs: S. Schuster, E. Thompson and R. Masera)

1. Welcome – President Kathy Masterson called the meeting to order at 4 pm.
2. Finance Committee – Alan Groveman
The Section XI Finance Committee Report from December 1, 2022 including the proposed 2023-24 budget was reviewed with the Executive Board.
Executive Board **Approved**
3. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Tom Combs reviewed the Section XI Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period July 1, 2022 through January 2023 and provided information regarding the income and expenses within that budget period.
 - B. **Approval** of Sean Leister for the Treasurer starting January 2023 for a 5-year term.
4. Council – Kevin Seaman
Kevin Seaman gave an updated report to the Executive Board.
5. President – Kathy Masterson
Internal Auditor's Reports – Kathy Masterson provided the Board with the Internal Auditor's reports for September through December, 2022.
6. NYSPSHAA – Deb Ferry/Todd Gulluscio
Executive Committee Report – Deb Ferry and Todd Gulluscio provided a synopsis of the October 19, 2022 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
7. Sponsorship Update – Kevin O'Reilly reviewed the sponsorship initiatives with which he has been involved, including contact with various organizations with the hope of securing either sponsorship or advertising contracts with them.
8. Communications Coordinator – The Executive Board reviewed the website Metrix thru January 2023.
9. Executive Director Report – Tom Combs provided the Executive Board with an Executive Director report for January 2023.
10. Section XI Quarterly Expenses – Tom Combs provided the Executive Board with the Meals and Refreshment expenses for the period September 19, 2022 through January 3, 2023. **Approved**
11. New Appointments
Don Webster as interim claims auditor.
John Sparacio as chair for Modified wrestling.
Joe Mercado and Deb Ferry as chair for winter track.
Patricia Lectora as chair for softball.
Approved
12. Computer Services – The Executive Board **Approved** the contract for the Independent/Consultant Contractor.

13. Fall Championship Costs – Tom Combs reviewed the Fall Championship Costs with the Executive Board.
14. Outside Agency Approval – The Executive Board **Approved** the following outside agencies to conduct tournaments within Section XI:
- Section XI Boys and Girls Winter Track –2/25/23.
 - Section XI Boys and Girls Basketball PAL Tournament – 3/26/23.
15. Meeting Adjournment –The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

III. NYSPHSAA Executive Director – Robert Zayas

1. State Budget increase from \$810 to \$1000, 86¢ to \$1 per student over 300
2. Meeting structure and timeline
3. E-sports

IV. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

(A) Consider approval of removing the NYSPHSAA Note under the Mixed Competition portion of the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to change mouthguard requirement for soccer goalies to a recommendation.

Motion: L. Dolson Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to increase the maximum number of events for Modified Track & Field to 4, providing one of the 4 is a relay and eliminate the distance restrictions in the Modified Track and Field regulation

Motion: A. Daleo Second: A. Shannon

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of an amendment to the Combined Practice Guidelines for 11-Man Football

Motion: T. Horan Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to follow the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan, beginning in the 2023-2024 season

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to eliminate the NYSPHSAA honor weigh-in beginning in the 2023-2024 season

Motion: M. Dantuono Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to use the NFHS weight classes plus a NYSPHSAA lower weight, beginning in the 2023-2024 season

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of Boys Wrestling becoming a variation sport with Division cut-off numbers being 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below being Division 2

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of following High school sports standards for Girls Flag Football

Motion: A. Smith Second: E. Gorman

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of following the NFHS Football playing rules along with the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules

Motion: D. Phillips Second: M. Passamonte

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA offering a State Championship in the sport of Girls Flag Football starting in the Spring of 2024

Motion: M. Passamonte Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

III. SECTION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Modified

Discussion Items:

1. Boys and Girls Basketball
 - Including the 3 Point Shot
 - Zone Defense

B. Policy

1. Geography placement

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion: **Approved**

2. Edit Window - After the edit window closes, contests may only be moved earlier in the schedule due to unforeseen situations, not forward. This action requires approval from Section XI before any edits may be submitted.

3. Girls Golf County Tournament Proposal
4. Admission Charges – Boys and Girls Basketball
Proposal to have Early Round Games Free Admission and charge for Quarterfinals/Semifinals/Finals
Rationale: More in line with most sports' postseason admission charges

C. Tournament

1. Girls Golf County Tournament Proposal:

- Only the top 2 teams from each league will qualify for tournament- teams can bring 6 and score 5 golfers for the team tournament
- The Individual golfers participating in the county tournament will be golfers who earned All-League. With 7 team leagues now, all leagues will get 13 All-League selections which would be 52 golfers. This will include any All-League golfers who are on teams that also qualified for team tournament which will be around 20-24 golfer
- This would give us approximately 72-76 golfers plus 2 or 3 girls who played on boys teams and have an average in line with the top 80
The purpose for reducing the number of team and golfers is to have the best teams and individuals participate in the county tournament. We had 102 golfers last year with 31 shooting 120+ the first day. The day is long with that many golfers and having to double up on holes to start the tournament affects the better golfers.

Motion: D. Phillips

Second: L. Dolson

Motion: **Approved**

D. Sportsmanship

1. Student Leadership conference

E. Finance

To approve the following:

1. 2023-24 Budget

Motion: A. Daleo

Second: S. Shannon

Motion: **Approved**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: E. Gorman

Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

Adjournment: 10:29 am

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs

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Executive Director