

MINUTES
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council
NYSPHSAA, Inc.

January 17, 2024

Section XI Office

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Masterson at 9:10 am. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	K. Masterson	X	Central Comm.:	T. Gulluscio	X
1 st Vice Pres:	R. Cox	X		K. Masterson	X
2 nd Vice Pres:	M. Reggio	X		R. Masera	Abs
Past Pres:	S. Schuster	Abs		R. Haas	X
At Large:	D. Ferry	X		T. Mullins	X
At Large:	J. Polanski	Abs		C. Richardt	X
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Cummings	X			
<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	X
	M. Keltos	X		C. Cobb	Abs
	A. Amesti	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
	A. Beyersdorf	X		M. Passamonte	X
	R. Petrie	X		D. Phillips	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Shannon	X		A. Reed	X
	A. Daleo	X			

Also in attendance: Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
 Mr. Nelson discussed: Early start dates, Dues +\$50 cost of extra games

A. Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2023, Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: L. Dolson Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

2. **REPORTS**

The Executive Board met on Monday, January 8, 2024, In attendance: President K. Masterson, R. Cox, M. Regio, D. Ferry, J. Polansky, T. Gulluscio, R. Masera, J. Quinn, J. Cummings, K. O'Reilly, S. Leister, K. Seaman, T. Mullins, C. Richardt, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs S. Schuster and R. Haas)

1. Welcome – President Kathy Masterson called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.
2. Finance Committee – Alan Groveman

The Section XI Finance Committee Report from December 7, 2023 including the proposed 2024-25 budget was reviewed with the Executive Board.

Executive Board **Approved**

3. Treasurer's Report- Sean Leister reviewed the Section XI Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period July 1, 2023 through January 2024 and provided information regarding the income and expenses within that budget period.

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, 2023.

6. NYSPSHAA – Kathy Masterson/Todd Gulluscio

Executive Committee Report – Kathy Masterson and Todd Gulluscio provided a synopsis of the October 2023 NYSPSHAA 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 2024.

9. Executive Director Report – Tom Combs provided the Executive Board with an Executive Director report for January 2024.

10. Section XI Quarterly Expenses – Tom Combs provided the Executive Board with the Meals and Refreshment expenses for the period September 11, 2023 through December 7, 2023. **Approved**

11. Fall Championship Costs – Tom Combs reviewed the Fall Championship Costs with the Executive Board.

12. Outside Agency Approval – The Executive Board Approved the following outside agencies to conduct tournaments within Section XI: Section XI Boys and Girls Basketball PAL Tournament – 3/9/24. **Approved**

13. Welcome New Principal Rep – Chris Richardt from Hampton Bays

14. Meeting Adjournment – The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

3. **NYSPSHAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Modified Committee

(A) Consider approval of removing language regarding one-arm swings in Boys Lacrosse.

Motion: T. Horan Second: M. Passamonte

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of removing language prohibiting metal cleats in Softball.

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: M. Passamonte

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of Cathleen Dnyprowsy as Modified Volleyball Coordinator.
Safety Committee

Motion: G. Beutel Second: A. Amesti

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to add the use of My Lightning Tracker App to the NYSPHSAA
Thunder & Lightning Policy.

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: A. Smith

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to waive the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule to allow Unified
Athletes to compete in two seasons in the same sport.

Motion: A. Shannon Second: R. Petrie

Motion: **Approved**

Fall Sports

(A) Consider approval to revise the state tournament format to include all sections in
the state tournament and increase the length of competition to two days. Boys
Volleyball.

Motion: S. Reh Second: L. Dolson

Motion: **Approved**

Winter Sports

(A) Consider approval to add a second division for the 4 x 200, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800
relays at the State Championships (does not include intersectional relay).
Spring Sports

Motion: M. Passamonte Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to permit Boys/Girls Lacrosse to request an experiment for a
shot clock to the NFHS.

Motion: J. Coady Second: Alexis Reed

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of establishing a third (3rd) Class in Outdoor Track & Field.

Motion: A. Reed Second: A. Amesti

Motion: **Defeated**

(A) Consider approval to adopt the NFHS suggested speed up rule permitting courtesy runners as written in the NFHS rule book.

Motion: A. Smith Second: R. Petrie

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Rules regarding the flag belts.

1. The "pop" type flag belts will be used by all schools.

Motion: T. Horan Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

2. All flag belts will have a minimum of two flags on the belt.

Motion: M. Passamonte Second: R. Petrie

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of the 2024 Flag Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers.

Motion: A. Shannon Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval for boys basketball championship at Binghamton

Motion: A. Smith Second: R. Petrie

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval for boy's lacrosse championship at Hofstra

Motion: T. Horan Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

4. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS

A. Modified:

1. Tennis - recommended that middle school tennis scoring be the same as varsity, 3 singles / 4 doubles

Motion: J. Coady Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

2. Basketball - implementation for the modified zone defense in 24/25.

Motion: G. Beutel Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

3. Softball

- a. Walk Run
- b. Run Rule
- c. 10 batters per inning

B. Tournament:

1. Wrestling

The wrestling coaches have asked that we wrestle back from the quarterfinals in the league tournament instead of the semifinals. Placement would remain the top four per weight class. It would add approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to each tournament as you would have an additional 52 total matches 4 per weight class. The rationale is it is unfair for those that draw a top seed in the quarterfinals that more likely than not will not make the Section XI individual championship as only the top four advance.

Motion: Second:

Motion: **Tabled**

2. Bowling

- a. Allowing bowlers to compete in both the team state bowling championship and the composite event (All-Star event). Currently if an athlete qualifies with his/her team, they are not allowed to compete in the composite event. If approved this will allow them to compete in both events.

Motion: M. Passamonte Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

- b. Pacer Team in State Championships.

Motion: L. Dolson Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

3. Swimming

- a. 12 place scoring because we now use a 6-lane pool.
This is according to NFHS rules.

Motion: A. Reed Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

b. Scoring of Independent Swimmers

Coaches in Section XI would like to eliminate Independent Swimmers from scoring points in the Section XI Championship.

Motion: S. Reh Second: R. Petrie

Motion: **Defeated**

4. Cross Country Qualifying Procedure - Due to the number of cancelled Invitationals at Sunken Meadow this fall and our reliance on utilizing a 5-person average to qualify for the state qualifier meet, the following is now proposed:

a. Class A

The top 2 teams from each league auto-qualify (8 teams)

Teams that do not auto-qualify can still get in as an "at large" based on Division Meet results. 5 teams can qualify by having the fastest 5 person averages from Class A that did not qualify based on their league standings. As a catch all, any team that meets the 5-person average standard from the past: 19:30 boys/23:15 from girls will gain entry to the state qualifier meet.

Motion: L. Dolson Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

b. Class B

The top 2 teams from each league auto-qualify (6 teams)

Teams that do not auto-qualify can still get in as an "at large" based on Division Meet results. 2 teams can qualify by having the fastest 5 person averages from Class B that did not qualify based on their league standings. As a catch all, any team that meets the 5-person average standard from the past: 19:30 boys/23:15 from girls will gain entry to the state qualifier meet.

Motion: A. Smith Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

c. Class C/D

All teams eligible, no change

d. Individual Qualifying

Boys Individual must have run 18:30 or better on the Sunken Meadow 5K course in any race up to and including Divisions.

Girls Individual must have run 22:30 or better on the Sunken Meadow 5K course in any race up to and including Divisions.

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

C. Sportsmanship

1. Review of Fall Season
2. Lopsided Suggestions
3. Student Leadership Conference

D. Safety

1. Winter - State championship medical concerns
2. Spring - Athletic Training Promotion and Recruitment

E. Finance

1. 2024-25 Budget

Motion: L. Dolson Second: A. Reed

Motion: **Approved**

V. NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment: 10:32 am

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs

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Executive Director