Larry White opened up the meeting with an introduction of all the directors and attendees.

Presentation – Guardian Innovations/Pearl Lacrosse Ball

Tony Plagman presented 2 products offered by Guardian Innovations, NJSIAA co-sponsors of Boys and Girls Lacrosse. The Pearl Lacrosse Ball and the Guardian Cap. The pearl lacrosse ball is the official NJSIAA lacrosse ball and is being offered at a lower price this year. The cost of a bucket of 100 pearl lacrosse balls is $200 vs. last year’s cost of $350. The Guardian Cap offers protection to the athlete and is cost effective. If ordered between January 23 and May 31 they will offer an Early Bird Spring Special – 20 caps for $1,000 plus 5 additional caps for free. For more information visit www.guardiancaps.com

Larry White Report

- Paul Anzano’s Legislative Update focused on the two bills that passed through the Senate and Assembly as to the cooperative sports legislation. A message was sent out on the Athletic Director’s Forum as to what the next steps are. A copy of the report was provided.
- 3 ballots were voted on at the annual meeting which took place on December 4, 2017.
  - The fall start date has been changed to the Tuesday after Labor Day for all fall sports, with the exception of Football.
  - The New Jersey United Football Proposal passed. The change will allow for a maximum number of football games to ten.
  - The West Windsor-Plainsboro School District proposal to co-op for football have passed.
- All Winter Championship Sites and Dates are set.
Jack DuBois Report

- The 2017 Football Playoffs Sectional Champions was provided as handout.
  - On January 18, 2018 the NJSIAA League & Conference Football committee will meet to discuss the development of the approved playoff structure and summer period.
  - On January 24, 2018 the Football Rules Committee will have a meeting to discuss the above items. A meeting will be scheduled some time in February to go over the new schedule.
- The 2017 Boys Soccer Championships results were provided as a handout. Jack announced to the officers that he will no longer be in charge of Boys Soccer, Tony Maselli will be taking over the sport.
- Ice Hockey Update – Cutoff date is February 5, 2018; Seeding will take place on February 13, 2018; First Round February 19th and 20th
- Fencing Update – District entry deadline is January 12, 2018; Team and Individual Championship entry deadline is February 2, 2018. Forms need to be sent to the individual listed for your district.
  - District 1 at Hackettstown – January 20, 2018
  - District 3 at Livingston – January 21, 2018
  - District 2 at North Hunterdon – January 27, 2018
  - District 4 at Fair Lawn – January 27, 2018
  - District 5 at Montclair – January 28, 2019
- The NJSIAA is offering a “Legal One” workshop on January 29, 2018 as to the “New Bullying Regulations” More information can be found on our website under “Resources” and “Workshops & Training”
- The 2018 NJSCA North-South All Star Basketball game will take place on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Rider University. All nominations are due back to the office by January 26, 2018. The selection committee will meet on February 1, 2018.
- Corporate Sponsor Update – Three year renewal with Bollinger Insurance Company.
- Any Spring cooperative sport requests are due no later than February 1, 2018.

Kim DeGraw Cole Report

- The 2017 Field Hockey Tournament results were provided as a handout. The Championship game held at Kean University between Oak Knoll and Eastern ended in OT. Oak Knoll defeated Eastern 2-1.
- Please note that the Basketball Non-Member/Out-of-State Opponent Form will now be sent to Tony Maselli. The Boys and Girls Gym Utilization and Security Forms are due on January 12, 2018. The online system is not up and running as of yet, hopefully by next year this process will be paperless and online.
- The 32nd anniversary of NJ Celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports at Seton Hall University will take place on Sunday, February 4, 2018. As of today’s date we did not receive a substantial amount of registrations. Reach out to your member schools to nominate a female athlete. The deadline has been extended to January 12, 2018 due to the snow days.
- Regional Spring Sports Rules Interpretation meetings will start on January 22nd and 23rd
Bill Bruno Report – Absent

- Bill Bruno was not present at the meeting. A handout was provided with detailed information as the 2017 NJSIAA Cross Country Meet of Champions results, dates to remember for upcoming events for Wrestling and Winter Track & Field, 2018 Spring Track & Field Sites and upcoming NJSCA Clinics and a Hall of Fame update.
- A handout was provided as to the Modifications for Team Advancement to the Cross Country Meet of Champions which was approved by the Program Review Committee unanimously on November 21, 2017.

Al Stumpf Report

- Girls Soccer and Girls Volleyball results for the 2017 season were provided as a handout. Post-season meeting minutes are on the website.
- The soccer committee will look to develop a criteria to change the championship schedule. The 2017 soccer championships had 3 co-champions. The soccer committee is looking to come up with possible modification to eliminate ties in the Championship game. No changes will take place for the upcoming 2018-2019 season.
- The volleyball committee discussed at the post-season meeting concern over the volleyball seeding and how it’s done. They suggested expanding the seeding committee to have equal representation from each section of the state.
- Boys and Girls Public and Non-Public Basketball forms are due on January 12, 2018. The cutoff date is February 3, 2018, seeding will take place on February 8, 2018 and the first round of games will begin on February 26, 2018.
- The basketball uniform rule is not being enforced. Please be sure to contact the schools in your conference to make sure they are following the rules.
- Boys Bowling cutoff date is January 12, 2018, Sectionals will begin on February 1, 2018 and the Team Tournament of Champions will be held on February 9, 2018 and the Individual championships will be held on February 14, 2018. All events will take place at Bowlero in North Brunswick.
- Unified Basketball and Bowling will follow the same schedules.
- At the November L&C meeting a question came up as to whether or not officials had to participate in the handshake, Al clarified that it is not necessary or required.

Tony Maselli Report

- The cutoff date for Girl Bowling Entries is January 19, 2018. Entry forms and payments should be sent to the Sectional Director, not the NJSIAA.
- Non-Member/Out of State Forms need to be updated and completed. Forms can be sent to tmaselli@njsiaa.org
- Any website issues, complaints or changes please send an email to tmaselli@njsiaa.org
- Team Swimming Entries deadline is January 29, 2018. Individual Swimming Entries deadline is February 9, 2018. Please note the swim forms that have been sent did not include Powerpoints. Prior to sending any paperwork please be sure to fill out all the necessary information and send over a completed package.
The Department of Education has released an Opioid Use and Misuse Fact Sheet and Sign-Off Sheet which requires 6 separate signatures, and will be required at the start of the upcoming spring season. As of right now no further information is available. Once I get clarification of what is required I will pass that information on. A copy of all the forms was provided.

In Bill Bruno’s absence Tony informed the officers that the NJSCA will be giving a $500 scholarship at the Scholar Athlete Luncheon in Steve Timko’s name.

Michael Zapicchhi Report

- Compliance Update: The DAANJ will be hosting a workshop in March for Athletic Directors. The workshop will cover what to expect at your initial visit and provide helpful information for new AD’s.
- Online Transfer Form is up and running. It can be found on the website under “Resources” – “Student Eligibility” Click on the link Online Transfer Form

Colleen Maguire Report

- Spring Classifications are almost complete and will be posted on the website.
- The Co-op deadline for Spring sports is February 1, 2018, and for Fall sports it is May 1, 2018
- Wrestling Championships in Atlantic City, Boardwalk Hall will be held on March 2 - 4, 2018. Rooms are available at a discounted rate. Information is available on the website under “Latest News”

Conference Topics

- Joe Piro – Promotional Public Relations
  Bill Bruno conducted a presentation for the Nutley High School winter athletes. It was extremely inspiring and motivational. His presentation had a tremendous impact on our students. I highly recommend the NJSIAA do more outreach of this type of program before the public, students, parents and coaches in a positive light. Joe Piro believes that we need these types of programs and positive press so that the NJSIAA is viewed as the leader in high school sports. A special thanks to Bill for his presentation.

- Sharon Hughes – Revisions to Crowd Control
  Sharon addressed her concerns with issues in the crowd control pamphlet. A discussion ensued as to what items should be removed, worded differently and made clearer. Kim Cole suggested a list of items that should be added/removed be made and if any changes are necessary they can be made.
Program Review

- Golf Early Start Date – 2nd Reading was passed by a vote of 14-0 by the Golf Rules Committee. The recommendation is to move the 2018 Official Starting Date for matches to the last Wednesday of March (same opening day as boys/girls lacrosse). The date would be March 28, 2018, currently the 2018 Official Starting date for matches is Saturday, March 31, 2018.

The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018