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

Larry White Report

Paul Anzano’s Legislative Update was provided as a handout.

Larry informed the officers that the Executive Committee approved the Audit Report performed by Spire Group.

Larry White provided an Executive Director’s Report which detailed the following topics:

- 4 Sectional meetings were conducted this year throughout the state, meetings were well attended. A brief summary of the 8 pieces of legislation are below.
  1. 70% Rule, instead of waivers that consistently being asked, drop the 70% to 60%, no less than 60%
  2. Program Regulations – Section 5 Sports Seasons, Dates and Section 6 Start of Practice. Establish consistent practice start dates for the Fall and Spring seasons, reduce unnecessary overlap of seasons, allow time to manage spring weather patterns.
  3. Add Special Olympics Representative to the Executive Committee.
  4. Annual Meeting – Changes to the Process/Timeline to shorten the time proposed legislation goes through the process.
  5. Changes to Coop Sports programs, allow all groups to coop with same size group, for all sports.
  6. 365 No Contact Rule Before Hire-looking to get rid of the stipulation that a coach cannot be hired if he/she has had contact with the student athletes 365 days prior to hire, however, keep the 365 “Dead Period” once hired.
  7. Out of Season, One Team Meeting Limit to allow for more than one meeting prior to the open of practice season, not for coaching purposes.
  8. Contact with 8th Grade Students would permit the student athletes the choice to be coached/trained by NJSIAA certified coaches.
Larry briefly spoke as to the NFHS Section 1 Meeting held in Rhode Island this year. Larry’s report included a brief summary of different topics discussed.

Gymnastics is all set. Season closes on October 23, 2018, Sectional Tournaments will be held on November 3, 2018, Team Tournament on November 8, 2018 and Individuals on November 10, 2018.

Just a reminder to send an email to Larry as to whether or not any of your schools are interest in playing E-Sports Games and to complete the survey on Adaptive Sports.

The first annual NJSIAA Senior Summit was a great success, thank you to Colleen Maguire for a job well done.

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**Kim DeGraw-Cole Report**

Kim DeGraw-Cole provided an Assistant Director’s Report which detailed the following topics:

- Field Hockey cut-off date is October 15, 2018, with the seeding taking place on October 17, 2018. All sites, dates and times are set. Sectional finals will be held on November 7, 2018, Group finals on November 10, 2018 and the Tournament of Champions will be held at Kean University on November 16, 2018.
- October is National High School Activities Month, for further information visit the website [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)
- The Eligibility Committee reviewed 28 eligibility waiver requests on October 3, 2018. The committee spends many hours reviewing each and every case prior to the hearings. Hearings will be held today and November 14, 2018, an additional date may be added.
- A glitch occurred with the online transfer form system which sent an email blast out, the issue has been corrected. Please be sure to remind your athletic directors to complete the form, numerous online submissions are incomplete and it delays the process.
- Sectional meetings were held throughout the state reviewing the legislative proposals, providing sports updates, discussing relevant rules interpretations and answering numerous questions.

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**Jack DuBois Report**

Seven Cooperative Programs were approved.

- a) Ocean Township HS/Shore Regional HS/ Monmouth Regional HS – Ice Hockey
- b) Howell HS/ Matawan Regional HS – Ice Hockey
- c) River Dell HS/ Westwood HS/ Emerson HS – Ice Hockey
- d) Summit HS/ Chatham HS – Wrestling (Granted for 1 year only)
- e) DePaul Catholic HS/ Morris Catholic HS – Skiing
- f) DePaul Catholic HS/ Morris Catholic HS/ Academy of St. Elizabeth – Ice Hockey
- g) Garfield HS/ Hasbrouck Heights HS – Boys Swimming & Girls Swimming
The Football Intent Card is due Monday, October 15, 2018. If you have not submitted your card by 4pm on Monday or request any changes after the deadline, then, a $150 dollar fine will be issued. If any changes need to be made and you resubmit prior to the deadline then please note that the most up to date card will be used.

A handout of this year’s NJSIAA Sports Awards recipients was provided, the event will take place on December 3, 2018 at the Westin in Princeton.

Corporate Update: The U.S. Marines will be renewing and New Balance will be the co-sponsor of Cross Country and Track.

Workshops
- Montclair State University is holding a workshop on “The Post Game: How Social Media Helps or Hurts Young Athletes” The workshop is free and will be held on, October 24, 2018 at 7pm. Please visit the NJSIAA website to register for this clinic.
- A Legal Liability and Athletics workshop on “Keeping Everyone Safe: Preventing Foreseeable Harms in Athletics” will be held at the NJSIAA on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 9:30am. Please visit the NJSIAA website to register for this clinic.
- In September two Eligibility Workshops were held at the NJSIAA, an additional workshop may be held in the Spring.

Bill Bruno Report

The Cross Country online process this year has been the best yet. Thank your coaches for a job well done. Winter Track Regulations are up and posted on the website.

Girls’ Wrestling has been approved for a Region and State Tournament. The ultimate goal is to continue to grow this exciting new program. The Girls Wrestling will consist of 2 regions, North and South. The top 3 qualifiers in each weight class will move onto the State Tournament in Atlantic City. As of right now, there will be 8 weight classes. The Wrestling Regulations will be posted on the website on November 1, 2018.

The NJSIAA/NJSCA Golf Coaches Clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, NJ. To register please visit the NJSIAA website.

The NJSIAA/NJSCA 22nd Annual Baseball Coaches Clinic will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at Diamond Nation in Flemington, NJ. To register please visit the NJSIAA website.

Al Stumpf Report

Basketball Rules Interpretations meetings are underway across the state. Tony Maselli has been attending the meetings as well. Please note that the Nike Hyper Elite Basketball is not legal.

Unified Sports Registrations have started coming in to confirm whether or not the school will participate in the NJSIAA Unified Tournament.

2018 Boys and Girls Soccer Sites were provided as a handout.
Girls Volleyball cutoff date is October 16, 2018. Seeding will take place on the 23rd and the first round of the Tournament will be on the 29th and 30th. State Finals will be held at William Paterson University on November 10, 2018. The Tournament of Champions will be held at the same venue on the 17th and 18th.

Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament Refusal must be submitted by October 18, 2018. The cutoff date is October 20, 2018, seeding will take place on October 23, 2018. First round of Tournaments begins on October 27th or 30th. Saturday, October 27th has been added as an optional date to free up fields and free up officials. Girls Soccer ONLY – if there is a girls soccer/football conflict they can play November 3, 2018. Please note that November 3 is the rain date and prior to scheduling a game on this day please reach out to Al Stumpf.

Tony Maselli Report

The Yellow Card and Red Card Procedure was clarified for the group because some officials were not communicating to the coaches as to the type of red card shown. An additional clarification was made regarding the procedure when disqualifying an athlete and the communication that takes place between the official and the coach.

Tennis is in full swing, 220 players with 120 matches for the 1st round. The Singles/Doubles Finals will be held on October 20, 2018 at Mercer County Park. The Girls Team Tennis State Championships will be held on October 18, 2018 at Mercer County Park. The Team ToC will be held at the Garden State Tennis Center October 21-24, 2018.

Fall Participation Numbers are online. You can find the link on the homepage of the website under “Important Documents” As of right now, there is no way to send a confirmation that you submitted your numbers, we will work on having that as an option for the Winter Participation Numbers. If you need a copy for your records please contact Jenny Yelle at jyelle@njsiaa.org

NJSIAA 5 Year Start Dates for 2018-2023 are now posted on the website under Important Documents.

Website Update: I am aware of the issues concerning the website. A change in the login was recommended to make the site more secure, however, we are still running into a lot of issues. Midway through the year we will be launching a new website. In the meantime if you receive an error message, screen shot it and email it to tmaselli@njsiaa.org

Colleen Maguire Report

Membership Update: Emails will be sent to schools that still have outstanding invoices, membership dues and missing paperwork.

Winter Classification Drafts will be posted on Friday, October 12, 2018. They will be finalized on November 1, 2018.
Please spread the word to the athletic directors in your conference to sign up for the NJSIAA Remind App. The NJSIAA will now send out emergent information, reminders, etc. through the Remind.com text update. One of two ways to join (do not need to do both): Please text @njsiaau (message) to 81010 (text number); or, download the Remind.com app and Join a Class - code "njsiaau"

The NJSIAA Lightning Procedure Reminder will be sent by email. Please forward this email to your member schools...this message will be posted to the AD Forum and is being sent to all officials via the Arbiter system.

**Old Business/New Business**

The following waiver requests were approved:

A. Saddle River Day Request to Waive the 70% in State Competition Rule for Girls Basketball Team for the 2018-2019 Season.
B. Pope John Request to Waive the 70%/10-State Match Rule in Wrestling for the 2018-2019 Season.
C. Bergen Catholic Request to Waive the 70%/10-State Match Rule in Wrestling for 2018-2019 Season.
D. DePaul Catholic Request to Waive the 70%/10-State Match Rule in Wrestling for 2018-2019 Season.

Any New Requests are due on November 4, 2018 and will be voted on at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

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**The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on**

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

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