League/Conference Officers Meeting Summary
November 17, 2016

Attendees:
Sharon Hughes  Rich Roche  Derryk Sellers
Neil Rosa  Giancarlo Riotto  Steve Fortis
Tim Gillen  Rich Shello  Joe McColgan
Carl Weigner  Stan Fryczynski  Bud Kowal
Todd Van Orden  Jerry Maietta  Ann Clifton
Ron Hamrick  Frank Noppenberger  Dan Uzsaki
Bill Schilling  Steve Jenkins  Gus Kalikas
Sean Dowling  Joe Piro
Louis Papa  Kevin Murphy
Brad Bauer  Steve Gazdek

• Steve Timko opened up the meeting with an introduction of all the directors and attendees.

NFHS Network Presentation – Kiki Enderle
• The NFHS Network School Broadcast Program provides schools with a platform to broadcast their sporting events. Participating schools have a dedicated school branded channel which makes it easy for family, friends and alumni to find the event.
• The program also provides a platform for students. It allows students to learn about production and broadcasting. It helps prepare students interested in a professional career in the journalism industry for college.
• The Live broadcasts on the network require viewers to purchase a pass to watch. Schools receive 50% or more of the proceeds from school produced live events.
• Pamphlets were provided and if you are interested in more information on this program visit the NFHS Network at www.nfhsnetwork.com

Conference Topics
• GMC – Jeff DiCocco - How do the officials for the sectional soccer games get picked/assigned? Does the state assignor get any input from conference assignors? If not? What is the criteria to get picked/assigned a sectional tournament game?
  o Four regional assignors for the boys/girls tournament. They try to get neutral officials and crews by reaching out to the official chapter.

Steve Timko Report
• Steve briefly discussed the Wayne Hills Football controversy. The superintendent of Wayne Hills self-reported to the NJSIAA ineligible students on the football team, the NJSIAA was provided with enough substantial information to disqualify the team from the Playoffs. The following day the Department of Education stepped in and issued a stay on the decision and requested a hearing be held to allow due process to the players and their families. The following Tuesday the Eligibility Appeals Committee deemed the players eligible and therefore Wayne Hills was reinstated as the number one seed in the playoffs.
• The Legislative Update by Paul Anzano was provided in a handout. There were no changes that would impact the NJSIAA.
Hotel Rooms in Atlantic City for our annual Wrestling State Championships are still available. We have added two additional hotels the Chelsea Hotel and the Claridge in anticipation of a larger crowd this year with the additional athletes that will be attending. All information can be found on our website.

- Waivers of 70% Rule in wrestling for DePaul Catholic High School & Bergen Catholic High School were granted for one (1) year.
- Waivers of 70% Rule in basketball for Saddle River Day School & Immaculate Conception Lodi were granted for one (1) year.
- The Annual Meeting final proposals were provided as handouts. Ballot Proposal No. 1 – Classification of Member Schools Every Other Year. Ballot Proposal No. 2 – Classification of Non-Public Schools. Ballot Proposal No. 3 – Classification of Non-Public Schools for Football.

Jack DuBois Report

- Football update. Jack reiterated the Wayne Hills issue which was discussed earlier by Steve Timko, the awarding of power points of two teams participating in game number 8 against team playing game 9, points were incorrectly awarded. This issue affected 4 teams statewide.
- Boys Lacrosse Pilot Program for classification of groups.
- Update on Corporate Sponsors. NJ Advance Media will be a co-sponsor of the Scholar Athlete Luncheon and a general corporate sponsor. Guardian Innovations will co-sponsor Boys & Girls Lacrosse. They are providing the official lacrosse ball, Guardian Pearl Ball, for all of our Tournaments. In January a speaker from Guardian Innovations will be here to provide more information about their company and what they have to offer.
- Policy Committee to complete co-op report for the February 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.
- The Non-Public Boys Soccer Championships took place on Sunday November 15, 2016 at Kean University. The Non-Public A winner was Christian Brothers Academy, and the Non-Public B winner was Gill St. Bernard’s. The Public Finals will be held on November 20, 2016.

Larry White Report

- The 5 Sectional winners at the 2016 Gymnastics Championships in order of points won: Red Bank Catholic, Bishop George Ahr, Ramapo, Hillsborough and Brick Memorial. Team Finals were held at Montgomery High School on November 10th and the winner was Red Bank Catholic. The Individual Competition was held on November 12th.
- The Volleyball Group Finals were held on November 12, 2017 at William Paterson University. Northern Valley Regional at Old Tappan were the ToC Champions. Larry provided a detailed handout which set forth all of the sectional winners and how they were seeded.
- A handout was provided from the Baseball Rules Committee. A proposal came from the baseball coaches committee at the June 15, 2016 meeting. Three umpires starting at sectional semifinals levels. In this proposal the home team would pay for the three umpires assigned which would add an additional $80 for the home team, making it a total of $240 for the game. The 1st reading was in November and the 2nd reading will be at the January Executive Committee Meeting and would implemented during the 2017 spring season.
- Larry went over the basketball rules as to medical braces and attire (undershirts) that can and cannot be worn. An athlete must have a doctor’s note for a medical brace. The specific regulations as to colors, type, etc. will be sent out electronically on the forum.
- Please note non playing personnel changes in the basketball rules relative to time outs, and location on the end line. 2016-2017 NFHS Basketball Rules Book.
- The Baseball committee will be discussing the pitch count limit rule. Hopefully it will get situated at the next meeting on how to implement the new rule for the upcoming season. In January it will be proposed to the Program Review and if passed it will be in effect on April 1, 2017.

Kim DeGraw-Cole Report

- New Jersey Celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports Day will be held on January 29, 2017. A registration form was provided to everyone in attendance and was included in the winter mailing. Please encourage your school to select a deserving female athlete.
• The 2016 Annual Girls’ Team Tennis Tournament of Champions Winner was Millburn High School. A handout of the State Group Champions and Runner-ups was provided.

• The 46th Annual Women’s Field Hockey Tournament was held at Bordentown Regional High School on November 12, 2016 and broadcasted by the NFHS Network. A handout was provided with the final results of the Tournament.

• Winter Tournament Regulations have been separated for Diving, Team Swim and Individual Swim.

• New for 2016-2017 all swim teams must power point two meets. If you don’t want to enter the meet the athletic director must utilize the tournament refusal designation process. Handouts were provided with step by step instructions on how to submit your swim team entries, swim cut times, guidelines for entry of an independent swimmer and an example of the Swimming Power Point “Face Sheet”. If you have any questions please contact Al Stumpf at astumpf@njsiaa.org who will be taking over swimming. All of the forms can be found on the website under “Swimming”.

• Swimming Rules Committee Recommendation to the Program Review Committee: If a school/team does not enter results and first place times into njschoolsports.com the committee would like to see a fee levied of $150. The first offense will be a notification by Kim DeGraw Cole to the school, the second offense will be a fine and the third offense will be removal from the team tournament. A Motion by Paul Welsh and second by Bob Horvath was unanimously approved. This will be discussed with the Program Review Committee.

• The Sports Rules Committee is now posted on the website. The committee now has 3 (three) athletic directors assigned to each sport.

• Tournament Regulations have been posted for Fencing, Ice Hockey, Dive, Team Swim, and Individual Swim.

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Bill Bruno Report

• Bill provided a handout with the Cross Country Sectional Championship team results and upcoming events.

• 4,220 athletes participated in the sectionals. 1,992 athletes participated in the group championships and 450 athletes are expected to participate in the Meet of Champions.

• The 2017 Winter Track Schedules/Dates were included in the handout. The events will take place at The John Bennett Athletic Complex in Toms River (The Bubble).

• Bill provided some information for the 2017 Spring Track & Field Season. All spring sections and MOC sites will be finalized by 11/15/16.

• Hall of Fame Coaches Nominations are due by January 20, 2017.

• The NJSCA coach’s clinics for Volleyball, Bowling and Golf were held earlier this year. Upcoming coach’s clinics will be held on the following dates. Baseball – 12/15/16 @ Diamond Nation; Tennis – 1/13/17 @ Princeton University; Track & Field – 3/10/17 @ Bennett Center (Tentative); Wrestling – 5/5/17 @ Princeton University.

Al Stumpf Report

• Girls Soccer Update:
  o The Non-Public Girls Championship Tournament winners for Non-Public A ended in 2 overtimes with Red Bank Catholic & Oak Knoll as Co-Champions. The Non-Public B Champions were Morris Catholic in overtime.
  o Girls Public Finals will be held at Kean University on Saturday November 19, 2016. A printout was provided with the schedule.
  o The Post Season Meeting for Boys/Girls Soccer will be held on December 8, 2016.

• The 1st Unified Sports Soccer showcase was a success. Montgomery High School and Moorestown High School had a great game.

• The winter mailing included information on the upcoming unified sports events for Basketball & Bowling. The Winter Sports Participation worksheet now includes a section to include the number of athletes that will participate. Please note that all unified sports meet all the regular requirements of any other sport. Varsity athletes cannot be a unified partner. The purpose of the unified sports program is to get athletes that normally would not be on a varsity team the opportunity to participate in a sport.
Colleen Maguire Report

- 2016-2017 Membership Status – 436 Members. The 4 new member schools are Al Ghazaly; People’s Prep Charter; Stem Civics Charter and Eagle Academy.
- Wrestling Classifications had a few changes, however, it did not affect the Districts.
- A draft of the Spring Classifications will be available on the website. Please encourage your schools to review them and let us know of any issues as soon as possible.
- Colleen provided an update on a wrestling proposal that passed Program Review and a 1st reading by the Executive Committee at last week’s meeting. The proposal reads:

The NJSIAA Staff and Tournament Directors would like to implement a fine for those schools that do not timely report the individual results of their wrestling matches to Trackwrestling. Timely results are necessary to ensure the calculation of both team and individual power points are accurate. All results are required to be entered within 48 hours of the event time. A warning will be given to a school the first time it fails to comply with the reporting requirement. Future instances will be subject to a $150 fine, which is consistent with NJSIAA practice in other sports regarding late entries and late reporting of results.

Colleen noted that any fines collected by the NJSIAA will go directly to the scholar-athlete scholarship account to be added to the total scholarship monies awarded at the annual Scholar-Athlete Luncheon in May.

Mike Zapicchi Report

- Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws was provided in a handout. Once approved by the Executive Committee all changes will be presented to the League & Conference officers.
- Any suggestions or concerns based on the changes in the packet please contact Mike Zappicchi at mzapicchi@njsiaa.org

The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017