League/Conference Officers Meeting Summary
February 11, 2016

- **Attendees:**
  - Mike McGhee
  - Steve Fortis
  - Sharon Hughes
  - Tim Gillen
  - Shawn Poppe
  - Carl Weigner
  - Brad Bauer
  - Tim Walsh
  - Michael McAleer
  - Stan Fryczynski
  - Joe McColgan
  - Jeff DiCocco
  - Bill Schilling
  - Matt Sheehan
  - Al Stumpf
  - Jerry Maietta
  - Joe Montano
  - Rusty Todd
  - Bud Kowal
  - Gus Kalikas
  - Ann Clifton
  - Sean Dowling

**Presentations**

- **Sport Safety International**
  The Sports Safety Education Manager is an online education and tracking system that allows schools and sports programs the ability to offer and track online sport safety education. A brief presentation was made as to the program benefits, compatible online courses and the annual subscription cost. A pamphlet and handout was provided.
  
  For more information contact: Sport Safety International Sales at 1-888-444-8754 x27 or visit [www.SportSafetyInternational.org](http://www.SportSafetyInternational.org)

- **Hometown Athlete**
  The NJSIAA is proud to announce that Hometown Athlete is now a co-sponsor of the Girls/Boys Lacrosse. Hometown Athlete is a custom sublimated uniform and team apparel manufacturer in the State of New Jersey. All orders are processed and manufactured in Fairfield, New Jersey.
  
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**Conference Topics**

- **Matt Sheehan (Colonial)** – Football define contact time and how to track contact time. Contact time should be tracked in house in the coach’s handbook. A suggestion was made to have the NJSIAA provide a form that would be used to track contact time. Levels 3 & 4 have to be recorded during the Regular Season.

- **Michael McAleer (TCC)** – Swimming playoffs stagger Boys & Girls during playoffs. Kim DeGraw explained that page 3 of the Regulations states how this issue can be avoided. If anyone has any recommendations please contact Kim at [Kcole@njsiaa.org](mailto:Kcole@njsiaa.org)
• **Allan Stumpf (Skyland)** – AD Question: Why are boys and girls swimming groups on the same day when we go out of our way for soccer and field hockey not to be on the same day for officials, yet with one coach we hold b/g swimming groups on the same day? This question was answered above by Kim DeGraw while discussing the TCC Topic as to the Swimming playoffs explained in the Regulations.

• **Jeff DiCocco (GMC)** – The survey for obtaining information as to whether or not a middle school student repeated a grade has not been easy to obtain. A discussion ensued as to what particular situations will allow a student 4 years eligibility vs. 3 years eligibility. The bill has not been passed as of yet, so the specifics are not clear. Colleen suggested an easy way to flag an incoming 9th grader would be their birthdate.

• **Tri-County Conference** - Denied proposal as to expanding Spring Season dates.

**Steve Timko Report**

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

• Steve summarized the legislative update presented by Paul Anzano to the Executive Committee. A handout has been provided for more detailed information.

• Wrestling Update: Sunday, February 14, 2016 are the Group Finals at the Pine Belt Arena. The Wrestling Championships in Atlantic City will be held at Boardwalk Hall on March 4-6, 2016. 3,000 tickets have already been sold for the event and all the rooms at Caesar’s and Bally’s have been sold out. Rooms are now available at Claridge. The information is posted on the NJSIAA website.

• Winter Sites are all set.

• Just a reminder that there will be no meeting for the month of March. Our next meeting will be on April 7, 2016. Any new legislation for next December needs to be submitted by March 15, 2016.

**Kim DeGraw-Cole Report**

• Swimming Update: The team swim tournament was seeded on January 28, 2016. A total of 209 teams are participating. A handout was provided with more detailed information. All swim sites are set and posted on the website.

• National Association for Girls and Women in Sports Celebration was held at Seton Hall University on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at Seton Hall University. This year we had 168 high school senior females recognized. It was a wonderful event and I highly recommend considering nominating an athlete next year!

• Spring Classifications are up for Softball, Boys Tennis and Girls Lacrosse. We are working hard to get the others up as soon as possible.

• Field Hockey Update-Handout was provided with the proposed rule change for 2016. The schedule will be the same as the soccer schedule which allows for flexibility.

• The Softball Tournament of Champions will not be an option this year, hoping that it will be set for the 2017 season.

**Bill Bruno Report**

• Handout was provided with the Winter Track Relays Update. Over ten thousand athletes participated in the Winter Track & Field Season. The 2nd round of Track & Field Sectionals Championships will be held on February 12, 13 and 14th.
The season is wrapping up with the Track & Field Meet of Champions which will be held on February 27, 2016 at the Bennett Center in Toms River, NJ.

Larry White – Absent

Basketball Seeding was taking place during the L&C Meeting.
Handouts were provided for Basketball, Bowling and Interpretations Report.
Any questions or concerns please email Larry at Lwhite@njsiaa.org

Jack DuBois Report

The Football Committee met on January 27, 2016. The Committee voted to maintain the 7 of 8 regular season games as the previous two seasons. The Committee will be restructured to include 15 members. Each conference (6) will have a representative. Help is needed to fill these positions. Approval of the North Jersey Super Conference Powerpoint Multiplier was approved for the 2016 Season. The plan outlines a formula that will create power point incentives for schools, public or non-public, that choose to play United A & B Division Teams.
The Men’s and Women’s Fencing Team Championship Brackets were provided in a handout. The Fencing Team Championships will be held on February 24, 2016 and the Fencing Individual Weapon Championships will be held on February 27, 2016.
The coaches for the NJSCA Hall of Fame on April 10, 2016 were selected and a hand out was provided with the inductees. Mr. DuBois was pleased that the southern part of the state did submit nominations this year. As a result, there are several southern coaches being inducted in to the NJSCA Hall of Fame.
The 2016 NJSIAA All Star Basketball Classic Rosters were provided to the Committee. The All Star Game will be held at Rutger’s University on Sunday, March 20, 2016.
Ice Hockey seeding will take place on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.
Corporate Sponsor Update: The NJ Devils have renewed their contract for 3 years. The Ice Hockey Championships will be held at the Prudential Center on March 7, 2016. Hometown Athlete is our newest co-sponsor of Men’s/Women’s Lacrosse.

Colleen Maguire Report

Summary of the Fall 2015 Sports Season Net Profit / (Loss) was provided to the committee. A net profit of $235,000.00 up from last year by $122,000.00. The Fall Season was very successful due to great weather and match ups.
Past Due invoices are manageable at this time.
Please forward Winter Participation Surveys to the office as soon as possible. Reach out to your athletic directors to make sure their numbers are in.

Mike Zapicchi Report

Transfer Rule Survey responses are due Friday, February 12, 2016. Upon close of the survey final data will be shared.