Colleen Maguire opened up the meeting with an introduction of all the directors and attendees.

**Presentation: Team Gear, Inc.**

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**Bill Bruno Report**

- All Cross Country Dates have been posted on the website for the Fall Season. Indoor Track & Field information will be available in September. All dates/sites were provided in a handout.
- “Batch Races” will be permitted as long as the request is made in writing.
- The Indoor Track & Field Meet of Champions will be held on two dates this year at the Bubble. Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10AM (Girls-All Events) and Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 10AM (Boys-All Events)
- The Toms River School District invested $170,000.00 to refurbish the John Bennett Athletic Complex (The Bubble).
- 18 requests were sent for proposals to host Spring Track Events. As of today, 13 responses have been made, the deadline is September 1, 2017. A decision will be made on October 1, 2017.
• A list of the upcoming NJSCA Clinics was provided.
  o 8/27/17 – Volleyball Clinic @ Livingston High School – 8:30AM (Registration Form Provided)
  o 9/15/17 – Bowling Clinic @ Monmouth University – 9:00AM
  o 11/1/17 – Golf Clinic @ Galloping Hill – 9:00AM
  o 12/14/17 – Baseball Clinic @ Diamond Nation – 8:30AM
  o 1/12/18 – Tennis Clinic @ Princeton University – 9:00AM
  o 3/17/18 – Track Clinic @ Manalapan High School – 8:00AM
  o 5/4/18 – Wrestling Clinic @ Princeton University – 9:00AM

Adding a Softball Clinic for this year is in the works.
• The NJSCA Hall of Fame Luncheon will be held at the Westin-Princeton at Forrestal Village on April 8, 2018. The deadline to submit your application is December 22, 2017.

Conferece Topics

• **Tim Gillen** – Reminder that conference representatives need to provide a list of any new athletic directors to Mike Zapicchi. Last year a few A.D.’s slipped through the cracks and did not receive a visit from a compliance officer.

• **Neil Rosa** – Tuition paying students getting discounts.
  Mike Zapicchi explained that the state sets the amount that the public schools may charge for tuition. Traditionally it’s 90% of per pupil expenditure for a High School student.

• **Sharon Hughes** – Volleyball “New” Center Line
  The center line and attack line must be solid and the same color. Colored floor tape can be used. Please note this is also a specification in Basketball.

Colleen Maguire Report

• A list of the 2017-2018 League & Conference Officers was provided. If any corrections need to be made please email Jenny Yelle @ jyelle@njsiaa.org

• The NJSIAA Handbook has been revised and updated a hard copy will be printed and distributed at our next League & Conference Meeting. Each member school will receive one copy and it will also be posted on the website.

• Fall Classifications were finalized on August 1, 2017. On August 2, 2017 a change was made as to Football, removing West Windsor Plainsboro North.

• Winter Classifications will be finalized on October 1, 2017. Please update winter sports in school manager.

• T-Rific Tees is no longer with the NJSIAA. A 3 year contract with Northwest Designs Ink, a Seattle based company, is now the official NJSIAA Merchandise Vendor and Corporate Sponsor. The apparel will be personalized, printed on-site and run efficiently. We believe this concept will appeal to our athletes in a positive way.

• As of today we have a total of 435 Member Schools for the 2017-2018 School Year. Two schools have joined the association, Foundation Collegiate Academy in Trenton and Passaic Arts and Science Charter School in Passaic.

• The Search Committee has been chosen to fill the position of the new Executive Director at the NJSIAA. There are 6 members, five members are former presidents of the Executive Committee, Chuck Klaus, Elaine McGrath, Greg Bailey, Dave Frazier, and Tom
Coleman, and Mary Liz Ivins is the 2nd Vice President for the upcoming school year. 4 candidates have been chosen and the interviewing process will begin in August. Once the selection has been made it will be announced at the October Executive Committee Meeting.

- Annual Dues for the 2017-2018 School Year were due on August 1, 2017. Outstanding invoices from the last fiscal year that are open need to be submitted to our office as soon as possible.
- The 100 Year Celebration of the NJSIAA will be held next year. A Centennial Celebration Committee will be meeting to prepare for this event.
- A packet was provided with important tournament dates for the Fall 2017 Season.

**Jack DuBois Report**

- Football Championship Sites for the upcoming season are as follows: 8 games will be held at MetLife, 5 at Kean University, 4 at Rutgers University and 6 at Rowan University.
- The Drone policy has not been changed. Drones cannot be used during practices or at the games.
- Football Heat Acclimatization Period started on Monday, August 7, 2017, this Regulation needs to be abided.
- Soccer Update:
  - Start Date for games this season is September 5, 2017 (Pilot)
  - 2017 Soccer Sites were provided as a handout. 4 new sites have been listed, Millburn High School, Franklin Township High School, Rowan University and Paul VI High School. Eastern High School will be hosting the Non-Public B South and Holmdel High School will be hosting the Non-Public A South.
  - The NFHS has approved the Danmar Warrior soft facemask Model #1200 for use by injured players with the approval of the NJSIAA Assistant Director and a doctor’s note. This is an alternative to the custom made face mask which will still be allowed for use with a doctor’s note and approval by NJSIAA. The Model #1200 mask is around $70.00 which is very reasonable in comparison to the custom made face masks which ranged within the $600.00 and $800.00 range.
  - Official Clock – Soccer Committee approved the following: If there is a designated pair or unpaid clock operator, the stadium clock will be official and will run down to :00. The officials on the field will also hold the official time on the field at all times and may ask the clock operator to correct the stadium clock during a stoppage during the game. If there is no designated clock operator, the stadium clock may only be used to keep score. An adult or student manager who has been trained on the clock, should be the only individuals permitted to run the clock.
- Upcoming NJSIAA Workshops – Detailed information is available on the website.
  - New Athletic Directors – August 16, 2017
  - Eligibility – September 12th and 25th, 2017
  - Transgender – September 28, 2017
- Sectional Meeting will be held at the following Sites:
  - North II – Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 10am @ Millburn
  - Central – Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 10am @ NJSIAA
  - Shore – Friday, September 22, 2017, 9am @ Double Tree Hotel
Al Stumpf Report – Absent

Al Stumpf provided a detailed handout as to his August report to the officers in his absence.

Kim DeGraw Cole Report

- Please be sure to update School Manager. Sports, New Athletic Directors, Administration, etc.
- The AD Forum is a useful tool to forward information to your coaches. Please be sure to pass the messages along.
- A Coaches Forum is still in the works. We have the capability of doing it, however, the inaccuracy of the school manager has hindered this process.
- Dates on the website: If at any time you see an error on our part please contact the office to let us know so that we can make the correction.
- Fall General Tournament Regulations and Rule Modifications have been posted on the website.
- Non-Member/Out of State Forms can be found under Important Documents on the website.
- NJSchoolsports.com needs to be updated prior to the start of the season. Rosters, Schedules, Coach/Staff Information, Administrators, etc. In order to complete the Championship Programs and provide the merchandise vendor with rosters this information has to be accurate and complete. If time is an issue, having a student or team manager in charge of this task is always an option.
- 2017 Field Hockey Sites and Dates were provided in a printout.
- New for Tennis: A sample of the Wildcard Entry Form was provided in the packet. The base criteria for the wildcard consideration are as follows: County Champion; Wins over qualifying and potentially seeded players; strength of schedule; losses to exceptional players; extenuating circumstances.
- Tournament Refusal. Prior to entering the tournament please be sure to check for conflicting dates in your schedule and plan accordingly. When submitting a refusal the action is not complete until you click the “Submit” button. A sheet with detailed instructions was provided in the packet.
- Please note that athletic trainers are provided by the NJSIAA at the Field Hockey Tournaments. If you have someone it’s redundant to have 2 trainers at a site, it’s not necessary.
- Drone Policy: As of today, the policy has not changed. No drones are permitted at games/practices, however, in the near future we can explore our options on whether or not Drones should/can be permissible in certain situations.
Larry White Report – Absent

Larry White provided a handout to the officers in his absence. The packet included information on the NJSIAA Officials Public Service Announcements; Parts 1, 2 and 3 of Frequently Asked Eligibility Questions and Answers; ACT/SAT Dates (Athletic Director’s should put these dates on the website for student and parents); Points for Basketball proposal to host Sectional Finals. Larry will discuss the basketball proposal at the October League & Conference Meeting in more detail.

Mike Zapicchi Report

- Please notify me via email at mzapicchi@njsiaa.org with any new athletic director’s in your conference to set up a meeting.
- An International Student Committee will be formed. The committee will consist of one representative from each conference to review student eligibility.
- I-20 Students are required to complete a Foreign Student Form and a Transfer Form before they are eligible. These forms need to be completed every year.
- Online Transfer Form is 95% complete. All information will be kept in a database easily accessible to the NJSIAA.

The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017