STEVEN J. TIMKO REPORT

- Steve opened up the meeting by welcoming two of our new staff members Bill Bruno and Mike Zapicchi. Bill Bruno was the Athletic Director at Brick Memorial and will be replacing Don Danser as Assistant Director. Mike Zapicchi was the former principal at West Windsor-Plainsboro North and will be the new project manager. Steve reflected on the passing of Don Danser on June 15th 2015 and Dr. Tim Hosea who was on the Medical Advisory Committee.

- In September, the Department of Education will be providing a seminar on “Hazing & Bullying”. Only a limited amount of people can attend. Steve suggested that each school come up with a team of 4 individuals to attend (ie. Coach, Principal, Athletic Director, Guidance Counselor). This way each school has the opportunity to participate in this event. The event will take place at the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, 12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831.

- Please provide a list of all new Athletic Directors in your Conference to Jenny Yelle at jyelle@njsiaa.org within the next week.

- A handout was provided at the meeting as to the NJSIAA Interim Drone Policy (August 13, 2015). Until the NJSIAA study is completed, no UAS or drone flights will be permitted at high school sporting events or practices involving NJSIAA member schools. Guidelines and Regulations need to be developed, therefore, until a Policy is in place, NO Drones.

- WRESTLING UPDATE: The Team Championships will be moved back to Pine Belt Arena at Toms River North. An additional round will be added and Steve provided an update on the new timing/format for the Team Championships.

- A 3 year contract has been signed with Atlantic City. The room rates are as follows:

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- The National AD Federation Conference will be honoring Sean Dowling (Madison AD) and …
LARRY WHITE REPORT

- Cross Country will now require a waiver which states how many competitors can compete. Please email Carl Rickerhauser at rickerhauser@comcast.net for additional information.

- At the next meeting scheduled on September 17, 2015 please supply a list of all sport assignors names. It appears that individuals are using the arbiter that are not authorized to do so. The NJSIAA will not be picking up the cost for these individuals.

- Larry discussed the possibility of moving both the non-public sectional finals and the public group finals to Pine Belt Arena from Rutgers University for the upcoming season and the impact to the schedule of games should this happen.

UPDATE ON CLASSIFICATIONS

- Kim provided an update as to the status of the classifications. She informed the group that Don Danser was in charge of working on the Classifications. We are working very hard to get this together for everyone and hope to do so within the next week. The difficult part is matching the Department of Education enrollment numbers with our member schools.

- A new software program will be available which will automatically update classifications. This program is not up and running as of yet but everyone is working very hard on the rollout of the program.

SPIKE’S TROPHIES

- Spike’s Trophies was established 85 years ago and is committed to earning our respect and improving our program. They will be providing the school’s needs, as well as other items available for students and their parents. The President of Spike’s, Keith Baldwin stated that he hopes to alleviate any delivery issues by personally delivering the items either by courier or personally. They will provide branded ribbons, replicas for students/parent, photo book opportunities, etc. The contacts at Spike’s are Keith Baldwin, Glen Hastie and Kurt Boardman.

MIKE ZAPICCHI REPORT

- Mike Zapicchi introduced the NJSIAA Compliance Initiative. A copy of his PowerPoint Presentation is attached. Mike is hoping with the help and cooperation of everyone we can work together to get this done. Any input is greatly appreciated.

COLLEEN MAGUIRE REPORT

- MSG will be the primary broadcast partner and will have a right of first refusal for state play-off games, focusing in the Cablevision footprint. They will provide live broadcasts and streaming. The NFHS Network will have secondary rights to stream any events not covered by MSG Varsity.

- Please send any updates to the school listing by conference to Jenny Yelle.

- The Fall Seeding Deadline is Friday October 16, 2015. Any outstanding balances over 90 days will prevent you from being seeded in the tournaments. No exceptions.

- Membership deadline is Thursday October 1, 2015. YOUR SCHOOL MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, WHICH MEANS: The NJSIAA office has received your 2015-2016 membership dues; The NJSIAA office has on file your 2015-2016 resolution card; The NJSIAA office has on file your 2015-2016 coaches and principal’s affidavit; Your school has no outstanding invoices more than 90 days overdue.
John Weber WHYY Radio News Anchor has provided a professionally recorded Sportsmanship Announcement for use by our member schools in audio format. He can be reached at njdjohn@aol.com or 609-731-0501 for other formats or interest in having other messages recorded.

**KIM COLE REPORT**

- The NJSIAA website has changed. If you have any problems with the School Manager please contact Kim via email at kcole@njsiaa.org
- All dates are available on the website as to the Tournament and Sport Information.
- Tournament designations are solely interactive, there will be no refusal forms submitted this year.
- All sports rules committee’s members and minutes are posted to the NJSIAA website.
- School Rosters are **MANDATORY** please update them now so that they are complete.
- Contest Results for Tennis/Swim have changed. 1st Place time in Swim is MANDATORY, and must be posted. Tennis Scores have to be posted as well.
- Field Hockey: All Varsity contests tied at the end of regulation must play overtime period. See Field Hockey Modification.
- Women’s Soccer – NJSIAA will assign officials for the entire tournament, clocks must have adult-only timer, looking into site rotation options.
- Women’s Lacrosse – In 2016, a visible clock for tournament play is recommended but will be mandatory in 2017.
- Softball – Committee is considering a Tournament of Champions, the softball classification for 2016 will be sport specific.

**JACK DUBOIS REPORT**

- The 90-minute contact football chart was approved last Spring and will be implemented this Fall Season.
- As to the Wilson Prep Program Launch. You will receive an email from Wilson introducing the Program on October 1, 2015. You will receive a 20% discount on website for gifts, etc. that can be purchased by students/parents. This discount does not apply to AD supplies.
- Sports Authority will provide **500** 15% off coupons for each school.
- MedExpress Urgent Care Facilities is a New Corporate Sponsor. There are 10 locations in the State of New Jersey. They offer after hour care, $30.00 physicals, and if an athlete does not have a “home” doctor’s office they will be able to provide any medical needs for that athlete.
- Ice Hockey new requirement that all players must have competed in at least 50% of the regular season contests, similar requirement as swimming.
- The Shop Rite Cup 2014-2015 winners were Shore Regional, Haddonfield Memorial, Summit HS, Ridge HS, Christian Brothers Academy and Oak Knoll.
- Non-Public soccer finals Sunday, November 15th. Public Girls finals Saturday, November 21st, and Public Boys finals Sunday, November 22nd. All at Kean University.
- We have secured 8 slots at Metlife and we are working on securing additional slots at Rowan University and Kean University. The Regional crossover dates are Thursday November 12th or Saturday November 14th.
- If you have not submitted your Sportsmanship Banners list, please do so as soon as possible.

**TRI COUNTY CONFERENCE**

**FOOTBALL:** Questioned who provides the punishment and/or penalties for out of season football violations. The NJSIAA Staff replied that Out of Season Football Violations should be handled by conference and if there are still concerns then it will come before the Controversy Committee. The Cape Atlantic League discussed consequences of an illegal 7v7 scrimmage last month.

**CONSTITUTION CONCERNS:** Many believe that the rules in the Constitution do not provide any consequences. There should be consequences for any violations. Possibly a committee should be put together to look at all of the Rules/Laws in the Constitution that do not work and make any changes that can be agreed upon. Even though the
Rule is in place schools are going against the rules all the time. Teams are traveling to other locations instead of having them at their own schools because it is not allowed. This could potentially be dangerous if an accident occurs, etc.

**COLONIAL VALLEY CONFERENCE**

- **SUMMER 7V7 FOOTBALL:** Where do we draw the line with the scrimmages? 7v7 is dangerous, athletes are getting hurt prior to the beginning of the season. The football rule is unfair as other sports, specifically basketball, are able to participate in summer leagues. Reiterated that a review of the current Constitution is warranted, specifically sport specific areas such as out of season scrimmages.

**GREATER MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE**

Requested that Jack provide the detailed heat acclimatization program, which is provided below.

**THE 14-DAY HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD**

Core Principles:

1. Days 1 through 5 of the heat-acclimatization period consist of the first 5 days of formal practice. During this time, athletes may not participate in more than 1 practice per day.
2. If a practice is interrupted by inclement weather or heat restrictions, the practice should recommence once conditions are deemed safe. Total practice time should not exceed 3 hours in any 1 day.
3. A 1-hour maximum walk-through is permitted during days 1–5 of the heat-acclimatization period. However, a 3-hour recovery period should be inserted between the practice and walk-through (or vice versa).
4. During days 1–2 of the heat-acclimatization period, in sports requiring helmets or shoulder pads, a helmet should be the only protective equipment permitted (goalies, as in the case of field hockey and related sports, should not wear full protective gear or perform activities that would require protective equipment). During days 3–5, only helmets and shoulder pads should be worn. Beginning on day 6, all protective equipment may be worn and full contact may begin.
   A. Football only: On days 3–5, contact with blocking sleds and tackling dummies may be initiated.
   B. Full-contact sports: 100% live contact drills should begin no earlier than day 6.
5. Beginning no earlier than day 6 and continuing through day 14, double-practice days must be followed by a single-practice day. On single-practice days, 1 walk-through is permitted, separated from the practice by at least 3 hours of continuous rest. When a double practice day is followed by a rest day, another double practice day is permitted after the rest day.
6. On a double-practice day neither practice should exceed 3 hours in duration, and student-athletes should not participate in more than 5 total hours of practice. Warm-up, stretching, cool-down, walk-through, conditioning, and weight-room activities are included as part of the practice time. The 2 practices should be separated by at least 3 continuous hours in a cool environment.
7. Because the risk of exertional heat illnesses during the preseason heat-acclimatization period is high, we strongly recommend that an athletic trainer be on site before, during, and after all practices.