Attendees:

Sharon Hughes  John Maggio  Gus Kalikas
Tim Gillen      Bill Schilling  Rob Wagner
Neil Rosa       Sean Dowling   Joe McCollan
Joe Arminio     Ken Schoudt    Steve Jenkins
Rich Carroll    Frank Torcasio Anthony Minnella
Stan Fryczynski Ann Clifton   Carl Weigner
Brad Bauer      Mike Wolfthal  Kevin Murphy
Todd Van Orden  Jerry Maietta  Rich Shello

Presentation: Jamie Lovejoy – New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Coaches Association

Boys Lacrosse Pilot Proposal: The seeding of the top 8 teams in each Group have been based on PowerRatings as generated by Laxpower. *The proposal disregards regional classification for the top 8 teams*, ONLY. After seeding these 8 teams, brackets will be completed with consideration for regional classification. The elimination of “North” and “South”, and inclusion of “Section 1” and “Section 2.” The bracket does not include “Seed Jumping,” which would occur as a result of head-to-head games between consecutively seeded teams, where the lower seeded of 2 teams would jump the higher seeded of said teams if they won in a previous matchup.

A detailed copy of the proposal will be sent out electronically to all of the League & Conference Officers. Handouts should be distributed at your next conference meeting. A form will be provided to each conference to record whether or not they are in favor of the proposal. Email the form to jdubois@njsiaa.org no later than October 10, 2017.

A discussion ensued among the officers as to this proposal. A proposal similar to this was presented last year and was voted down. Many felt as though moving schools into different sections of the state is unfair and it should stay the traditional way.

Steve Timko opened up the meeting with an introduction of all the directors and attendees. He formally announced Larry White as the new Executive Director of the NJSIAA.
Conference Topics

- **Neil Rosa (BCSL)** – *Batch dual meets/FAT: Information on the minimum number of teams needed for FAT results to be used for sectional seeding? 3 teams? 5 teams?* Bill Bruno addressed Neil’s question. The track committee has no issue making the change, however, the request needs to be in writing and then approved by the committee.

- **Mike Wolfthal (GMC)** – *Transportation Issues*  
The GMC is having an issue with a shortage of bus drivers. A 3:45 start time may not be feasible going forward. Mike asked if any other conferences had similar issues. Many conferences are also dealing with their own transportation issues.

- **Sean Dowling (NJAC)** – *Updated the officers of various courses offered by the DAANJ.*  
Several core courses and exams are available and can be taken at your school. Please note that the National Athletic Directors Conference / NIAAA Annual Meeting will be held in Phoenix from December 8-12th. 5 courses are available. For more information please visit [http://www.niaaa.org/about-the-niaaa/niaaa-conference/](http://www.niaaa.org/about-the-niaaa/niaaa-conference/)

Steve Timko Report

- The Legislative Update by Paul Anzano set forth no major issues relative to the NJSIAA.

- Senator Shirley Turner is taking a legislative approach as to the West Windsor-Plainsboro North/South Football matter. A meeting was held at her office to discuss the topic and she was made aware of the legislation that will be voted on at the annual meeting in December. She agreed to wait for the outcome of the vote prior to pursuing her case.

- Eastside Paterson appeal to controversies decision to reinstate the Eastside Paterson Boys and Girls Basketball Program to participate in the NJSIAA State Tournament was denied 36-0. Eastside Paterson appeal as to Coach Griles controversies decision was denied 36-0. Eastside Paterson will be taking the NJSIAA appeal to the Commissioner of Education.

- **NJSIAA Sectional Meeting Dates and Locations for 2017**
  - North II – Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Millburn High School – 10:00AM
  - Central – Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at NJSIAA – 10:00AM
  - Shore Area – Friday, September 22, 2017 at Doubletree Hotel (Eatontown) – 9:00AM
  - South – Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at Washington Township High School - 10:00AM
  - North I – Friday, September 29, 2017 at Montclair High School – 10:00AM

There are 3 pieces of Legislation have been approved by the Executive Committee.

- A handout was provided as to the new wrestling districts, regions and individual championships. This will be the second year of the 2 year process which will be re-evaluated at the end of this year’s season. On Friday, September 15, 2017 a meeting will be held in Atlantic City at Boardwalk Hall to review this year’s State Individual Wrestling Championships. In a week or two rooms will be available at a discounted rate at Bally’s and Caesar’s. Rooms go fast, make sure to book in advance.
• Steroid Final Report tested 502 athletes from 69 schools. 5 schools were tested twice. 1 positive test. No protocol violations.
• Fall Championship Sites/Dates and Fall Classifications can be found on the NJSIAA website.
• The NFHS Summer Meeting was held in Providence, Rhode Island. Sharon Hughes received the NFHS Citation Award.
• A handout was provided with the 2017-2018 Executive Committee Meeting dates.
• The 2017-2018 Executive Committee Appointments.
  o Chuck Klaus, President
  o Vincent Smith, 1st Vice President
  o Mary Liz Ivins, 2nd Vice President
  o Elaine McGrath, Past President
• Steve Goddell attended the Executive Committee on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 and served as the legal representation of the NJSIAA.

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Kim DeGraw Cole Report

• A handout was provided with detailed information as to the website. A breakdown of various resources, events, directions on how to update information on the site and a list of committees. A reminder was made to have njschoolsports.com and school manager up to date.
• Field Hockey cutoff date is October 16, 2017. The seeding will take place on October 18, 2017. The Tournament begins on October 23 & 24. The Group Finals will be held at Bordentown Regional High School on November 11, 2017, Tournament of Champions at Rancocas Valley High School on November 13 & 15 and the Championships will be held at Kean University on November 17, 2017.
• Tournament Refusal Deadline for Girls Team Tennis is September 28, 2017.
• Girls Tennis cutoff date is September 27, 2017. The seeding will take place on October 2, 2017. The Girls Tennis Tournament of Champions will be held at Garden State Tennis Center on October 22, 24 and 25.
• A reminder was made to fill out the Non-Member/Out of State Opponent Tournament Reporting Form for Field Hockey, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball & Softball.

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Larry White Report

• Girls Gymnastics sites/dates are set. The 5 sectionals will take place at Ridgewood, Bishop Ahr, Hillsborough, Manalapan and Seneca on November 4, 2017. Gymnastics Finals will be held at Montgomery High School. The team championships will be held on November 9, 2017. The individual championships will be held on November 11, 2017. **Note: November 4, 2017 is an SAT Date. Please inform parents.**
• Officials Rules Meetings were held in the month of August. 5 regional rule’s interpretations were held at Williamstown, Brick Memorial, South Brunswick, Passaic County Technical Institute and Hackensack High Schools. Turnouts at these meetings were excellent. Basketball will be held in September and October at Williamstown, Brick Memorial, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Union Catholic, Passaic County Institute of Technology, Morris Hills and Robbinsville High Schools.
• The NJSIAA 2016-2017 Disqualification Final Report which also included the Spring Report was provided. Player disqualifications were up by 30 over the entire school year from 379 to 409. Coaches’ disqualifications were down by 8 over the entire school year from 47 to 39.

• Larry went over the Out of Season Coaching Period (Coach 365 Rule). The rule can be found on page 66 of the NJSIAA Guidelines, Policies & Procedures. If any athlete has attained team status, a coach cannot have any contact with the student if that coach plans on taking a position at the same school that the athlete attends regardless of whether or not that coach has been officially hired at the school. This includes camps, clinics and open-gym programs. This rule is in place so that out of season coaching cannot be used as an athletic advantage. A discussion ensued as to making a change to this rule. Some felt as though it would not be fair to a new hire who may have worked with an athlete in a summer camp and then applied for a position at the school and could not coach due to this rule. Schools are having a hard time finding employable coaches as it is, and this just makes it harder. Larry informed the officers if a change wanted to be made a proposal would need to be put in writing.

Jack DuBois Report

• Jack reiterated the NJSIAA Football Rule Clarification. All 2017 NJSIAA member football schools are advised that NJSIAA policy specifies that all coaches (with or without the use of electronic communication devices) must be located within the team box or in the press box or other designated areas that will accommodate coaches from teams. This policy (clarification) is consistent with NFHS: Rule 1: Section 6 Article 1 and Rule 9: Section 8: Article 2 and must be followed during the 2017 regular and post season.

• Football cards are due on October 23, 2017.

• 46 teams will participate in the 2017 NJSIAA Football Championships. 8 games will be held at MetLife Stadium; 4 at Rutgers University; 5 at Kean University and 6 at Rowan University.

• Boys Soccer cutoff date is October 21, 2017. Seeding will take place on October 25, 2017. State Championship Finals will be held at Kean University on Sunday, November 12, 2017 for the Non-Publics and Sunday, November 19, 2017 for the Publics. This year we will have 4 new venues for the Semi-Finals. Paul VI; Millburn; Rowan; Washington Township.


• The 2016-2017 Shoprite Cup presentations will begin on Saturday, September 16, 2017. The winners were announced and congratulated. Group 1 – Shore Regional High School; Group 2 – Haddonfield Memorial High School; Group 3 – West Essex High School; Group 4 – Ridge High School; Non-Public A – Christian Brothers Academy; Non-Public B – Villa Walsh Academy.
• Corporate Updates – IAABO, Atlantic Health, Tri-County Orthopedic and Guardian have all renewed contracts this year. MetLife is contracted for 8 games for the NJSIAA State Football Championships. Hummingbird Sports is the new Girls Lacrosse co-sponsor and Northwest Designs Ink is our new merchandise vendor. TeamGear is the new official uniform provider of the NJSIAA. We are still waiting for a possible sponsorship with Jersey Mike’s.

• 8 Cooperative Sports Programs have been approved.
  o Freehold Boro/Raritan – Ice Hockey
  o Mountain Lakes/Boonton – Ice Hockey
  o Pascack Hills/Pascack Valley – Gymnastics
  o Pascack Valley/Pascack Hills – Ice Hockey; B/G Swimming
  o Tenafly/Cresskill – Ice Hockey
  o Wayne Hills/Wayne Valley – Ice Hockey
  o Point Pleasant Boro/Manchester Twp. – Ice Hockey
  o Robbinsville/Allentown – B/G Swimming; Ice Hockey

Bill Bruno Report

• Bill provided a handout which covered detailed information on Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track. The packet included all sites/dates/times for this year’s Cross Country meets.
• A revised NFHS/NJSIAA/NJTFOA Sportsmanship Agreement for 2017 was provided. The only change to this document is that only the coach is required to sign it, whereas in the past the team captain’s signature was also required.
• Holmdel Park and Greystone Park have upgraded their facilities in time for our Cross Country events. Spring Requests for Proposals have been sent out. A decision should be made and wrapped up by October 15, 2017 for our 4 new sites.
• NJSCA clinic information was provided. Please note the following change. The Track & Field clinic which was originally scheduled for March 17, 2018 at Manalapan High School has been changed to March 23, 2018 at Monmouth University. Bill provided forms for the annual bowling, golf and baseball coaches’ clinics. Submission deadlines for these clinics are listed on each individual form. The NJSCA has partnered up with an Athletic Magazine which issues a weekly athletic magazine for coaches. The newsletter will be emailed out and can be shared with your coaches.
• The 2017 NJSCA Hall of Fame Nominee list was distributed.

Al Stumpf Report

• Girls Soccer cutoff date is October 21, 2017. Seeding will take place on October 25, 2017. A handout was provided with all the finalized sites and dates.
• Al provided a handout with detailed information on Girls Soccer, Volleyball and Unified Sports.
• Due to the low number of quality officials, schools may only request 3 officials for weekday games only 3 times a season per gender. No permission needed for night games or weekend games. Assignors may assign 3 officials on weekdays if they have enough officials to cover all league games that day. The NJSIAA will assign 4 officials and 1 timer for the sectional finals and beyond.
• The Soccer Committee has approved the following as to the “Official Clock”
  o If there is a designated paid or unpaid clock operator, the stadium clock will be
    official and will be 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
    timer the stadium clock can only be used to keep the score.
• The NFHS has approved the Danmar Warrior soft facemask Model #1200 with approval
  of the NJSIAA Assistant Director and a doctor’s note. A question came up as to why the
  same mask does not need approval for Wrestling and Basketball. Al explained that
  there is more head contact in soccer and the prior approval is so that a coach does not
  just throw a mask on an athlete during a game who may have a concussion.
• Girls Volleyball cutoff date is October 18, 2017. Seeding will take place on October 25,
  2017. All championship sites are set except for Non-Public B South. This information
  can be found on the website under Volleyball Regulations.
• Uniform waivers and Religious waiver requests should be emailed to
  astumpf@njsiaa.org to receive an approval letter. For the month of October we ask
  that any pink attire worn for breast cancer awareness should only be done for the home
  games, not for the entire month.
• An update on Unified Sports was provided in the handout. A document on Unified
  Regulations will be out next month. In August Al attended the SONA Network
  Interscholastic Partnership Series Meeting in St. Louis. The workshop brought together
  many Athletic Associations around the country, good contacts were made and Al has
  been working with the State of Nebraska and South Carolina to help each of them to
  start their programs and to improve our Unified Track program in New Jersey.

**Colleen Maguire Report**

• A summary of Net Profit/(Loss) by Sport for the 2016-2017 school year was provided as
  a handout which was approved by the Finance Committee.
• The NJSIAA Membership includes 436 schools. Warren County Tech is our newest
  member. Queen of Peace and St. Anthony’s are no longer members, the schools have
  closed. Also new to 2017-2018, Passaic Arts & Sciences Charter and Foundation
  Academy.
• Fall Classifications are complete and on the website.
• If any of the schools in your Conference have co-ed swim teams please contact Al
  Stumpf at astumpf@njsiaa.org. When entering information in School Manager please be
  sure to put the co-ed team as Boys Swim. Do not select Girls Swim.
• Be sure to update school manager with your winter sports. Winter Classifications will be
  posted by November 1, 2017.
• New Co-ops or Renewals for the Winter Season are due back on October 1, 2017.
• Larry White will be the new Executive Director of the NJSIAA. The office will be
  allocating his responsibilities as an Assistant Director in the months to come. Kim
  DeGraw-Cole will be in charge of Eligibility and Transfers, Bill Bruno will be taking over
  the Officials Association.
• Colleen distributed summaries of missing membership items and outstanding invoices
  for each conference.
• The NJSIAA Assistant Director Job Posting is listed on the website with Requirements and Application Procedures. The deadline for all completed applications is Saturday, September 30, 2017. Contact Colleen Maguire to receive an application or for any additional information. E-mail: cmaguire@njsiaa.org
• A retirement dinner for Steve Timko will be held on January 13, 2018. Further information on event details and invites will be coming out soon.
• The Hall of Fame Luncheon on December 4, 2017 will be held at the Hamilton Manor in Hamilton Township, NJ.
• A complimentary copy of the 2017-2018 NJSIAA Handbook will be distributed to each Conference today, please be sure to hand them out at your next meeting.

Mike Zapicchi Report

• Tuition Citation (6A:23A-17.1 Method of determining tuition rates for regular public schools).
  o Per Student – The amount of tuition a district can charge is determined by a formula determined in the State Administrative Code.
  o Choice Student – same as above
  o Non-Resident – District is free to set their own amount.
• Compliance officers have started their visits. The roster of visits was posted on the Forum. If your school has a new athletic director send an email to Mike at mzapicchi@njsiaa.org
• The International Student Eligibility Committee is still looking for members. Mike would like to have one representative from each Conference.

Old Business/New Business – Steven J. Timko

• Immaculate Conception Lodi Girls Basketball 70% In-State Competition Rule Waiver Request was approved.
• Hudson Catholic Regional High School Boys Basketball 70% In-State Competition Waiver Request was approved.
• Special Olympics Representative to NJSIAA Executive Committee – 1st Reading was approved.
• Search Committee Recommendation – Larry White was appointed to serve as the 8th NJSIAA Executive Director.

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