

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Prime Hotel - Saratoga

January 23, 2004

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Patrick Calnon at 1:00PM on January 23, 2004. Assistant Director Joe Altieri introduced Kristen Gaudreau, the new full time Marketing Intern for the Association. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

Officers & Staff

President Patrick Calnon
First Vice President Kathy Faber
Past President Dean Veenhof
Executive Director Nina Van Erk
Assistant Director Walter Eaton
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Richard McGuire
Thad Mularz
Bob Munn
Tony Sabella
Jim Tolle

Section Representatives

Section 1: Vito DiCesare, Greg Ransom (proxy for Karen Peterson)
Section 2: Eileen Troy, Doug Kenyon
Section 3: Evelyn Sammons
Section 4: Ernestine Marshall, Jack Jones
Section 5: Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith
Section 6: Don Scholla, Pam Maryjanowski
Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
Section 8: Pat Pizzarelli, Laura Orticelle
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Osborne (proxy for Jim Wolfe)
Section 10: Ernie Witkowski, Stephanie Putney
Section 11: Anne Dignam, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants

Kent Gray, State Ed.
Allan Mallanda, Ex. Dir., NYSAAA
Roger Brown, Pres., NYSAAA
Carol Rog, Handbook Coordinator

Section Executive Directors

Ed Stores (5)
Bob Dinse (6)
John Gallagher (7)
Todd Heimer (8)
Carl Normandin (10)
Ed Cinelli (11)

Guests

Rise Van Iderstine, Secretary-Section 2
Kristen Gaudreau, Marketing Intern-NYSPPHSAA

The **October 2003 Executive Committee minutes** were **APPROVED** in a motion by Pizzarelli/Staves

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on the conferences, meetings and championships she attended during the months of October through January. She stated eight of the current student leaders met at the Football Championships on November 29, 2003 and that they are working toward the establishment of a state wide student leadership conference in New York. Their next meeting is

scheduled for March 20, 2004 at the basketball championships. She noted the NFHS will not be sponsoring a Leadership Conference this summer. She reported the Athletic Administrator workshops presented across the state by the NYSPHSAA and the NYSAAA have been very successful and will be presented again next year. She stated the Council on Standards for International Travel (CSIET) is encouraging individual school districts to join their not for profit association. She noted membership forms were included in the meeting folders and asked that copies be made and distributed to the Athletic Directors. She and Walter Eaton met with Kent Gray and Joan Gavrilik from SED on November 25, 2003 to discuss the mixed competition guidelines and its effect on the recent NFHS rule change. She reported the NYSPHSAA has received a draft memo indicating that this would not violate the mixed competition regulation because the students are not competing against one another but simply using the track simultaneously. When a formal memo is received it will be distributed to the Sections and the appropriate sport coordinators. She announced twelve new candidates have been nominated for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2004. She stated a NFHS Sexual Harassment and Hazing Pamphlet is included in the meeting folders to assist school districts in developing meaningful and effective sexual harassment and hazing policies. She will be ordering more of these pamphlets and including them with the 2004-2006 Handbook mailing this summer. She noted the improvements to the *Scholastic Athletics*. She stated the 5-year calendar has been ordered and we should be receiving them soon. She reported a new digital color copier has been purchased for the Association office as the two existing machines are so old replacement parts are unavailable and the copy quality was fair at best. Future meeting dates were noted as follows:

April 30 - May 1, 2004 - Holiday Inn-Syracuse
August 3-6, 2004 - Inn on the Lake – Canandaigua
October 25, 2004 – Holiday Inn-Turf – Albany
January 28-29, 2005 – Prime Hotel – Saratoga Springs
May 6-7, 2005 – TBA
August 3-5, 2005 – Wyndham Wind Watch – Long Island

Assistant Director Walter Eaton stated a summary of the Fall '03 Championship income/expenses known to date, a draft of the 2004-05 Championship dates and sites and projections beyond 2004-05 and a summary of the 2004-05 State tournaments with the number of Championship classifications were all included in the meeting folders. He stated the Rifle Regional will be conducted at West Point on March 6, 2004 and the Girls Golf Regional will be held on June 6, 2004 at the Foxfire Golf Club, Syracuse (3). He noted courtesy passes for Indoor Track & Field are to be presented to the Carrier Dome's Will Call Gate B window and for Boys Basketball in Glens Falls, report to the Church Street entrance of the Civic Center above the box office. In a motion by Osborne/Jones it was **APPROVED** to add Section 9's participation in the 2003-04 Boys/Girls Bowling State Championship as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V-5. He thanked the Syracuse Convention and Visitor's Bureau for their continued support of the Football Championships by supplying volunteers to sell tournament programs. He noted a list of AED providers as known for the Winter 2003-04 Championships was included in the meeting folders. He stated the Emergency Preparedness/Crowd Control plans will be confirmed for Winter 2003-04 state championships by notification to Section Executive Directors/Secretaries by February 15, 2004. He reported the minutes of the December 5, 2003 second organizational meeting of girls golf section representatives was in the meeting folders. In a motion by Putney/Pizzarelli it was **APPROVED** to reappoint Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving State Coordinator, and Bill Higgins, Boys Basketball State Coordinator, each to 5 year terms effective September 1, 2004 through August 30, 2009. It was **APPROVED** in a motion by Troy/Ransom to appoint Todd Dischinger as Girls Golf State Coordinator for a 5 year term, effective as of this meeting through August 31, 2008. He noted correspondence indicating the schedule for the August 17-18, 2004 Regents exams was included in the meeting folders. He reported the Scholar/Athlete Team Award program has completed its 36th season with an increase in participation again. He stated the final results have been posted on the NYSPHSAA web site and local results were mailed to both section offices and the media. He noted the Fall 2003 State Champions and their awards schedule were in the meeting folders. He thanked Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. and Lee's Trophies, Inc. for their sponsorship and support respectfully. He announced the Winter 2003-04 Scholar/Athlete Team Award program deadline to efile applications is Friday, March 5, 2004.

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported the classification of schools process by having each school send a copy of their BEDS Building Report Form(s) to their Section office who then reviewed submissions and entered the numbers into the Association database through the NYSPHSAA web site was much more

efficient. He stated the 2004-05 Classification Configuration Report was included in the meeting folders. In a motion by Pizzarelli/Sammons it was **APPROVED** to accept as official the enrollment numbers presented for classification. A motion by Ransom/Pizzarelli was **APPROVED** to keep the current classification numbers for the 2004-05 school year: AA 900-up; A 550-899; B 350-549; C 200-349 and D 199-below and to adopt Option #2 of the Classification Configuration Report effective with the 2005-06 school year: AA 950-up; A 550-949; B 325-549; C 193-324 and D 192-below. He reported brochures for clinics in Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball and Field Hockey have been sent to schools and Sections. Brochures for clinics in Track & Field and Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball will be mailed soon. He noted the number of interstate contests involving our schools, the number of events involving outside co-sponsors, and the number of events involving non-member schools are significantly increasing thus increasing the possibility of a school entering an event that has not been sanctioned. He stated all school coaches and administrators need to review Eligibility Standard #14 Interstate Contests – 2002-2004 NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 64 and comply with all aspects of the standard. He reminded that notice of entry to the Association office to verify the sanctioning of any interstate event (in or out of state) involving four or more schools is required.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on the sport committee meetings, sport tournament committee meetings, Section Athletic Council meetings, State Championships and corporate sponsorship meetings he attended during the months of October through January. He stated the total television/radio broadcasting revenue generated by the Fall Championships was \$1500 more than last fall and attributed the increase to the new rate fee schedule. He noted a meeting is scheduled with Time Warner Cable on January 30th to discuss a proposal to broadcast all five boys basketball finals. The girls basketball tournament may be taped by MJM Productions of Poughkeepsie who will sell copies of the videos instead of paying for their services. He stated the finals at the wrestling championships will be taped by Empire Sports Network. He reported he has secured the following sponsorships: Upstate Ford sponsorship for a television campaign to promote girls and boys basketball; State Farm sponsorship renewal for boys basketball tournament; Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau sponsorship toward shuttling service in Buffalo for the wrestling tournament; Price Chopper sponsorship to promote the girls and boys basketball championships; Track Bowling sponsorship for the boys and girls bowling championships; Smith Industries sponsorship for the boys tennis and boys golf championships; and CSEA tentative sponsorship for the girls basketball championships. He stated he had brochures for Hotel Marketing Association/Holiday Inn and Priority Club that would be useful in securing a room in upstate New York. He reported Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls and Boys Skiing, Girls and Boys Indoor Track, Ice Hockey and Wrestling will have two-week radio campaigns in the Syracuse, Albany, Lake Placid, Utica and Buffalo areas. He noted billboard advertising between the Utica and Syracuse stretch of I-90 as well as print advertising in Syracuse and Buffalo will be used to market boys and girls indoor track and the ice hockey championships.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Executive Director Nina Van Erk. She reported it was budgeted to have a deficit of \$118,627 for 2002-2003. She noted the actual 2002-2003 budget operated "in the black" by \$152,574. She stated this turnaround was quite significant and the Association is making great strides. She reported the 2003-2004 budget is a balanced budget and the 2004-2005 preliminary budget is balanced. She stated there will be a "year to date" report at the April Executive Committee meeting which will give actual expenses to date and projected expenses for the rest of the year. She reported there will be a dues increase for the 2004-2005 school year: \$600.00 for the base district fee for the first 300 students in grades 7 through 12 and \$.65 per student over 300 students in grades 7 through 12.

SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the Softball Committee's two proposals. In a motion by DeCillis/Greene it was **APPROVED** to grant a one-year waiver to Rule 3 (equipment)-Section 3 (ball)-paragraph E, #1 in the 2003 ASA Softball Rulebook recommending ball compression be 375.0 lbs. for the 2004 season. A motion by DeCillis/Kenyon **DEFEATED** the Softball Committee's request for a one-year extension of the mandatory face mask rule on all batting helmets from the 2005 season to the 2006 season. Assistant Director Walter Eaton presented two proposals by the Boys Soccer Committee. A motion by Jones/Zumbo **APPROVED** for Sections 5, 6, 3 and 1 to continue the experiment to play

15 minute overtimes during the post season. Both overtime periods would be sudden victory and teams still tied after both periods would go immediately to penalty kicks. In a motion by DiCesare/Kenyon it was **APPROVED** for Sections 5, 6, 3 and 1 to continue the experiment to play 45 minute halves with no overtimes during the regular season. Assistant Director Walter Eaton presented the Girls Volleyball proposal requesting a postponement for Volleyball to go to five classes for a period of one year so that they could present a revised variation to the Championship Advisory Committee that would satisfy their concerns. In a motion by Troy/Sammons the request was **DEFEATED**.

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 1 reported they are in a contractual dispute with a group of ice hockey officials who have taken a job action since January by refusing to officiate any modified ice hockey games and have formally requested the State Association to get involved. Section Executive Director Greg Ransom stated a year ago the Section Executive Directors met and decided that at Regional contests instead of sharing the profits/losses the Section who hosted the Regional contests would receive the profits or assume the losses. It has been brought to their attention that the Section Executive Directors need the approval of the Executive Committee. He stated at the Section Executive Directors' meeting on January 23, 2004 it was agreed that this process has worked very well and they would like to continue with it. In a motion by Staves/DeCillis it was **APPROVED** for a Section hosting a Regional contest to receive the profits or assume the losses and if two Sections were hosting a Regional contest, then they would share the profits/losses if they had a mutual agreement.

Section 4 voiced a concern with wrestling students on football championship teams not being able to get their 14-day certification because they can't start on the first day of wrestling practice and therefore are wrestling in a weight class above where they should be. They requested that this be reviewed by the Wrestling Committee and either revise the date or make an exception to wrestling students who are involved in football championships.

Section 8 voiced a concern with the Scholar/Athlete Team Award program and the disparity between number grades and letter grades. They requested a committee be formed to look at ways to make the program fairer. Assistant Director Walter Eaton invited Section 8 to submit a proposal as was done in the past by Section 6 for the small team provision currently in the program.

Section 10 requested to make it permissive by Section action to schedule softball game doubleheaders with as little as 5 innings per game effective with the 2004 season. In a motion by Putney/Zumbo it was **APPROVED**. They voiced a concern with increased pressure by boys basketball officials to go to 3-man officiating.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2003-2004 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
1	Port Chester, Blind Brook & Rye Roosevelt & Yonkers Saunders & Gorton Roosevelt, Lincoln & Yonkers Saunders, Roosevelt, Gorton, Lincoln & Yonkers	Gymnastics Indoor Track Wrestling Wrestling Swimming-B Golf Lacrosse-B Golf
	Solomon Schechter & Woodlands Saunders & Roosevelt Gorton, Lincoln & Yonkers	Tennis-B Tennis-B
3	Brookfield & Mt. Markham	Basketball-G

5	11-08-03	Allegheny County Senior All-Star Game-Soccer-B
	11-08-03	Senior Select Soccer Game(Steuben County)-Soccer-B
	11-09-03	Section V Sr. All-Star Game-Soccer-G
	11-09-03	Section V Sr. All-Star Contest-Soccer-G
	11-09-03	Senior Select Soccer Game(Monroe County)-Soccer-B
	11-09-03	Senior Select Soccer Game(GeneseeCC)-Soccer-B
	11-15-03	Section V Sr. All-Star Contest(Steuben County)-Volleyball-G
6	11-09-03	Section VI Sr. All-Star Contest-Soccer-B/G
	03-19-04	Section VI Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G
	03-27-04	Section VI Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G
	03-27-04	Exceptional Senior H.S. Ladies Basketball Classic
7	03-16-04	CVAC Boys & Girls Senior Basketball Game

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A motion by Ransom/Maryjanowski **APPROVED The Hallen School (1) and Twin Tiers Baptist High School (4)** as Friend and Neighbors.

ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES

Past Presidents Committee. Past President Dean Veenhof reported they are looking for a nomination of a Boys Physical Education Representative to serve as the 2nd Vice President. The nominees must be members of the Executive/Central Committee or a Section Officer. He asked to receive nominations by April 1st so that a slate of officers can be presented at the April 2004 Executive Committee meeting. He stated the Nominating Committee is comprised of the three most recent Past Presidents with other Past Presidents invited and encouraged to provide input.

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported the minutes of the January 15, 2004 meeting were in the meeting folder. The following recommendations were approved: In a motion by DeCillis/Pizzarelli it was **APPROVED** for Boys & Girls Cross Country to compete in a 5 class tournament using the following variation in classification as a 2-year experiment effective 2004-05: Class AA – 1060 +; Class A 680-1059; Class B 460-679; Class C 290-459; and Class D 0-289. A motion by DiCesare/Jones was **APPROVED** for Sections 2-7-10 Regional rotation in Class D Boys Soccer to become effective in 2004-05. In Boys Soccer, Sections 2-7-10 Regional rotation in Class C giving Section 2 the bye every other year, effective 2004-05, becomes experimental through 2007-08 was **DEFEATED** in a motion by DeCillis/Pizzarelli. A motion by Staves/Witkowski **APPROVED** the rotation of byes in Boys Soccer Class C between Sections 2-7-10 be every year. In Boys Swimming/Diving qualifying standards as used in 2003-04 be extended through 2005-06 was **APPROVED** in a motion by Osborne/Ransom. It was requested of Assistant Director Walter Eaton to ask Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator Roger Bell for a report on diving qualifying standards. The request to consider a family rate admission policy for NYSPHSAA State Championships will be added to the Budget & Finance Committee's agenda. The committee recommended an Ad Hoc Committee be appointed to study and recommend policies and procedures for the selection of NYSPHSAA state tournament sites. Please see President Pat Calnon if you are interested in serving on the committee. In a motion by Kenyon/Zumbo it was **APPROVED** in Boys Tennis to annually require participants in the State tournament to sign a Commitment to Compete form.

ACTION on TARGET. A written report from Co-Coordinator Michael Schwenk was included in the meeting folders. In a motion by Pizzarelli/Putney it was **APPROVED** the Essex Team program be adopted into the ACTION on TARGET program and that funds be budgeted for training and encouraging the expansion of the new ACTION on TARGET program. He stated an update training workshop will be conducted on February 1-2, 2004 to acquaint both the ACTION on TARGET Committee members and those who have previously been trained with the new materials and themes. The next meeting of the committee will be held at the Holiday Inn Arena, Binghamton at 2:30PM prior to the scheduled start of

the training.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott stated summary data from the football experiment in Sections 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 allowing 16 eligible players to be required for a team to compete should be submitted to Dick Cerone so that it can be submitted to the Safety Committee for its April 21, 2004 meeting. He reported the committee is working with the Baseball and Softball Committees in developing a survey to study the frequency and seriousness of injuries to pitchers and infielders via a direct hit by a batted ball and encouraged all schools to participate. He noted the survey will be posted on the Association web site by March and is to be completed online by coaches at the end of the spring season 2004. He reported there have been six reports of Wrestling Minimum Weight Assessors not following established protocol and/or incorrectly gathering and calculating data. He reminded all school athletic directors and wrestling coaches are to review the protocol annually and report any concerns with assessors. He stated SUNY Cortland has agreed to be an approved Hydrostatic Weight Site beginning with the 2004-05 season.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported fifteen new Citizenship Through Athletics instructors were certified at the COA Conference in October. He noted the course has been reorganized utilizing "POISE" – Positive Outcomes in Sport Experiences – as the theme whereby all participants-athletes, coaches, spectators, officials, media and community-should work together and develop pride in the positive outcomes resulting from sports experiences. He stated the SED Framework for Interscholastic Athletics has been included as an integral part of CTA, along with a new chapter, "Hazing: Identification and Prevention." He announced the next CTA Instructor's Course is February 4, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Turf, Albany. He reported a workshop on the prevention of hazing recently developed by the Association and conducted in Section 3 in December will be shared with the NFHS Citizenship Committee in Indianapolis on February 7-9. He stated Sectional and/or regional workshops on the prevention of hazing may be scheduled by calling him at the Association office. He noted the NFHS will be producing a handbook on the prevention of hazing. He stated the NYS Law on hazing and a resource list was included in the meeting folder. He reported the 2004 NYS Good Sports Program information and assessments along with submission directions and a time-line should be received by all member school athletic directors by the end of this month. He noted early reports on the NFHS "Parents for Good Sports" project in which Arlington High School (Section 1) participated indicate positive results. He stated the goal of the "Parents for Good Sports" project is to implement a process in which parents become leaders actively involved in appropriate methods of supporting their children's athletic programs and positively influencing other parents. He reported the NFHS Citizenship Committee will decide in February on the next steps to be taken in this project. He noted depending on funding and administrative support within PGS more NY schools may have the opportunity to participate. He stated schools interested in participating in "Parents for Good Sports" to contact him. He announced a NY Good Sports Workshop and a Sportsmanship Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at the NYSAAA Conference.

Modified Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported there were two openings on the committee; Boys and Girls Soccer Coordinator and Boys and Girls Track & Field Coordinator. He asked for help in filling these positions as they have been vacant for a while.

Handbook Committee. Coordinator Carol Rog reported the minutes of the January 13, 2004 meeting were in the meeting folders. In a motion by DiCesare/Sammons it was **APPROVED** to add after the last sentence of the Transfer Rule, Page 73, #29a: *The superintendent, or designee, will determine if the student has met district residency requirements.* A motion by Pizzarelli/Marshall **APPROVED** under Penalties-Page 67-f: *School districts may appeal to the Section to gain relief from the prescribed penalty if the violation of eligibility standards resulted from circumstances out of district control.* In a motion by Greene/Staves new wording for the Sports Standards Chart and Sports Standards in regards to the proposal for number of contests for cross country, winter track and outdoor track was **APPROVED** as follows: Add to Sport Standards Chart on pages 74 & 75, + *indicates maximum number of contests in which an individual competitor may participate (cross country, winter track, outdoor track)* and add to #34-Cross Country, 42-Outdoor Track & Field and 50-Winter Track, *An individual competitor may participate in a maximum of 18 contests.* A motion by Pizzarelli/Witkowski **APPROVED** the following under Olympic Development Programs-Page 66, #17: A student may participate as an individual as a

member of a National Team or in an Olympic Development Program during the school year. *To participate in NYSPHSAA programs in that sport, individuals must meet the sports' standards.* She stated they are seeking feedback from coordinators on the following issue: When a team uses an ineligible competitor that results in the team forfeiting the contest, should the performance of the other individual competitors stand or be forfeited? She asked if Sections and Sport Coordinators had any suggestions for Handbook changes to get in touch with a member of the committee as this is a publication year. She announced the next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2004 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Budget & Finance Committee. Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported the minutes of the December 2, 2003 meeting were in the meeting folders. In a motion by DiCesare/Pizzarelli it was **APPROVED** to increase the Friends and Neighbors dues to \$200. She announced the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2004 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

DISCUSSION

The issue of changing the contract language in the 2004-2006 State Officials Agreement was taken back to the Sections for discussion after the October Executive Committee meeting. In a motion by DeCillis/Marshall the proposed contract language change related to local Section grievances in the 2004-2006 State Officials Agreement was **DEFEATED**.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sport Season Committee. Chairman Jim Osborne reported the committee had met twice since the October Executive Committee meeting. He stated Executive Director Nina Van Erk will be putting together a Power Point presentation to go out to the Sections which will be presented by the Sectional representative on the committee. He reported the committee believes it is very important to move this issue forward and will be presenting this issue along with the Power Point presentation at the April Executive Committee meeting. He announced their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2004 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Non Public School Classification Committee. Chairman Jack Jones reported the committee met on December 8th and heard presentations from Section 2 and Section 3 on how they classify their non-public schools. He announced their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 10:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Kent Gray reported the reorganization of his department is completed. His phone number and fax number are the same. His address is now Room 320EB, Albany, NY 12234. He thanked Nina and Walter for attending a meeting on November 25, 2003 regarding the Mixed Competition regulation. He stated there will be no change in the regulation as there was no conflict with the NFHS rules or the SED rules. He stated the next meeting of the Selective Classification is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2004. He noted the committee is moving in the direction of recommending the use of the Tanner Scale for boys and girls. He stated the American Pediatric charts will also be revamped. He thanked Nina for hosting the meetings at the Association office.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Roger Brown thanked the Association for their partnership with the NYSAAA in regards to the educational frameworks ad that appeared in the championship programs. He thanked NYSPHSAA Executive Director Nina Van Erk, NYSAAA Executive Director Alan Mallanda and Bob Goldberg for conducting the Athletic Director workshops throughout the state. He reported there was a meeting in October regarding making an attempt to standardize the coaching course starting with the Philosophy Coaching Course. He stated there will be a meeting at their annual conference on March 17, 2004 from 2PM to 4 PM regarding the philosophy courses and instructors and

asked that instructors in other chapters bring their philosophy course curriculums so that the curriculum content can be standardized. He noted their annual conference is scheduled for March 17-20, 2004 at the Prime Hotel in Saratoga with the theme of "A Challenge To Go Above and Beyond". He announced Pat Pizzarelli (8) will be the next new President of the NYSAAA.

A motion by Pizzarelli/Ransom to adjourn at 5:30PM was **APPROVED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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