

**Center for Interscholastic Athletics  
Section One, Inc.**



**Executive Committee Minutes**

August 28, 2020

**Attendance:**

Karen Peterson, President	John Bauerlein, Conference III
James Mackin, Principal Rep, 2nd Vice President	Matt Cameron, Conference I
Dr. Marc Baiocco, Southern Westchester Supt.	Joe Sigillo, Conference II
Michael Cring, At-large Athletic Director	
Anthony DiCarlo, Supt. Liaison to Athletic Council	
Dr. Kris Felicello, Rockland Supt.	
Dr. Harold Coles, SWBOCES Supt.	
Dr. Brendan Lyons, Putnam/Northern Westchester Supt., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	
Dr. Matt Landahl, Dutchess Supt. Rep	

Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer Section One, Inc.

Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director, CIA/Section One, Inc.

Brian Howard, Director of Communications

**Absent:**

Dr. Joe Ricca, Southern Westchester Supt.

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

*Meeting called to order at 10:04am*

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda: Bauerlein / Cring*

***Approved: Unanimous***

**III. Introduction of New Members**

- Matt Cameron – Athletic Director (White Plains), Conference I
- Dr. Matt Landahl – Superintendent of Schools (Beacon), Dutchess Superintendent Rep
- Dr. Kris Felicello – Superintendent of Schools (North Rockland), Rockland Superintendent Rep
- Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director SWBOCES/Section 1

**Term Change Effective September 1st:**

- Dr. Brendan Lyons, President
- Jim Mackin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Joe Sigillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

#### IV. Information Item:

##### 2020-21 Executive Committee Meeting Dates

*Calendar invites will be sent to Administrative Assistants of each member on the Executive Committee.*

- October 5, 2020
- November 23, 2020
- January 25, 2021
- March 22, 2021
- May 24, 2021

#### V. General Action/Discussion Items:

##### **(D) Consideration of Fall 2020 start date for interscholastic athletics in Section 1**

##### Section Executive Directors / NYSPHSAA Task Force Update

- Governor Cuomo briefing on August 24<sup>th</sup>
  - September 21<sup>st</sup> - low and moderate risk sports authorized to begin
    - No hosting/operating school sponsored practices until Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Travel restrictions until October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - High risk sports may practice but are not authorized to play
- Risk Assessment (NYS DOH vs. NFHS)
  - *All school based sports must follow the NYS DOH guidance*
- Received written guidance from DOH (Thursday, PM)
  - *NYSPHSAA guidelines and protocols with information regarding sport specific procedures to be released no later than Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*
    - *Discussion occurred around having the Section One Safety Committee potentially reviewing this guidance.*

##### Section 1 COVID Task Force Update

- Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents Athletics Survey
  - *Discussion around distributing a revised survey, reflecting updated questions to be distributed to the Superintendents of LHCSS.*
  - *As of 8/28, 28 respondents. Desirable to have at least 50% response rate to assist in guiding a decision. Superintendents will remind their colleagues to respond to assist the Executive Committee in making a decision.*
- NYSCOSS Letter to Governor Cuomo
- Start Date/Framework for Fall 2020 Sports Season

##### Next Steps

- Additional info/data needed
  - Updated LHCSS Survey questions are being crafted by Todd Santabarbara
- Draft survey questions:
  - *How many schools would be willing to begin conditioning workouts for their student athletes on 9/21 with competition scheduled after Monday October 5th? (to be reassessed in roughly two week increments)*
  - *Gather information regarding how many schools are currently using their gyms for classroom space (impacting volleyball).*

- Questions identified for further explanation:
  - *If a season begins and it is then halted for any reason can it be resumed at a later date?*
  - *Potential challenges scheduling XC due to the lack of availability of non-school based venues*
  - *AD reps shared their concerns regarding the lack of coaching appointments across the Section.*
  - *A discussion occurred about the need to provide additional information regarding the upcoming Varsity Girls Swim season. The committee will likely look to the Swim Chairperson (Chris Serra) for his recommendation based on facility availability.*
  - *It is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that schools delay the opening of their sports registration until after the Executive Committee meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*
- Timeline for Executive Committee approval of return to play start date
  - *Next meeting – Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm*
- Messaging / Press Release
  - *Consistent message, streamlined from the Section 1 office*

## VI. Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn – Bauerlein / Cring*

***Approved: Unanimous***