

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2013**

The District 9 Committee held the August 20, 2013, meeting at Bavarian Hills Golf Club, St. Marys, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Scott Daum, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Susan Valentine, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Emily Mitchel, Jay Israel, and Chris Horning were guests at the meeting.

Jay Israel, Athletic Director at Kane Area High School, presented information concerning a request for a Kane Area High School student to be granted an additional year of eligibility. The district committee entered executive session. A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Roger Collins to table the request until more information is provided by Kane Area High School. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Manners welcomed two new members of the committee. Scott Daum is the school boards representative and Bill Howard is the athletic director at Oswayo Valley High School.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2013 and June 12, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Sandi Hanes to accept the April, May, June, July, and August treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

Spring sports financial reports were presented.

Sportsmanship Awards stipend was discussed. The award will remain at \$1500.00 per year.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Sandi Hanes to present championship medals rather than plaques. The motion carried unanimously. (If schools want to purchase plaques, they can be purchased from Siegel Engraving Company in Clearfield.)

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

In the 2013 – 2014 school year, there have been seven transfer requests and one eligibility request for a foreign exchange student.

A request was received to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Austin Area High School and Cameron County High School in boy's golf. A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Susan Valentine to approve the cooperative. The motion carried unanimously.

Cooperative sports agreement between Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School have been approved for football, soccer, girls' tennis, and softball. The schools must re-apply for consideration for a cooperative agreement in baseball. Cooperative sports agreements must be in existence for a minimum of two years.

Information was presented concerning the License Resource Group. Schools can receive a sum of money for school logo items sold at local stores. There are a number of District 9 schools that have taken advantage of the program. Schools can sign-up for the program at the LRG website.

The PIAA is conducting a contest for a “One Hundred Year Logo.” Students can submit entries until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Check the PIAA Website for more information.

A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Scott Daum to accept the 2013 – 2014 District 9 Committee appointments. The motion carried unanimously. (List of the committees can be found in your copy of Quick Facts.)

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Matt Splain to eliminate the following committees: corporate sponsors, seeding, website, and workshops. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussion concerning awarding the 2012 – 2013 District 9 Sportsmanship Award, a motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Roger Collins to table the selection until the September meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Wolbert and Bud Brennen presented a few highlights from the PIAA Officials’ Convention. The gender issue of boys and girls playing on opposite sex teams was an issue discussed. Schools cannot add a contest to their schedule to aid a coach or player who was disqualified for unsportsmanship conduct. The PIAA may begin official evaluations on electronic forms. There was discussion concerning the number of official’s chapters in various districts.

A concern was raised by Randy Cathcart concerning the AML attempting to have St. Marys Area High School leave the KSAC Football League and become a member of the AML.

#### **SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**CROSS COUNTRY:** The 2013 – 2014 district meet will remain on Saturday.

**FOOTBALL:** The playoff format for all four football classifications was discussed.

AAAA – no change

AAA - A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Dave Osborne to keep the same “AAA” football format as the 2012 – 2013 season. The motion carried with Bill Vassallo casting a negative vote.

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A - A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Matt Splain to adjust the entries in the “A” tournament as follows:

AML will have three entries

KSAC will have two entries

Three “at large” entries

The motion carried unanimously.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** Discussion was held concerning combining the “AAA” and “AA” meets. Holding the “AAA” meet at Dubois Area High School was also discussed. (Dubois has an eight lane track.) For the 2013 – 2014 track and field championship meets, Brookville and Kane will be the host sites. The committee will look at various options for the next cycle.

**VOLLEYBALL:** In the championship format, teams will play for a “true second.”

Seeding for the winter sports championship should be present at the October meeting.

Discussion was held concerning schools that have 50 % rule to enter district playoffs. A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Vassallo if a school has a 50% rule and has indicated they will enter a tournament, there is an “op-out” clause after the last scheduled game. To “op-out” of the playoffs the request must be based on school board policy. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Bill Howard to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be held on September 18, 2103 at 9:00 at Aiello’s Café in Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary