

**DISTRICT 9**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 15, 2014**

The District 9 Committee held the January 15, 2014 meeting at Aiello's Café Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the minutes from the October 23, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the October, November, December, and January treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

The accounts receivable report was provided to the committee.

Fall sports financial reports were presented, as well as, reports on awards, entry fees, merchandise, and programs.

The amount of money to be retained in the budget reserve was discussed.

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

Amy Beers, Principal at Sheffield Area High School, Corey Copley, Athletic Director at Sheffield Area High School, and Peter Grecco, Athletic Director at Brockway Area High School, addressed the committee expressing their school districts concerns with the cancellation of a football game between Redbank Valley High School and Smethport Area High School. Canceling the game had an impact on the seeding for the "A" football playoffs.

Rick Woodring, Athletic Director at Smethport Area High School, explained to the committee the action taken by the Smethport Area High School Administration to correct a violation of PIAA rules. An eighth grade student participated in a varsity golf match.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Letters were received from Brockway Area School District and Sheffield Area High School concerning the cancellation of a football game between Redbank Valley High School and Smethport Area High.

A letter was received from Don Walters, a football official, requesting that registered football officials be used to "run the chains" at District 9 Football Playoff Games. The topic was discussed by the committee and was referred to the football steering committee.

A letter was received from the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference and the Allegany Mountain League requesting permission for their leagues to conduct championship basketball games. Motions were made by Tony Flint and Tim Walter and seconded by Randy Cathcart and Scott Daum to grant permission to play the contests. The motions passed unanimously.

An informational letter was received from Bill Howard, Athletic Director at Oswayo Valley High School, concerning the conduct of players and fans of a basketball opponent. The game was played at Oswayo Valley High School.

A letter was received from Dave Osborne, Athletic Director at Brookville Area High School, explaining using an academically ineligible eighth grade student in a junior high school basketball game. Mr. Osborne presented an action

plan to prevent a similar situation from reoccurring. The contest in which the student participated was forfeited. A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the explanation and action taken by Brookville Area High School. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

On a third and final reading, the Board of Directors passed the PIAA/PSADA initiative to implement a coaching education program. Please check the PIAA Website for information on the courses. There may be a reduction from the projected cost of the courses.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Susan Valentine for A C Valley High School Administration to present their action program adopted by their school district to prevent a student for a non-PIAA school participating on an A C Valley High School athletic team. The motion carried with one descending vote. (Tony Flint)

The district committee has approved 22 athletic transfer requests this school year.

The cooperative sports agreement between West Forest High School and Kane Area High School in wrestling has been approved.

The district committee will consider changes in payment fees for certified athletic trainers at the August meeting.

#### **THE ANNUAL PRINCIPALS' MEETING, ELECTION, AND LUNCHEON WILL BE ON APRIL 3, 2014 AT AIELLO'S CAFÉ.**

(In the near future, more information will be provided)

#### **Informational Items:**

If your school uses "carpet runners" in your gym, please review the National Federation Rule concerning "carpet runners" on gym floors at basketball games.

If your school, conference, or league uses official assignors, please refer to page 41 Policies and Procedures of the PIAA Handbook. The assignor needs a signed contract with the school or conference. **Schools are to have signed contracts for all contests and officials.**

The annual election for membership on the District 9 Committee will be held on April 3, 2014. There will be a vacancy or vacancies on the committee. Information concerning the process to run for a position on the committee is attached.

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

##### **SPIRIT COMPETITION:**

A concern has been expressed by a number school administrators concerning the number of schools that are permitted to compete at the PIAA final competition. One major concern is the cost to the schools.

##### **BASKETBALL:**

Basketball information will be emailed to schools on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

##### **FOOTBALL:**

A number of concerns were presented to the committee:

Canceling games to gain an advantage in seeding for playoffs.

Use of officials for "chain crews" at district playoff games.

Review selection and seeding procedure. (Especially in classes "A" and "AAA")

Football enrollment numbers per classification were given to the committee.

The PIAA Football Steering Committee and the Board of Directors (first reading) passed a modification in the language in the Code of Ethics of the PIAA By-Laws to include language to address a school canceling, scheduling or rescheduling of a contest to gain a competitive advantage.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING:**

District 9 "AA" Swimming and Diving Championships will be held at St. Marys Area High School.

Diving – Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Swimming – Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

The next District 9 meeting will be announced at a later date. The Annual Principals' Meeting will be on April 3, 2014 at Aiello's Café Ridgway, PA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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District 9 Secretary