

## **DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 17, 2007**

The District 9 Committee held the January 17, 2007 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Mike Brown, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Denny Geitner, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tom Wagner, and Tim Walter.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the minutes of the December meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCE: A motion was made by Mike Brown and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

School payments for entry fees, awards, and merchandise were reviewed.

The finance committee will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of seeking corporate sponsorship for District 9 championship tournaments. There are a few districts that use corporate sponsors. A motion was made by Denny Geitner and seconded by Carla Smith for the finance committee to investigate the use of corporate sponsors. The motion carried.

The PIAA is using Market Street Sports group as a resource for corporate sponsorship.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

At the present time, Redbank Valley High School is the only District 9 School participating in the Learning Through Sports Program.

An article from the Allentown Morning Call was given to the committee. The article dealt with a law suit filed by an ex-athlete who has sued her former school district and the head and assistant basketball coaches for what she says are permanent disabilities stemming from being allowed to play after suffering a head injury in a 2005 game.

A committee reviewed the circumstances involving a potential cooperative sports agreement between two District 9 schools. No action needed to be taken.

The committee reviewed a transfer case from District 7 and upheld by the PIAA Board of Appeals. A student's family moved from the Mt. Lebanon School District to the Canon-McMillan School District. The case is scheduled for federal court.

A letter was received from Mr. Todd MacBeth, Principal of Clarion Area High School. Mr. MacBeth responded to a concern that a visiting school had regarding the behavior of some students at a volleyball match. The committee thanked Mr. MacBeth and his school for taking a pro-active approach concerning student behavior.

A chart with the enrollments of the Philadelphia Catholic League Schools that will be joining the PIAA was given to the committee.

A letter dealing with "weather concerns" at the district cross country meet was turned over to the cross country committee.

### **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

The time schedule for the annual principals' meeting and annual banquet were discussed.

If a principal has an agenda item for discussion at the principals' meeting, please put the item in writing and send or e-mail to Jim Manners or Bob Tonkin.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Mike Brown to deny a request from Johnsonburg Area High School to grant athletic eligibility to two students who transferred to Johnsonburg Area High School from Ridgway Area High School. The request was denied under Article VI, Sections 4A, 4D-2, and 4D-3. The motion carried.

A new transfer rule was presented and discussed by the committee. The second reading of the proposal will be at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Proposed changes in the football season will be discussed at the January Board of Directors meeting.

The committee to investigate the position of assistant treasure will report at the February meeting.

A report on the status of keeping records of the "History of District 9 Playoff Tournaments" will be presented at the February meeting.

The method of counting out of state competition for District 9 seeding purposes will be on the June agenda.

#### **SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

Cross Country and Track - At the cross country and track steering committee workshop, the request of a wheelchair athlete to compete at track and field meets was referred to legal council. Adding a classification to cross country was passed by the cross country steering committee and will be considered by the Board of Directors

Golf - There were to be too many golfers participating in the regional golf tournament. Adjustments will be made.

Volleyball - The method of counting tournament matches will be discussed at the June meeting.

Basketball - A motion was made by Mike Brown and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler that all "AAA" semi-final basketball games will be played at the site of the higher seeded team. The motion carried.

Baden basketballs will be the official basketball for the District 9 and PIAA tournament games.

Swimming and Diving - Information for the Districts 6/9 championship meets is located on the District 6 and 9 websites.

Wrestling - Wrestling information was sent to District 9 schools and has been put on the district's website. The first round of the individual team tournament has been set for Clearfield Area High School.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on February 14, 2007 at a site and time to be announced.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary