

**DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2006
RIDGWAY, PA**

On January 18, 2006, the District 9 Committee met at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Mike Brown, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Cindy Wagner, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

At 12:00 PM Chairman Manners called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Ed Babcock to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2005 meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCES:

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Mike Brown to accept the treasure's report. The motion carried.

A summary of the over due entry fees was given. Financial summary for the fall sports (cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball) was presented. A report showing the amount of money paid to Clarion University for rental fees (PIAA and District events) was given.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Randy Cathcart to sell a number of track and field implements to the highest bidding school. The motion passed. A list of the implements is attached to the minutes.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Mike Brown to reimburse Cathedral Prep High School and Dubois Area High School \$500.00 each for their participation in the AAAA District 9/District 10 football game. The motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter received from an officials chapter concerning the fees paid to officials by District 9 schools will be an agenda item at the February meeting.

The results of two appeal hearings concerning a student from Dubois Area High School and a student from Clarion-Limestone were discussed. The PIAA hearing panel upheld the District 9 decision not to grant athletic eligibility to the Dubois Area High School student. The District 2 decision to grant athletic eligibility to the Clarion-Limestone High School student was over-turned.

Please continue to update any changes in your school's e-mail list.

A letter was received from Mr. Jeff Kepler, Principal at Kane Area High School, explaining the participation of an academically ineligible wrestler in a match with Brockway Area High School. Kane Area High School has forfeited the match and has insured the district committee that a procedure has been established to prevent a similar situation from taking place. A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler for the district committee to accept the explanation and to commend Kane Area High School for establishing a format to prevent future problems. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

An update of the recent Board of Directors meeting will be e-mailed by February 1, 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

When the Board of Directors passes the 2006-07 and 2007-08 brackets, meetings will be established with the Districts 6 and 10 Chairmen to discuss the format for playoff events between District 9 and teams from Districts 6 and 10.

The establishment of a "committee" to research the history of District 9 will be discussed at the February meeting.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tim Walter to grant athletic eligibility to Mollyann M. Schaut, a student transferring from Elk County Catholic High School to St. Marys Area High School. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

ELECTION:

Election committee chairman, Roger Collins, reported that his committee recommends the District 9 elections follow the same format as the past year. A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Ed Babcock to accept the recommendation of the election committee. The motion passed with one negative vote.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

A list of fall disqualifications was given to the committee.

MERCHANDISE:

All "miss printed" soccer shirts have been replaced at no cost to District 9.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

FOOTBALL:

The method of seeding teams for the 2006-07 playoff games was discussed. The committee will vote on the method of seeding teams at the February meeting.

Tim Walter reported on a meeting of the District 9 Athletic Directors who were considering expanding their football schedules to include District 9 AAA schools.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Ed Babcock for the District 9 Committee not to create leagues, conferences, and schedules for District 9 schools. The motion passed unanimously.

BASKETBALL, SWIMMING AND DIVING, AND WRESTLING:

Playoff information for basketball, swimming and diving, and wrestling has been mailed to District 9 school. If you have any questions concerning the tournament, contact the chairman of the sport in question.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL:

A letter was received from Mr. Larry Hanna, District 9 Baseball Rule Interpreter, concerning a number of officials' issues with the district baseball and softball tournaments. The letter was referred to the District 9 Baseball and Softball Chairmen.

THE NEXT DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 15, 2006 AT AIELLO'S CAFÉ AT 1:00 PM.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PIAA WEBSITE.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Susan Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

TRACK AND FIELD IMPLEMENTS

The following is a list of the implements that were purchased by the district committee for use at the District 9 Track and Field Meets. Over the past years, athletes did not use the implements but used implements provided by their home schools.

The district committee voted to sell the implements to the highest bidding District 9 School.

Please bid on all the implements, as a group, rather than a bid for each implement.

- 4 – Gill Discus Carrying Bags
- 4 – Gill Shot Carrying Bags
- 3 – Girls' (1.0 kg) Wooden Discus
- 3 – Girls' (1.0 kg) Rubber Discus
- 3 – Boys' (1.6 kg) Wooden Discus
- 3 – Boys' (1.6 kg) Rubber Discus
- 4 – Girls' (4.0 kg) Shot Puts
- 4 – Boys' (5.433 kg) Shot Puts

If your school wants to bid on these items, please complete the following form and mail to Bob Tonkin, District 9 Secretary 62 Oaks Street Brookville, PA 15825. Bids will be accepted until February 14, 2006 at 3:00 PM. Bids will be opened on February 15, 2005 at 12:30 PM at Aiello's Café, Ridgway, PA.

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

AMOUNT OF BID: \$ _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

POSITION: _____