

Minutes of District IX Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Members present were Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Brock Benson, Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Kevin Doverspike, Scott Daum, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Bill Howard, Dave Osborne, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert. Absent were Bob Tonkin, Sandi, Hanes, and Matt Splain.

A presentation was given by athletic trainers from Kane H.S., St. Marys H.S., and Brookville H.S. Items addressed included payment fees for covering District IX events, liability issues, and providing supplies for covered events. The committee decided to postpone/table the conversation to a later date and keep the system we have at the present time.

No minutes or treasurer's report was given due to the absence of Bob Tonkin.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub to accept a letter from Cranberry High School concerning the playing of an ineligible player. The motion was seconded by Kevin Doverspike. It passed unanimously. No further action was taken.

Bill Howard made a motion to accept a letter from the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference to hold its annual KSAC Basketball Championship Games at Clarion University on Friday, February 17, 2017. Pete Grecco seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Jim Manners reviewed items discussed at the January Board of Directors Meeting that were pertinent to District IX such as the pitch count and the ball contract. It was the general consensus to support the verbage concerning football practice with pads but there needs to be better clarification.

Scott Daum made a motion to accept the transfer of an eighth grade student to Elk County Catholic from two non-PIAA schools. Tim Walter seconded the motion. Motion passed 13-0-1.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the varsity baseball co-op between Venango Catholic and Oil City. Motion passed unanimously.

Brock Benson reported the progress and concerns in regards to the development of a District IX Football League. Another meeting is scheduled for March 29.

It was the consensus of the committee to not allow for any special rates to be given to the Kane radio station. Jim Manners will notify the proper individuals of the no change in fees if they wish to broadcast in the future.

The committee was notified that Bob Tonkin will no longer be serving as the jr. high representative. Because of this decision, a motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Mike Erickson to place the position on the upcoming ballot for a Jr. High/Middle School Representative to serve on the committee with the same criteria as all other elected positions. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Scott Daum, to hire Bob Tonkin as the secretary/treasurer of the District IX Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Bill Vassallo to approve a co-op between Coudersport and Northern Potter for boys' and girls' golf. That motion passed unanimously.

Aaron Straub made a motion, seconded by Randy Cathcart, to suspend the use of any existing handbook pending all updates and to operate under the current PIAA by-laws. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy Cathcart made the motion to approve the eligibility of a Keystone student. It was seconded by Aaron Straub. Passed unanimously.

Bill Howard made a motion to approve the eligibility of a Moniteau student. That motion was seconded by Pete Grecco. It also passed unanimously.

The following recommendations concerning District IX boys' and girls' golf were unanimously approved after a motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Randy Cathcart. **Boys' Golf** – Continue to allow two golfers per school. **In AA** – take the next sixteen (16) best average scores to qualify for the individual champion. **In AAA** – take the next four (4) best average scores. *Scores will be rounded to the next hundredth of a point. **Team Golf – Boys** – Any team with an average of 180 or below will be given an automatic bid for entry to the tournament. *Regardless of average – **AA** schools will be guaranteed at least six best scores. **AAA** schools will be guaranteed at least the two best scores. **Girls' AA and AAA Golf** – the individual score will be raised from 48 to 50.

Randy Cathcart recognized the winners of District IX Team Wrestling. **AA – Brookville and AAA – Dubois.**

Individual Wrestling Championships will be held at Clearfield High School on February 24 and 25.

The District IX Swimming and Diving Championships are being held March 3 and 4 at Clearfield High School.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Tim Walter. Motion passed unanimously.