

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 7, 2012**

The District 9 Committee held the March 7, 2012 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, Kevin Doverspike, Ton Flint, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Carla Smith, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

Bonnie Wolbert, Tom Logan, and Dick Fenstermaker were welcomed as guests.

Dave Osborne, Athletic Director at Brookville Area High School, was welcomed as a new member of the district committee.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the January, February, and March treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

Updates on merchandise, programs, and entry fees were presented.

Dick Fenstermaker updated the committee on the merchandise sold to schools and merchandise that will be available to committee members and P.I.A.A. officials.

A motion was made Bob Wicker and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to reimburse committee members \$100.00 to purchase committee approved merchandise. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Sandi Hanes for the district committee to purchase the following District 9 merchandise for new committee members: winter jacket, hat, and committee shirt. The motion carried unanimously

Financial reports from the winter championship tournaments were presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The terms "bounded and non-bounded" schools were discussed. The new definitions will appear in the glossary of the P.I.A.A. Handbook.

A letter was received from Mr. Steven Young, Superintendent of North Clarion School District, concerning an incident between two schools that centered on racial gestures and racial slurs. Also, there is a concern with male students not wearing shirts and their upper bodies painted. This usually occurs at playoff games.

The committee discussed both situations. Discussed were the responsibilities, powers, and duties concerning local control at athletic events and the responsibilities, powers, and duties over district and inter-district events by the district committee.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

A number of agenda items for consideration at the March Board of Directors meeting were discussed and direction on voting was given to Chairman Manners.

The concern of “body painting” will be put on the agenda for the basketball steering committee meeting.

A major concern from District 9 Committee Members, Administrators, Athletic Directors, etc. was a motion to consolidate the twelve PIAA districts into eight districts. At the Board of Directors meeting the motion did not pass. There was a rumor that an amendment might appear on the ballot at the principals’ meeting. The amendment will not appear on the ballot.

Discussion on the consolidation issue will be held at the Annual Principals’ Meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Dan Kysor and seconded by Roger Collins to approve a co-operative sports agreement between Clarion Area High School and North Clarion High School in the sport of football pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried with one abstention. (Randy Cathcart)

Attached is a list of questions to be asked to the PIAA concerning the establishment of competitive cheerleading as a PIAA sponsored sport.

Attached is the ballot for the 2012 – 2013 election for District 9 members. Also attached is a proxy form to be completed by the high school principal giving permission to another to cast a ballot in his absence.

The number of ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct has increased by six to twenty-one in District 9. (fall and winter sports seasons)

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**FOOTBALL:**

If a number of details can be worked out, District 9 will conduct a championship “AAA” football game for the 2012 through 2014 seasons.

**BASKETBALL:**

After this season, there will be no more “play-in” basketball games.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING:**

There is a concern from District 6 about the 2012 – 2014 regional swimming and diving brackets. If adopted, District 9 would conduct our own “AA” championship and Dubois Area High School would compete in District 10 “AAA” meet.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Sandi Hanes and seconded by Tony Flint to vote in favor of the proposed brackets. The motion carried unanimously.

**WRESTLING:**

A letter was received from the North Central Wrestling Officials Chapter requesting the district committee investigate the use of two officials for selected matches. Since the committee does not have the authority to hire officials for member schools, the letter will be passed on to the proper authorities.

Information concerning the next Annual District 9 Principals’ Meeting, Annual Election, and Luncheon will be email to all principals and athletic directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin  
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