

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 11, 2014**

The District 9 Committee held the June 11, 2014 meeting at Aiello's Cafe, Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Roger Collins, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, and Bonnie Wolbert. Brock Benson was a guest.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Bill Howard to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the April, May, and June treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

All spring sports financial reports were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Jeff Vizza, Principal of Dubois Area High School, concerning a violation of the pitching rule. Dubois Area High School has forfeited the contest, notified the media of the violation, and requires the head coach to provide the athletic director with information concerning his pitchers. A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Bill Vassallo to accept the action plan provided by Dubois Area High School. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held dealing with the pitching rule and the enforcement of the rule.

A letter was received from Tim Janocko, Principal of Clearfield Area High School, and Robert Gearhart, Athletic Director of Clearfield Area High School, concerning a mistake made in filing the entry form for the 2013-2014 District 9 Baseball Tournament. A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Bill Howard instructing Chairman Manners to inform Clearfield Area High School of the ramifications of filing the incorrect entry information. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Manners will send a memo to all District 9 Schools informing the schools about the use of "pin" numbers in completing district entry forms. Also, new numbers will be provided.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On May 2, 2104 District 9 Sub-committees met. The following is a summary of the meetings and any actions taken as a result of the meetings.

FOOTBALL:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to use the following criteria for seeding teams for the District 9 Football Playoffs:

AAA – PIAA Power Rating System – based on all games played

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A - Follow the same format as used in previous years (Format will be mailed with 2013 – 2014 Football Playoff Information in August)

The motion carried with one negative vote. (Tony Flint)

BASKETBALL:

After much discussion concerning various methods to seed the "A" playoff teams, a motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Scott Daum to table the seeding issue until the August meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

Budget Reserve – the committee will recommend transferring an amount of money from the checking account to the budget reserve fund. The amount to be transferred will be determined at the end of the fiscal year.

Ticket Prices – The sub-committee will propose increasing the ticket prices from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 to \$3.00 for students at only the districts final events.

Various Fees (officials, sports chairmen, trainers, game and site managers, etc.) The entire committee will discuss the District 9 Fee Structure at the August meeting.

Audit Committee – The annual internal audit will be conducted on July 15, 2014 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway. If you are interested on serving on the committee please contact Roger Collins or Bob Tonkin.

MERCHANDISE AND PROGRAMS:

Final proposal for merchandise and programs will be presented at the August meeting.

HANDBOOK AND WEBSITE:

The District 9 Handbook and Website need to be updated. Roger Collins, Tony Flint, and Bob Tonkin will be looking at various methods to update the Handbook. Each sports chairman should update their sport on the website.

ELECTIONS:

The sub-committee discussed the format for election to the district committee. Also, discussed was requiring a school to cast the maximum number of votes for the ballot to be counted. The committee recommends no changes to the present system.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Scott Daum to dissolve the cooperative sports agreement between North Clarion High School and East Forest High School in girls' basketball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Dave Osborne to approve the cooperative sports agreement between West Forest High School and East Forest High School in boys' and girls' basketball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Sandi Hanes to approve the cooperative sports agreement between West Forest High School, East Forest High School, and North Clarion High School in softball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the cooperative sports agreement between North Clarion High School and Clarion Area High School in wrestling. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: A summary of the May 2014 Board of Directors meeting can be found on the PIAA Website. A number of informational items were presented by Chairman Manners.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

The PIAA Summer Workshops will be held on June 18 and 19, 2014.

SPORTSMANSHIP: A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Scott Daum to award the 2013 – 2014 District 9 / PIAA Sportsmanship Awards to Karns City High School, Port Allegany High School, and Oswayo Valley High School. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

GOLF:

The locations for the 2014 – 2015 district golf tournaments are boys' golf tournament at Punxsutawney Country Club and girls' golf tournament at Pinecrest Country Club – Brookville.

TENNIS:

There is a possibility of just the tennis courts in Bradford for the 2014 – 2015 tournaments.

SPIRIT COMPETITION:

The same format will be used this year as used for the 2013 – 2014 tournament. The number of teams to qualify for the state tournament is seven.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL:

There is a questions concerning the bracketing for the “AAA” state tournament.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Roger Collins to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on August 19th at Bavarian Hills Country Club in St. Marys at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary