

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 13, 2007**

The District 9 committee held the June 13, 2007 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Mike Brown, Tony Flint, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Dave Stanley, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Bob Wicker, and Tim Walter.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tim Wakter to accept the minutes of the February meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Valentine and seconded by Bob Wicker to accept the proposal from the budget committee to obtain corporate sponsorship from the United States Army Recruiting Station. The motion passed unanimously.

The spring entry fees were reviewed.

A report of the revenues and expenses of the spring championship events was presented to the committee.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Tim Walter to split the cost of the Districts 6, 9, and 10 boys' volleyball tournament by each district paying one-third of the cost of the tournament.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Mr. Walter Fitch, Superintendent of the Johnsonburg Area School District, clarifying that the Ridgway Area School District and the Johnsonburg Area School District were not interested in a cooperative sports agreement in track and field and gymnastics at the present time.

A letter was received from Mr. Josh Williams, Principal of the St. Marys Area School District, expressing a concern with the location for the district team wrestling and the number of competitions on the last day of the team tournament. The letter was referred to Randy Cathcart, District 9 Wrestling Chairman.

CHAIRMANS' UPDATE:

The revisions to the Transfer Rule were tabled to the July Board of Directors' meeting. The changes to the transfer rule were to be discussed at the various steering committee workshops.

There was no progress made in proposed changes to the football season.

There was discussion concerning a move to shorten the various sports seasons and reduce the number of contests in various sports. This will be an agenda item at the July Board of Directors' meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Carla Smith and seconded by Mike Brown to grant athletic eligibility to Ashley Jacobs a student at St. Marys Area High School. The motion carried.

A request to grant an Oswayo Valley High School student additional semesters of eligibility was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Jerry Linsenbigler and seconded by Mike Brown to grant athletic eligibility to Michael Joseph Rajecki, a student transfer from Center Grove North Middle School to DuBois Area High School. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Susan Valentine to grant athletic eligibility to Santiago Molina Perez, a foreign exchange student from Columbia. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Mike Brown to deny athletic eligibility to a Cameron County High School student based on age. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Susan Valentine to maintain the operation of the District 9 Website with Tom Elling and Barry Kline. The motion carried.

The following items were discussed and will be discussion items at future committee meetings: the format of the annual principals' meeting and annual banquet, a fall informational meeting for principals and athletic directors, seeding process for district championships, policy for forfeit of contests.

According to PIAA rules the Bradford Area High School football team must participate in the District 9 Football Championship even though they play in a District 10 league.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The audit committee will conduct the annual audit on July 11, 2007 in Emporium.

AWARDS:

The number of plaques given to District 9 athletes for the 2006 – 2007 school year was reviewed.

OFFICIALS:

There is a possibility a volleyball officials' chapter transferring from District 10 to District 9.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

The schools eligible to receive the 2006 – 2007 District 9 Sportsmanship Award will be discussed at the August meeting.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY:

The District 9 Championship Meet will be held on October 27 at the Ridgway Area Middle School. The PIAA will sponsor a meet on the site of the PIAA Championship Meet in Hershey. More information will follow.

GOLF:

The 2007 – 2008 District 9 Girls' Championship Match will be held at the Kane Country Club. The boys' tournament will be held at the Bavarian Hills Country Club in St. Marys.

BASKETBALL:

The basketball committee will continue to look at the seeding procedure for the District 9 Tournament.

The August District 9 Committee meeting will be held at Elk County Catholic High school on August 15th at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Mike Brown and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 secretary