

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2008**

The District 9 Committee held the August 13, 2008 meeting at Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys, PA. Chairman Jim Manners called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Denny Geitner, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Cindy Wagner, Tom Wagner, and Bob Wicker.

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

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

The financial reports from the 2007 – 2008 spring sports were given.

The amounts owed to District 9 for entry fees, merchandise, and awards were reviewed.

Jerry Linsenbigler and Aaron Straub gave reports on merchandise and awards.

The methods of determining financial arrangements with other PIAA districts that District 9 competes with were discussed. Chairman Manners will write a letter to discuss financial agreements with the chairmen of the other districts.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Bob Wicker to purchase a \$5,000.00 certificate of deposit for a six-month period and a \$30,000.00 certificate of deposit for a five-year period. The certificate of deposit will be purchased from the Edward Jones Company. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Susan Valentine to accept the 2008 – 2009 District 9 budget. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to establish a committee to investigate various companies to gain corporate sponsorships for championship events. The motion carried. Serving on the committee are Denny Geitner (chairman), and members of the budget committee.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to increase the radio fees for broadcasting District 9 events. Baseball, soccer, softball, and volleyball will be increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per contest. Basketball, football, team wrestling, and individual wrestling will be increased to \$75.00 per contest or session. The motion carried with one descending vote.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tom Wagner to increase the cost of baseball and softball ticket prices from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for students and from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for adults. The motion carried by a 12 to 1 vote.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to increase the entry fees from \$50.00 to \$60.00 for team events and \$5.00 to \$10.00 for individual events. The motion failed by a 4 to 8 vote.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Denny Geitner to increase entry fees from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for team events and \$5.00 to \$7.50 for individual events. The motion carried by a 10 to 2 vote.

A motion was made Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the District 9 payment structure fees for the 2008 – 2009 school year. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman's updates from the May and June Board of Directors' meetings will be e-mailed to schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Randy Cathcart to grant athletic eligibility to Bradley John Gallagher. (Transferring to Dubois Catholic High School from Bishop Canevin) The motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to grant athletic eligibility to Jacob Allen Adams. (Transferring to Curwensville Area High School from Clearfield Area High School) The motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Ed Babcock to grant athletic eligibility to Luke Sherry. (Transferring to Cameron County High School from Bucktail High School) The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Denny Geitner to deny athletic eligibility to a Clearfield Area High School student. Additional paperwork must be supplied before the transfer can be approved. (Transferring to Clearfield Area High School from Clearfield Alliance Christian School) The motion carried.

The following items were discussed: the constitutional provision that permits "red shirting" a student at the junior high school level, permitting sixth graders to participate at the junior high/middle school level, the loss of 29 junior high schools members from District 8 (District 8 schools permits 6th graders to participate in junior high school sports), and adding a coaches' representative to the district committee.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School in junior high and varsity boys' and girls' cross country and junior high and varsity boys' and girls' track and field. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Denny Geitner for the district committee not to support the proposal to require sports officials to get various non-criminal clearances. The motion failed. (The present proposal is too vague on the how to administer the proposal)

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded Ed Babcock to continue to use the services of Tom Elling to run the District 9 website. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the report from the audit committee. The motion carried. Serving on the audit committee were Susan Valentine, Northern Potter High School, Bob Miller, Smethport Area High School, Mark Dippold, Brockway Area High School, and Mark Budd, Port Allegany High School.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Susan Valentine to review the method of awarding contracts for awards and merchandise. This will be on the agenda for the January 2009 meeting. The motion carried.

Reports from the summer steering committees were given. Girls' Athletics – Susan Valentine, Private Schools - Aaron Straub, Parents' Advisory – Cindy Wagner, and Junior High/Middle Schools – Bob Tonkin.

The Sportsmanship Committee will present a list of schools to be considered for the 2007 – 2008 District 9 Sportsmanship Award at the September meeting.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

Please refer to the District 9 Quick Facts for the fall championship dates.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Aaron Straub to accept the football committee's format for the 2008 – 2009 District 9 Football Playoff Games. The motion carried.

Reports from the spring sports steering committees were given. Tennis and volleyball – Aaron Straub, Baseball – Tony Flint, Softball – Jerry Linsenbigler, and Track and Field – Bob Tonkin.

There will be a soccer committee meeting prior to the September District 9 committee meeting.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway at 10:00.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary