

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2012**

The District 9 Committee held the August 16, 2012 meeting at Straub Camp, St. Marys, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, Bob Wicker, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Scott Shingledecker was welcomed as a guest and Bonnie Wolbert was welcomed as the new female officials' representative.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Dan Kysor to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bud Brennen and seconded by Sandi Hanes to accept the June, July, and August treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

A review of the programs and merchandise sales was presented. A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Roger Collins to extend the contract of Barry Gould and Richard Fenstermake to produce District 9 championship programs and to sell District 9 merchandise for the next two years. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bud Brennen and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to increase the fee paid to officials who work District 9 championship contests by \$5.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Bill Vassallo to adopt the fee structures for the 2012 – 2013 school year. This includes fees for officials, game managers, site managers, evaluators, ticket prices, sports chairpersons, etc. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was sent to A. C. Valley High School informing the school that its football program is no longer on probation.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

An update of the July 2012 PIAA Board of Directors meeting was emailed to all District 9 schools.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Thus far there have been seven transfer requests and no foreign exchange student requests. A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Roger Collins to grant athletic eligibility to six of the seven students requesting athletic eligibility. The motion carried unanimously.

A hearing was held on August 13, 2012 concerning a transfer request by Dubois Catholic High School. The student in question was a former student at Dubois Area High School. The request for athletic eligibility was denied by an eight to zero vote.

The PIAA Board of Directors is considering adopting a policy dealing with contests where unsportsmanlike conduct (fights, bench clearing brawls, etc.) that threatens continuation of the contest. The policy stems from the inter-district baseball game between Bell-Vernon High School and Punxsutawney Area High School.

Legislative bills dealing with cardiac arrest and gender equality were not proposed or sponsored by the PIAA.

A current list of all District 9 schools that are part of a cooperative sports agreement will be obtained from the PIAA.

Districts 4 and 9 "AAA" individual wrestling tournament will be held in District 9 for a two year period. A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Sandi Hanes to permit some District 4 wrestling officials to officiate the tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

The schools eligible for the District 9 and PIAA Sportsmanship Award were discussed. A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Dave Osborne to select Cranberry Area High School, Smethport Area High School, and Curwensville Area High School as the winners of the 2011 – 2012 Sportsmanship Awards. The motion carried unanimously.

A report concerning a violation of the baseball pitching rule was presented by Aaron Straub, Athletic Director at Elk County Catholic High School. After much discussion, a motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Susan Valentine. Elk County Catholic must notify the District 9 schools they played and the schools played in the PIAA Baseball Tournament that Elk County Catholic is forfeiting games played after an ineligible player participated. They must submit an action plan to the district committee to prevent the occurrence of a similar violation including written reports tracking the pitching rule for each game played next season, they must publicly announce to the media the forfeiture of games at the district and inter-district levels, and report to the district committee at the September meeting that the school is complying with the requests. The motion carried with one abstention (Aaron Straub).

The PIAA has named Mark Byers as the Chief Operating Officer and Pat Gearhart as a new director in charge of officials.

The role of officials evaluators was discussed. District 9 committee is seeking greater information from the PIAA and other districts for the September meeting.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Sandi Hanes to accept the appointments to the District 9 subcommittees. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

#### **AUDIT:**

The audit committee met on July 11, 2012. The committee consisted of principals, athletic directors, committee members, and officials. A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the report of the committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**AWARDS:**

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the bid from Siegel Engraving Company of Clearfield, PA for the next three years. The motion carried unanimously.

**OFFICIALS:**

Over 1,000 officials attended the 2012 Officials' Convention.

**WEBSITE:**

A motion was made by Sandi Hanes and seconded by Bill Vassallo to hire Tom Elling and Barry Kline to run the District 9 Website for the 2012 – 2013 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

**CHEERLEADING:**

The District 9 cheerleading competition will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Dubois Area High School. The deadline to enter the competition will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Sandi Hanes to award plaques to the district champion and district runner-up teams. The motion carried unanimously.

**FOOTBALL:**

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to seed the District 9 "AAA" teams by giving undefeated teams a #1 seed and seed the other positions by the PIAA power rating system and adding schedule points. The motion carried with no votes cast by Bob Wicker, Susan Valentine, and Bill Vassallo.

A motion was made by Dan Kysor and seconded by Dave Osborne to accept the format for the "A" and "AA" football tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

The format for the 2012 – 2013 football playoffs will be sent to schools with the Quick Facts information.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING:**

The swimming and diving committee will meet after the conclusion of the committee meeting.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be September 19, 2012 at 9:00 AM at Aiello's Café.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary/Treasurer

