

DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

The District 9 Committee held the September 17, 2014 meeting at the Showers Field Complex in Dubois, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Brock Benson, Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Scott Daum, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Herm Suplizio, Dubois City Manager, and Joe Mitchell, Redevelopment Director, welcomed the committee to the Showers Field Complex and the City of Dubois.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Scott Daum to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the August and September treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

The selling of merchandise and programs were reviewed.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 1 and 2, 2014.

The District 9 Committee is supporting moving the starting date ahead four days for the 2015 – 2016 winter sports season.

The committee supports the ejection and two games suspension for an athlete or coach having physical contact with an official.

Schools are to use the electronic registration for certificates of eligibility on the PIAA website.

Schools should become familiar with the Gender Equality Rules that are found in the PIAA Handbook under Article XVI – Section 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The use of pin numbers by principals or their designees was discussed. Pin numbers must be used on entry forms where there is a space for the pin number to be entered.

The decline in the number of parochial junior high and middle schools was discussed.

The role of sports evaluators was discussed. The district committee is looking at various methods to evaluate officials with limited years of experience. A report will be given at the October committee meeting.

Thus far in the 2014 – 2015 school year, there have been six transfers and five foreign exchange students approved.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY: The district meet will follow the same schedule as last year. "Chip" timing was discussed. The committee will look at the advantages of "chip" timing and how many districts are using that method at their district meets.

TENNIS: The dates for district tennis were reviewed.

VOLLEYBALL: In "AA" classification District 8 will not have an entry. There will be no sub-region tournament. The number of entries will determine the days of the week matches will be played. Probably matches will be played on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

BASKETBALL: At the basketball sub-committee meeting, the consensus was not to seed using any league preference, not to have a committee seed the teams, and to maintain the present system or consider adding opponent's records. A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to seek input from the District 9 Athletic Directors Association, have the basketball sub-committee discuss the various proposals, recommend a proposal to the entire district committee, and vote on a seeding method for "A" basketball at the October District 9 Committee meeting. The motion passed with one negative vote. (Matt Splain)

SWIMMING AND DIVING: District 9 diving competition will be held on Friday, February 27 and swimming on February 28, 2015. Both competitions will be held at Clearfield Area High School.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on October 22, 2014 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA at 9:30 AM.

The basketball sub-committee will meet at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary