

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

The District 9 Committee held the September 18, 2013, meeting at Aiello's Café Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the minutes from the August 20, 21013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

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

Accounts payable were reviewed.

Roger Collins reported on the internal District 9 audit. The official report will be presented by Audit Chairperson, Sue Valentine, at the October meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A request was received from David Wright asking the District 9 Committee to purchase plaques for basketball coaches that display excellent sportsmanship. The district committee sponsors twenty sports and there would be the possibility of purchasing coaches awards in all sports. In some sports, awards are presented by coaching associations but not by district committees. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Tony Flint to decline the request. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Robert Miller, Principal at Smethport Area High School, reporting an eighth grade student participated in a varsity golf match. Smethport Area High School forfeited the match to Cameron County High School. A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Dave Osborne to accept the action taken by the Smethport Area High School administration to insure a similar incident does not occur again. The motion carried. Bonnie Wolbert, Matt Splain, and Bill Howard voted against the motion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:

Discussion was held concerning the passage of a motion by the PIAA Board of Directors that mandates all coaches, paid and non-paid, pass a certified coaching course/courses. The policy takes place on July 1, 2016.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Sandi Hanes to accept a cooperative sports agreement between Clarion Area High School and the Immaculate Conception Junior High School in girls' and boys' basketball pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried unanimously.

The recently passed "op-out" provision for championship entries was reviewed. The rule should help schools that have a .500 rule.

Schools requesting wearing pink uniforms should go to the PIAA Handbook (under

PIAA Handbook, green box – PIAA for Athletic Directors, under News and Announcements – 2013-2014 Uniform Policy Regarding Charity Events) to review the rules and regulations concerning uniforms.

At the August meeting, there was concern by the Keystone Sportway Athletic Conference that the Allegheny Mountain League was recruiting St. Mays Area High School to leave KSAC and join the AML. The AML response was there was no intent to cause a problem between the two leagues.

A motion was made by Aaron Struab and seconded by Bud Brennen to grant an additional year of eligibility to a Kane Area High School student. The date eligibility was granted on September 3, 2013. The Kane Area High School provided information concerning the reasons why an additional year of eligibility should be granted. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

OFFICIALS:

Thus far there have been three disqualifications in the fall sports.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Sandi Hanes to present the 2012 – 2013 District/PIAA Sportsmanship Award to St. Marys Area High School, Bradford Area High School and North Clarion High School. The motion carried with Bonnie Wolbert, Scott Daum, and Tim Walter abstaining.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY:

The district meet will be at Ridgway Area Elementary School on Saturday October 26th. Dubois Area High School will participate in District 10.

GOLF:

The district boys' championship match will be at Pennhills Country Club and the girls' championship tournament will be at the Coudersport Country Club.

SOCCER:

The last day to enter the district soccer tournament will be October 15th and matches will count though October 16th.

VOLLEYBALL:

If the match is needed, the "A" tournament teams will play for a "true second" place. November 2nd the District 5, 8, and 9 will play sub-regional tournament at Elk County Christian High School. The finals for the "A" tournament will be November 2nd at St. Marys Area High School.

The next District 9 Meeting will be at Aiello's Café on October 23, 2013 at 9:00.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Roger Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary