

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

The District 9 Committee held the September 18, 2019 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Tom Lesniewski, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, John Stoughton, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Kristie Bennardi and Randy Cathcart.

Eric Scaife, Assistant Principal at Clearfield Area High School, was a guest.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bud Brennen to approve the minutes of the August 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Terry Straub to approve the August and September 2019 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bud Brennen to accept the 2019 -2020 District 9 Payment Fees schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

An update on the rental fees Clarion University will charge District 9 was presented.

QUICK FACTS:

The 2019 – 2020 Quick Facts has been updated.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Scott Daum has been recognized by the PIAA as the District 9 Volleyball Rules Interpreter.

Letters were received from Bill Jordan, Principal at A. C. Valley High, Ed Baumcratz, Principal at North Clarion High School, Matthew Gasbarre, Teacher at Kane Area School District, and Joseph Carrico, Superintendent at Clarion Area School District, expressing an interest in filling the vacancy on the District 9 Committee. The District 9 Committee voted for Bill Jordan to fill the vacant position.

Bonnie Wolbert and Bud Brennen will run for another term as the District 9 Officials' Representatives.

A letter was received from DuBois Area High School concerning a violation of the 10-day pre-season rule. A motion was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to accept the action taken by the DuBois Area High School Administration to correct the violation and prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

District 9 Committee members who represent the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference voiced a concern about several girls playing on a boys' golf team and playing as independent golfers in girls' tournaments. There is no PIAA rule that prevents the situation from occurring.

Several volleyball officials voiced a concern that officials assigned to officiate a junior varsity volleyball tournament were replaced by coaches officiating the tournament.

Several officials are concerned about coaches' comments about officiating being voiced on various social media sites.

A question was asked if an athlete can participate in varsity and junior varsity contests. The answer is yes.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

Student#	From:	To:	Motion/Second:	Vote:
#6	St. Marys	DuBois C. C.	Wolbert/Reitz	7to5 approved-1 abs.
#12	DuBois	DuBois C. C.	Howard/T. Straub	approve-unanimous
#13	DuBois	DuBois C. C.	Howard/T. Straub	approve-unanimous
#14	DuBois	DuBois C. C.	Howard/T. Straub	approve-unanimous
#21	Mercer	Moniteau	Howard/T. Straub	approve-1 abstention
#22	Elk C. C.	St. Marys	Sherry/Wolbert	approve-unanimous
#23	St. Marys	Elk C. C.	Wolbert/Howard	approve-unanimous
#25	Christian Life	Cranberry	Wolbert/Stoughton	approve-unanimous
#28	DuBois C. C.	Brockway	Erickson/ Brennen	approve-unanimous
#29	Jeanette PP	Clearfield	T. Straub/DeMatteis	approve-unanimous

REQUEST FOR POST SEASON PARTICIPATION:

Student #	School:	Motion/Second:	Vote:
#8	Otto-Eldred	T. Straub/Stoughton	approve-unanimous
#11	Oswayo Valley	Grecco/Brennen	approve-1 abstention
#26	West Forest	T. Straub/DeMatties	deny - pending additional information
#27	Clarion-Limestone	Sherry/Howard	deny 11 to 2

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and second by Mike Erickson to approve the following foreign exchange student:

Student:	Country:	Host School:
#2	Coudersport Area High School	France
#3	Clarion-Limestone High School	Germany
#4	Otto-Eldred High School	Germany
#5	Otto-Eldred High School	Germany
#7	Ridgway Area High School	Thailand
#8	Ridgway Area High School	Sweden

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by John Stoughton to waive the Attendance Section X provision for a Punxsutawney Area High School athlete. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARINGS: None

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The next PIAA Board meeting will be October 2, 2019.

Oswayo Valley High School is the host school in the golf co-op in with Otto-Eldred High School.

All District 9 schools have properly submitted fall eligibility lists.

The PIAA financial assessment for legal fees is an agenda item at the next Board of Directors meeting.

In a cooperative sports agreement only the host school should report that they sponsor the sports.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The committee reviewed the monthly “transfer” report from DuBois Catholic High School.

In District 9 there has been only one non-sportsmanship disqualification this year.

Fall championship awards were reviewed.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Howard to present the 2018 – 2019 District 9 Sportsmanship Awards to Punxsutawney Area High School, Sheffield Area High School, and Union High School. The motion carried unanimously.

A committee was established to study the various methods used to seed entries in District 9 Championship Tournaments. Serving on the committee are Pete Grecco, John Stoughton, Bob Tonkin, Mike Erickson, and Randy Cathcart.

A committee was established to recognize various methods to recognize officials who have officiated 50 years. Serving on the committee are Bonnie Wolbert, Bud Brennen, Bill Howard, and Terry Straub.

SPORTS COMMITTEES: .

Please check your copy of Quick Facts for the tournament dates and information.

Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball information has been sent to District 9 schools.

Football: A weekly power point summary is being sent to head coaches, athletic directors, and media. A concern has been voiced about the method of counting enrollment numbers for schools in co-operative sports agreements, vocational-tech programs, home schooled students, and charter schools.

Basketball: Basketball committee meeting on October 16, 2019 at 8:00.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be October 16, 2019 at Aiello’s Café starting at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary

