

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTMEBER 19, 2012**

The District 9 Committee held the September 19, 2012 meeting at Aiello's Cafe, Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, Bob Wicker, and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the August and September treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

Dick Fenstermaker provided the process for committee members to purchase District 9 merchandise.

District 9 passes have been sent to all District 9 schools.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was received from Moniteau High School informing the committee they will forfeit two varsity football games. At a recent school board meeting, the Moniteau School Board rescinded the motion. No committee action is needed.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Three items that will be discussed at the October 4 and 5, 2012 Board of Directors meeting:

The Board of Directors will look at a policy that will affect games that could be stopped because of unsportsmanlike conduct. The present policy addresses only basketball games.

Students who participate in competitive cheerleading must complete the parents' card and the physical form (CEPP form).

The Board of Directors still needs to approve the format for boys' volleyball.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Thus far there have been nineteen transfer requests and four foreign exchange student requests. A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Dan Kysor to grant athletic eligibility to eighteen of the nineteen students requesting athletic eligibility. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Coudersport Area High School requesting approval for an athletic transfer. The letter was returned to Coudersport Area High School requesting the proper paperwork be submitted,

A list of the schools that are involved in cooperative sports agreements has been received from the PIAA office. The list will be provided to sports chairmen for review.

A request for a cooperative sports agreement in swimming and diving between Bradford Area High School and Otto-Eldred High School was received. Both school boards must approve the cooperative for a two year cycle not a one year agreement. A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Sandi Hanes to approve the sports agreement pending the proper paperwork be submitted by both school boards. The motion was approved with two abstentions. (Tim Walter and Matt Splain)

Materials received from Elk County Catholic High School dealing with the illegal participation of a baseball pitcher. Elk Country Catholic High School administration interviewed the head baseball coach. The coach could not correctly explain the PIAA pitching rule. Thus the administration determined the use of the ineligible player was unintentional.

Elk Country Catholic has taken the following action:

Has written letters notifying four schools that Elk County Catholic High School has forfeited four baseball games.

Sent press releases to area newspapers notifying the press they used an ineligible pitcher and they forfeited four games.

They have developed an action plan. The coach must complete a spread sheet identifying the pitchers used in each game. The spread sheet is to be sent to the district chairman and baseball chairman.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Bill Vassallo to accept the Elk County Catholic report pending a press release be sent to the Bradford Era. The motion carried with one abstention. (Aaron Straub)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

##### **ATHLETIC DIRECTORS:**

The District 9 Athletic Directors Association would like a morning meeting on the same day as the Annual Principals' Meeting.

##### **AWARDS:**

The swimming and diving committee requested the district committee present medals rather than plaques. A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Bob Wicker to present medals at the District 9 AAA Swimming and Diving Championship Meet. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **OFFICIALS:**

Letters were received from the PIAA notifying three District 9 Volleyball Chapters the number of officials enrolled in each chapter fell below the fifteen member minimum.

Thus far in District 9, there have been 3 football disqualifications and 3 soccer disqualifications.

A motion was made by Dan Kysor and seconded by Sandi Hanes for the officials' representatives to develop survey to be sent to athletic directors requesting feedback on officials to be hired to work district championship events. A draft of the survey should be sent to committee members. The motion carried ominously.

#### **DISTRICT 9 HEARING:**

A request from Cameron County High School for the district committee to conduct a hearing to determine if there was evidence to grant an additional year of eligibility for a Cameron County High School student.

Cameron County High School was represented by Lynn Newcomer, principal; Chris Horning, athletic director; Barb Keller, learning support teacher; Mark Morrelli, head football coach; and Mike Kuhns, assistant football coach and physical education teacher; and the student requesting the additional year of eligibility.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Dan Kysor to grant an additional year of athletic eligibility to Antonio Johnson based on Article 8 Section 6B, waivers. The motion carried by 14 to 1 vote. Tony Flint cast a no vote.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**CROSS COUNTRY:**

The meet will be held at Ridgway Middle School. Bruce Kemp will be in charge of the timing system.

**GOLF:**

There have been some major changes in PIAA and District 9 Golf Championships. Please review the format for the team and individual championships that have been sent to schools by the golf chairman, Tony Flint.

Girls playing on boy's teams may be administered differently by the various leagues. PIAA Rules and Regulations state the girls tee should be 85% of the boys tee. The issue can be resolved by various leagues. Chairman Flint will request more information at the PIAA Golf Steering Committee meeting.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING:**

The District 9 AAA Swimming and Diving Championships will be on March 2, 2013. The event will take place in one day.

**VOLLEYBALL:**

A motion was made by Sandi Hanes and seconded by Tim Walter to use pool play for the "A" semi-final and final volleyball tournament. The motion carried unanimously. The "A" tournament will be held at St. Marys Area High School.

The "AA" tournament will be a sub-regional tournament with teams from District 5, 8, and 9. A District 9 Champion will be crowned on Thursday, November 1, 2012 and the sub-regional tournament will be on November 3, 2012 at Elk County Catholic High School. The "AA" tournament will play the best of 5 matches.

A motion was made by Bud Brennen and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on October 25, 2012 at 9:00 AM at Aiello's Café Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary