

DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The District 9 Committee held the September 19, 2016 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Brock Benson, Bud Brennen, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Scott Daum, Peter Grecco, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Spain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting was Randy Cathcart.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the minutes of the August meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

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

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Vassallo for the District 9 Committee to pay half of the advertising fee with the District 9 Athletic Directors Association for an ad in the PASADA's 50th Anniversary Program. The maximum amount to be paid will be \$300.00. The motion carried with one negative vote. (Matt Splain)

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to deny a request from WXZY Radio for a reduction in the radio fees to broadcast District 9 championship events. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The cooperative sports agreement between Sheffield Area High School and Abraxas High School was reviewed. There is not a problem with the present cooperative agreement.

A question concerning a Curwensville Area High School student participating on the Clearfield Area High School cross country team was asked. Clearfield Area High School will be asked to address the question.

School districts should retain student athletic records for a minimum of two years.

School dues are to be paid to the PIAA by September 30th.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Bill Howard to approve a transfer from Bradford Area High School to Otto-Eldred High School. (Keagan Michael Bisker) The motion carried with two abstentions. (Matt Splain and Tim Walter)

A list of approved transfers has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUESTS:

A list of approved foreign exchange students has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE:

There is no updated information concerning an EEOC complaint by a District 9 official.

The following committee members will begin to update the District 9 Policy Manual: Jim Manners, Bob Tonkin, Dave Osborne, Bill Vassallo, and Scott Daum

Discussion was held concerning the status of football competition, leagues, conferences, etc. in District 9. Matt Splain, Brock Benson, and Bob Tonkin will begin to evaluate the options to create “level playing” competition in District 9. Administrators from the various leagues will be invited to participate in the discussion.

The “op-out” policy was re-introduced for discussion. A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Bill Vassallo to permit the use of the “op-out” option for only basketball. The motion failed by a seven to eight vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

AWARDS: Awards for various championships were reviewed.

SPORTSMANSHIP: District 9 fall disqualifications were reviewed. Brockway Area High School and Elk County Catholic High School outlined the administration’s actions to be taken to correct unsportsmanlike conduct.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

BASEBALL: The new baseball pitching count rule was discussed.

GOLF: The golf committee met prior to the district committee meeting. The golf format used for the past few years will be used for the 2016 – 2017 championships. The golf committee will recommend a number of options and changes for future championship matches. Request for future championship courses will be made in February 2017. There will be no AAA team championship contest this year.

WRESTLING: A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Bill Howard to hold the AA and AAA District 9 Individual Wrestling Championships at Clearfield Area High School. The motion carried unanimously.

TRACK and FIELD: A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Kevin Doverspike concerning District 9 Track and Field Championship competition:

2016 – 2017 AAA – May 17, 2017 at Brookville Area High School (rain date May 18th)
AA – May 19, 2017 at Kane Area High School (rain date May 20th)

2017 – 2018

AA and AAA Meets combined at a site to be determined

May 18, 2018 (rain date May 19th)

The motion carried unanimously.

TENNIS, SOCCER, and VOLLEYBALL:

Events will take place as charted in the District 9 Quick Facts Booklet.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on November 15, 2016 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Dave Osborne to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary