

**DISTRICT 9**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2014**

The District 9 Committee held the October 22, 2014 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, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to approve the September and October treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable, merchandise sales, and program sales were reviewed.

Financial reports were presented for the District 9 golf and tennis championships.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the October 1, 2014 Board of Directors' meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The committee discussed the use of official evaluators. The PIAA recommends officials who officiate district championship contests be evaluated.

There is a desire to find a method to evaluate younger officials. The committee will continue to look at methods to improve the evaluation process.

There was a great deal of discussion dealing with the "opt-out" rule for entering the playoffs. The language in the "opt-out" clause will be changed.

There has been no additional requests for approval for transferring or foreign exchange students.

Adding additional classifications in football, as well as, all sports was briefly discussed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

**Sportsmanship:** Thus far in the fall sports season, there has been eight disqualifications.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**Tennis:** A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Bud Brennen to purchase medals when a District 9 team wins a regional championship and awards are not

presented. The motion carried unanimously. Dubois Area High School won a regional tennis tournament.

**Golf:** There was a concern from a league that their championship golf team did not qualify for the district team golf championship. The team did not meet the qualifying criteria to enter the district tournament.

**Volleyball:** The format for the district volleyball tournament was reviewed by Chairman Aaron Straub.

**Competitive Spirit:** A meeting concerning competitive spirit was held at Dubois Area High School. Seven District 9 schools attended the meeting. This year seven schools will advance to PIAA championship competition in Hershey.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Bill Howard for the district to pay the transportation cost to transport a nine panel mat to Dubois Area High School. The motion carried unanimously.

**Basketball:** After a great deal of discussion concerning a need to change or not to change the seeding criteria for "A" basketball seeding, a motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to change the method of seeding. The motion carried by a ten to three vote. Voting against the motion were Bill Howard, Aaron Straub, and Dave Osborne.

The new seeding method will be sent to District 9 schools.

**Soccer:** An update on tournament sites was given by Chairman Kevin Doverspike. Also discussed was using the Rawling soccer balls.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to apply the "new" basketball tie breaking procedure for soccer.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Dave Osborne to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**THE NEXT DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 10, 2014 AT AIELLO'S CAFÉ.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary

