

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

The District 9 Committee held the November 12, 2008 meeting at Aiello's Cafe in Ridgway, PA. Chairman Jim Manners called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Denny Geitner, Jeff Kepler, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the minutes of the October meeting. The motion carried.

Representative from Abraxas High School presented a number of reasons why Abraxas High School should become a member of District 9. A list of sports and dates for Abraxas High School to implement their programs were presented. A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Carla Smith to grant membership to Abraxas High School in District 9. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Susan Valentine to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Fall entry fees were reviewed.

Financial reports from the fall championships were presented.

A representative of an Olean, NY based advertising company presented an overview of items his company could do to increase advertising revenue in District 9 programs. The materials presented will be reviewed by the budget committee.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Since the last District 9 meeting, there has not been a Board of Directors meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE:

There have been no additions to the transfer and foreign exchange list.

A letter was received from Mr. Dave Stanley, Male Parents' Representative, indicating he had to resign from the committee due to work commitments. A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Ed Babcock to accept Mr. Stanley's resignation with regrets. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to advertise for the male parents' representative. The position will follow the same time line for electing a male parents' representative to the PIAA Board of Directors. The motion carried with one descending vote.

At the present time there are two individuals who have expressed an interest in the position.

Letters for consideration for the male parents' representative will be accepted until January 9, 2009. All letters of inquiry should be sent to Mr. James Manners, District 9 Chairman

Discussion on adding competitive cheerleading will be an agenda item at the December Board of Directors meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

OFFICIALS:

Consideration will be given by the budget committee to change the officials' fee structure for District 9 events. Special consideration will be given to district and regional volleyball.

A PIAA policy considering background checks for officials will be discussed at the January meeting.

MERCHANDISE:

A preliminary report on fall merchandise sales was given.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS:

The District 9 Athletic Directors Association will examine the fees paid to officials by District 9 schools.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY:

The cross country committee will discuss the possibility of changing the day of the district meet in order to build a rain date into the schedule.

FOOTBALL:

There was a presentation made at the District 9 Athletic Directors meeting concerning adding additional classifications in football.

GOLF:

Letters will be sent to District 9 schools inquiring if there is a golf course in their school district that would like to be considered to host the district golf tournaments.

The PIAA golf steering committee is considering changing the method of scoring team golf. Playing five golfers and scoring four golfers is being considered.

SOCCER:

There is a concern about playing matches on fields that do not meet the minimum size. The method of seeding teams will be re-evaluated by the soccer committee.

SWIMMING AND DIVING:

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Roger Collins for the District 9 Committee to pay for lodging for swimming and diving officials who travel over fifty miles and must officiate the next day. (This is for district and regional meets) The motion carried.

VOLLEYBALL:

There were no problems in running the District 6, 9 and 10 regional girls' volleyball tournament.

Various methods to seed the different sports championships were discussed. A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Randy Cathcart to establish a committee to look at the various seeding methods. District 9 sports chairmen will serve on the committee. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on January 14, 2009 at Aiello's Café Ridway, PA at 10:00.

Please keep in mind: the last date to submit names for the District 9 Male Parents' Representative is January 9, 2009. Mail to: Jim Manners - 6165 Route 28 North Brookville, PA 15825

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

**Athletic directors:
Cameron Country is looking for a JV and varsity girls' basketball game.
Contact – Don Sestina, Athletic Director**

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Bob