

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2007**

The District 9 Committee held the December 5, 2007 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Denny Geitner, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jeff Kepler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Dave Stanley, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the October 2007 meeting. The motion carried.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tom Wagner to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

The financial reports from the fall championships were given to committee members.

The budget and policy committees will meet prior to the January committee meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter was received from Mr. Gary Elder, Principal of Oswayo Valley High School, explaining the corrective action taken by the Oswayo Valley administration when an athlete competed in a non-sanctioned cross country meet and wore a school issued uniform. A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Aaron Straub to accept the action taken by the Oswayo Valley administration. The motion carried with one abstention.

A letter was received from Mr. Stephen Shutters, Principal of Union High School, explaining his school's investigation of the Union High School football coach taking his team off the field before the completion of a varsity football game with a District 6 school. The incident will be discussed with members of the Union School District Board of Education on December 6, 2007. A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Ed Babcock to request that Mr. Shutters provide the committee with a copy of the outcome of the school board meeting. The district committee will review the results of the meeting. The motion carried with one abstention.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Ed Babcock to grant athletic eligibility to Kristen Baka, a student enrolled in the Dubois Area High School, under Article III, Section 9 of the PIAA By-Laws. The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Bob Wicker to grant athletic eligibility to the following foreign exchange students:

Andreas Diaz	Venango Catholic	from Venezuela
Sanja Otasevic	Kane Area	from Montenegro
Zheng Guan	Venango Catholic	from China
Regina Macari	Venango Catholic	from Mexico

The motion carried.

The following transfer students were granted athletic eligibility:

<b>Motion/second</b>	<b>Name of Student</b>	<b>Transfer from</b>	<b>Transfer to</b>
T. Flint/E. Babcock	Ethan Gravatt	Franklin	Rocky Grove
T. Wagner/R. Collins	Laren Lingenfeller	Brookville	Punxsutawney Christian

<b>Motion/second</b>	<b>Name of Student</b>	<b>Transfer from</b>	<b>Transfer to</b>
R. Collins/E. Babcock <b>(Pending proper paperwork; 1 – no vote; 1 – abstention)</b>	Cody Reitz	Clarion	Brookville
T. Flint/D. Geitner	Tim Kneidel	St. Marys	Ridgway
A. Straub/T. Flint <b>(1 abstention)</b>	Megan Brown	Dubois	Central Catholic
E. Babcock/J. Linsenbigler <b>(Pending proper paperwork)</b>	Ian Reinhart	Punxsutawney	Central Catholic
E. Babcock/J. Linsenbigler <b>(Pending proper paperwork)</b>	Jesse Reinhart	Punxsutawney	Central Catholic
J.Linsenbigler/R. Cathcart <b>(1 abstention)</b>	Danielle Satterlee	Dubois	Central Catholic
E. Babcock/T. Walter	Spice Monteville	Brockway	Central Catholic
E. Babcock/T. Walter	Dorthy Schaadt	Brockway	Central Catholic

All motions carried.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Tony Flint to table a request for athletic eligibility for a St. Marys Area High School student until more information could be obtained. The motion carried.

The cooperative agreement between Brockway Area High School and Central Catholic High School has been modified to discontinue the cooperative sports agreement between the schools in girls' soccer.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Ed Babcock to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School in gymnastics. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to amend the cooperative sports agreement between Floyd C. Fretz Middle School and St. Bernard Middle School to include boys' and girls' basketball. The motion carried pending school boards approval.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Bob Wicker to modify the cooperative sports agreement between Punxsutawney Christian High School and Punxsutawney Area High School to include boys' and girls' tennis and boys' and girls' cross country. The motion carried pending school boards approval.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

#### **AWARDS (Aaron Straub, Chairman)**

Additional championship plaques can be ordered by calling Chairman Straub. Awarding runner-up team championship plaques was discussed by the committee. No action was taken. Not recognizing individuals at championship awards ceremony was discussed. No action was taken to change the awards ceremonies.

The committee requested a letter be written to Moniteau High School concerning the disqualification of three football players during the "AA" championship football game.

**MERCHANDISE (Jerry Linsenbigler, Chairman)**

Sale of "fall merchandise" was reviewed by the chairman.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**GOLF (Tony Flint, Chairman)**

There are a number of recommendations from the golf steering committee that will be reviewed at the January meeting.

**VOLLEYBALL (Aaron Straub, Chairman)**

The District 9 volleyball committee will meet in the near future to discuss seeding and the playoff format.

**BASKETBALL (Jim Manners, Chairman)**

The basketball committee is reviewing the seeding procedure if the records of two or more teams are tied.

**SOCCER (Tom Wagner, Chairman)**

The soccer committee is concerned with the rental cost at Clarion University.

**SWIMMING AND Diving (Tim Walter, Chairman)**

The qualifying standards for the 2007-2008 meet will be the same as last year. The dates for AA and AAA diving will be reversed.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:40.

**The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on January 16, 2008 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin.  
District 9 Secretary