

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
January 18, 2012**

The District 9 Committee held the January 18, 2012 meeting at Aiello's Café, 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, Ton Flint, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker. Bonnie Wolbert, Athletic Director at North Clarion High School, was welcomed as a guest.

Matt Splain, Superintendent at Otto-Eldred School District, was welcomed as a new member of the district committee.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the October, November, December, and January treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

Updates on merchandise, programs, and entry fees were presented.

Financial reports from the fall championship events were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from the AML Basketball League requesting permission to play additional games to determine a league championship. A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Dan Kysor to grant permission. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The summary of the December Board of Directors meeting has been emailed to District 9 schools. A number of agenda items for consideration at the January Board of Directors meeting were discussed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Thus far in the 2011 – 2012 school year, there have been 49 transfer requests received and 8 foreign exchange requests. A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Tim Walter to approve all the transfers submitted to date. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Sandi Hanes to grant athletic eligibility to a Punxsutawney Area High School student pending submitting the proper paperwork. The student is transferring from Pathways Adolescent Center. The motion carried unanimously.

The format for the Annual Principals Meeting was discussed. The date and time schedule will be mailed to District 9 principals and athletic directors shortly.

A motion was made by Sandi Hanes and seconded by Dan Kysor to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Venango Catholic High School and Oil City Area High School in softball. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

OFFICIALS:

Thus far there have been 16 disqualifications in District 9.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

National High School Spirit of Sport Award information and Official Nomination Form have been attached.

ELECTION:

Three attachments that deal with the District 9 Elections to the district committee have been attached.

Please check the election procedure that is outlined in the District 9 handbook.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY:

A request to increase the number of classes from two to three was passed on a first reading basis.

GOLF:

Please refer to the December Board of Directors meeting for the update on the proposals for district and state golf.

FOOTBALL:

As soon as the football committee receives the 2012 – 2013 brackets, the District 9 football playoffs format will be determined and sent to District 9 schools.

BASKETBALL:

A motion was made by Bud Brennen and seconded by Bill Vassallo to accept the format for the 2011 – 2012 District 9 Basketball Tournament. The motion carried with Aaron Straub voting against the motion.

The format is the same as last season.

Basketball information will be emailed on January 23rd.

SWIMMING AND DIVING:

The Districts 6 and 9 Regional Tournament will be held at Penn State on March 2 and 3, 2012. Information has been sent to schools that sponsor swimming and diving.

WRESTLING:

Wrestling information has been sent to District 9 schools and is posted on the District 9 Website.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 7, 2012 – 9:00 AM – AIELLO'S CAFÉ

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Bud Brennen to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary