

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

The District 9 Committee held the February 11, 2009 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, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Denny Geitner, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Tom Wagner, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Susan Valentine to accept the minutes of the January meeting. The motion carried.

In April, there will be a special District 9 meeting of the various sports chairmen to discuss the methods used to seed teams entering District 9 tournaments.

The committee welcomed Mr. Kevin Doverspike as the male parents' representative.

FINANCE:

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

Accounts receivable were reviewed.

Basketball and wrestling merchandise order forms have been sent to District 9 schools.

Discussion was held concerning the use of an outside auditing firm to audit the District 9 financial accounts. A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Ed Babcock to table any action until the April committee meeting. (More information will be obtained for the April meeting.) The motion carried.

Authorization was given to investigate advertising on the District 9 Website.

Advertising in the District 9 Basketball and Wrestling Programs was discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from the District 9 Basketball League requesting the basketball committee to consider seeding the District 9 Tournament on league records, playing the championship game at Clarion University, and using the power rating system in all sports.

A letter was received from Abraxas High School concerning sponsoring soccer next fall.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The Chairman's update has been e-mailed to District 9 schools. A copy of the "Update" has been attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Randy Cathart and seconded by Bob Wicker to accept the paperwork from Clearfield Area High School dealing with a transfer to Clearfield Area High School from Harmony Area High School. A letter is to be written to the principal

of Clearfield Area High School requesting paperwork on transfers be completed in a timely manners. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Ed Babcock to keep the date of the Annual Principals' Meeting and Banquet on April 1, 2009. The motion carried with three descending votes.

There was discussion on the clearances for PIAA officials.

The use of an assigned "pin" numbers was discussed and will be an agenda item at the principals' meeting. The use of the "pin" number assures the submitted forms have been completed by the high school principal or their designee.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

AWARDS:

Shortly, requests for bids for awards will be sent to venders. Hopefully, the contract for awards can be issued at the April meeting.

CHEERLEADING:

From early polling of district chairmen, there seems to be no desire to have the PIAA sponsor competitive cheerleading.

OFFICIALS:

Twenty individuals took the February officials' exam and eleven people passed the test.

ELECTIONS:

All present committee members indicated they will re-run for the 2009 – 2010 District 9 Committee. Information concerning running for the district committee can be found in the District 9 Handbook on the District 9 Website or contact Roger Collins, election chairman. The deadline to complete paperwork to run for the committee is March 1st.

WEBSITE:

The layout for sports pages and district tournaments was presented by Carla Smith. There was considerable discussion as to the purpose of the website. The consensus is the website is to provide information to District 9 schools.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

GOLF:

Increasing the number of classifications (2) has passed a second reading.

FOOTBALL:

Increasing the number of classification from four to six has passed the first reading.

SWIMMING AND DIVING:

The Districts 6/9 Championship Meet will be on February 27 and 28 at Penn State.

BASKETBALL:

The basketball committee met and approved the 2008 – 2009 basketball brackets.

NOTES:

Paperwork to run for the district committee is due by March 1, 2009.

The Annual Principals' Meeting and Annual Banquet will be on April 1, 2009. Information concerning the agenda for the principals' meeting and the banquet will be sent in early March.

Respectfully submitted,

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