

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2009**

The District 9 Committee held the October 14, 2009 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, Kevin Doverspike, Jeff Kepler, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCE:

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

Accounts payable were reviewed.

A report on fall merchandise sales was given by Jerry Linsenbigler.

Discussion was held concerning the procedure used by District 9 to audit their financial records. The PIAA is requiring each district's financial information be provided in preparation for a state wide audit. The cost to be PIAA will be \$47,800.00. More information will be provided at the November meeting.

New financial forms will be found on the District 9 website. The forms will be used at all District 9 championship events.

Schools are reminded the 2010 – 2011 enrollment information is due to the PIAA office. There is a substantial fee if the information is provided late.

There are two publishing companies interested in printing district championship programs. More information will be provided at the November meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Mr. David McDevitt, Principal at A C Valley High School, concerning two football rule violations. A. C. Valley High School permitted junior high players to practice in "full" football pads prior to the first permitted day and permitted junior high school players to practice with senior high school players. A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to accept A. C. Valley's administration's explanation of how the administration will prevent violations from occurring in the future. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Mr. Jon Mikesell, Athletic Director at Clearfield Area High School, concerning the enforcement of the uniform rule at the AAA District 9 Track and Field Meet. A copy of the letter will be sent to Mr. Jack Hedlund and the issues will be discussed at the November committee meeting. The enforcement of the uniform rule was a major discussion item at the track and field steering committee meeting

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

An update of the PIAA Board of Directors' meeting has been e-mailed to District 9 schools.

Items of interest:

1. The establishment of two classifications in golf.
2. Define the term "natural break" in the PIAA Handbook glossary.
3. Inform all sports chairpersons of disqualifications.
4. Move the first play date in tennis up one week.
5. Permit shoulder pads be used in off-season football programs.
6. Please refer to the PIAA Website to check the changes in the CIPPE form.
7. Please refer to the PIAA Handbook for information of boys playing on girls' teams and girls playing on boys' teams.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The list of transfer students and foreign exchange students were reviewed.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Ed Babcock to seek PIAA headquarters' opinion concerning a transfer request by North Clarion High School. A student is requesting athletic

eligibility at a high school outside the school district in which the parents reside. The student attended a non-public junior high school prior to enrolling in North Clarion High School. The motion carried.

Discussion has held concerning what are the legal roles of trainers, registered nurses, EMP., etc. at athletic events.

The annual District 9 Principals' Meeting and Banquet will be on April 22, 2010 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA.

Brookville Area High School forfeited a varsity football game to Union High School due to an ineligible player. DuBois Area High School forfeited a varsity girls' golf match to Punxsutawney Area High School due to an ineligible player. A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the explanations given by both schools. The motion carried.

The audit and budget committees will meet prior to the November meeting and will present various recommendations.

A new policy to assign District 9 officials to PIAA and District 9 championship events will be discussed at the November meeting.

The District 9 Sportsmanship Award will be determined at the November meeting.

Officials' chapters need to submit nominations for the male and female District 9 officials' representative to the PIAA by November 10, 2009.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

Cross Country (Jeff Kepler, Chairman)

Registration is now open on Direct Athletics for the 2009 – 2010 District 9 Cross Country Championship meet.

Football (Bob Tonkin, Chairman)

In the class "A" seeding, the "at large" teams will be based on league games only. After the football playoff concludes, the football committee will look at the selection and seeding process for the 2010 – 2012 football playoff games.

Soccer (Tom Wagner, Chairman)

Playoff materials have been e-mailed to member schools.

Tennis (Aaron Straub, Chairman)

The report on the 2009 – 2010 girls' tournament was presented.

Volleyball (Aaron Straub, Chairman)

The "AAA" regional tournament with District 6 and 10, may be held at either Clarion or St. Marys Area High Schools.

Basketball (Kim Manners, Chairman)

The basketball committee will make their recommendations at the November meeting.

The next District 9 committee meeting will be held at Aiello's Café on November 11, 2009 at a time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

