

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 22, 2010**

The District 9 Committee held the April 22, 2010 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Denny Geitner, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tom Wagner, Susan Valentine, and Tim Walter.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the February 2010 meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCE:

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

Accounts payable were reviewed.

Financial reports from the basketball, team wrestling, and individual wrestling tournaments were presented.

The swimming and diving financial report had not yet been received.

A motion was made by Jerry Linsenbigler and seconded by Roger Collins to pay Ben Fiscus \$225.00 for preparing the District 9 Wrestling Program. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The committee was provided an update on the concerns with the classifications of private and parochial schools. Dr. Larry Henry, Superintendent of Karns City School District, and Kevin Kodish, Basketball Coach at Lewistown High School, are leading the attempts to have legislators provide a new method for the P.I.A.A. to classify public and non-public schools differently.

A letter was received from DuBois Area High School concerning freshman/junior varsity contracts with school/schools from District 10. DuBois Area High School did not violate the contract. A motion was made by Denny Geitner and seconded by Tom Wagner to draft a letter to the District 10 Committee concerning the difference in contract language describing freshman and junior varsity contests. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

A summary of the last P.I.A.A. board of Director's meeting was e-mailed to District 9 schools.

Major items:

1. The 2010 – 2011 championship brackets passed the second reading.
2. The use of football sleds during off-season practice was tabled.
3. A change in counting volleyball contests passed a third reading.
4. Boys' and girls' tennis has been moved a week earlier.
5. Three cross country classes has been referred to the policy committee.
6. The P.I.A.A. Board of Appeals upheld a District 9 decision to deny dissolving the co-operative sports agreement in football between A. C. Valley High School and Cranberry Area High School.

7. The National Federation and the Pennsylvania Legislature have voiced their concerns with the concussion issues. Various House and Senate bills have been introduced dealing with athletic health and injuries.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

During the 2009-2010 school year, there have been over 60 athletic transfers approved in District 9.

An incident occurred in a lockerroom during the District 9 Wrestling Tournament at Clarion University. The student involved has reimbursed Clarion University for the damages.

A request to grant an additional year of eligibility was heard from Brookville Area High School. Mr. Dave Osborne, Athletic Director, and the student's mother appeared before the committee. After testimony was presented, the committee entered an executive session. Returning to open session, a motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Denny Geitner to grant the student-athlete an additional year of eligibility under Article VIII, Section 6B. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Young, Mr. David McDeavitt, and Mr. Dave Sherman representing the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference presented a proposal for the 2010 District 9 Boys' Golf Tournament. The representatives and the golf steering committee will meet prior to the June district meeting.

District 7 will not consider releasing West Shamokin High School to enter the District 9 Football tournament until the next classification cycle.

Roger Collins presented an update on the committee's election process. Dr. Keith Wolfe and Mr. Mark Dippold will oversee the 2010 District 9 election.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

AUDIT:

The annual district audit will take place in July 2010.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS:

At the PSADA Convention competitive cheerleading was discussed by the delegate assembly.

OFFICIALS:

Denny Geitner informed the committee of the number of District 9 officials that officiated inter-district and state contests.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

An update was given providing the number of athletes and coaches that were ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. The 2009-2010 District 9 Sportsmanship Award will be made at the August meeting.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

FOOTBALL:

The format for the District 9 "A" football tournament was discussed. A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Jerry Lisenbigler to establish a format that gives the Allegany Mountain League four representatives, the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference two representatives, and two representatives a large. The motion carried unanimously.

The method of seeding the teams will be discussed at the June meeting.

TENNIS:

The boys' tennis tournament will be held at DuBois Area High School.

VOLLEYBALL:

The Districts 6, 9, and 10 boys' regional volleyball tournament will be held at either DuBois Area High School or Clarion University on May 25, 2010.

WRESTLING:

At the state level, there will be no preliminary team wrestling matches this year. District 8 "AA" wrestlers will be added to the Northwest Regional Tournament.

BASKETBALL:

The basketball committee will discuss playing all quarter final games at neutral sites.

Following the district committee meeting the Annual Principals' meeting was held:

A number of district committee members presented various informational items to the group.

Mr. Brad Cashman presented an update on various P.I.A.A. issues that affect District 9 Schools.

The following people were elected to serve on the district committee for the 2010-2011 school year:

Randy Cathcart	Aaron Straub
Roger Collins	Susan Valentine
Tony Flint	Tom Wagner
Jeff Kepler	Tim Walter
Jerry Linsenbigler	Bob Wicker
Jim Manners	

At the District 9 re-organization meeting the following people were elected to serve as officers for the 2010-2011 school year:

Chairman -	Jim Manners
Vice-chairman -	Aaron Straub
Secretary/Treasurer -	Bob Tonkin

The Annual District 9 banquet followed.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on June 15, 2010 at Aiello's Café the time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

