

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 25, 2013**

The District 9 Committee held the April 25, 2013 meeting at Aiello's Cafe, 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, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Susan Valentine, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Susan Valentine to accept the January, February, March, and April treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

All winter sports financial, programs, merchandise, awards, and entry fee reports were given.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received concerning the District 9 Swimming and Diving Championship. The letter was referred to the Swimming and Diving Committee.

An anonymous letter was received. Following PIAA policy concerning anonymous letters, the letter was turned over to the school named in the letter.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The district committee supports the proposal to limit the number of days of physical contact to three calendar days per week. (Football)

The district committee does not support the concept of shutting down extra curricular programs for one week during the summer vacation.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Transfer and foreign exchange student requests were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Sandi Hanes to approve a cooperative sports agreement, as of March 26, 2013, between Sheffield Area High School and Abraxas High School in softball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Sandi Hanes to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School in football, girls' and boys' tennis, boys' soccer, and softball. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning a cooperative sports agreement between Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School in baseball. Since there would be a change in classification in the middle of an enrollment cycle, the cooperative agreement may not be approved by the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Tim Walter for Chairman Manners to present to the Board of Directors the paperwork for the cooperative sports agreement between Johnsonburg and Ridway in baseball. The motion carried unanimously.

On June 12, 2013 there will be a meeting for all sports chairman to discuss

seeding District 9 Championship events. The meeting will be at Aiello's Café at 9:00.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

AWARDS:

Championship metals rather than plaques were presented at district swimming and diving. Metals will be presented at all spring events.

OFFICIALS:

Discussion was held concerning using the same crew of officials to officiate the same team three or four games in a row. In the future, officials' assignors for district events will consider the issue when assigning officials.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

BASKETBALL:

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bud Brennen to play "A" and "AA" quarterfinal basketball games at neutral site. The motion carried unanimously.

The 2012 – 2013 basketball tournament was reviewed.

SWIMMING and DIVING:

The 2012 – 2013 championship meet was reviewed. The swimming and diving committee recognized the problems of holding the meet at Clarion University. Holding the district meet provides an opportunity for more district athletes to qualify for the state championships.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will on June 18, 2013 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café, Ridgway, PA.

ANNUAL PRINCIPALS' MEETING:

The following topics were presented at the meeting:

- Competitive Spirit: Championships will be January 24 and 25, 2014 at the Giant Center. The number of teams will be increased.
- Football: Proposal for changes to the state format
- Awards: Changing from championship plaques to metals
- Audit Committee: Requesting people to help with the 2012 – 2013 audit.
If interested contact Susan Valentine
- Cooperative sports agreements:
- Transfer: Discussed when to submit and when not necessary to submit paperwork for transfers.
- Seeding: June meeting will discuss seeding formats for all District 9 Championships
- Sportsmanship: The number of disqualifications were present. The method to win the Sportsmanship Award was reviewed.

MEETING WITH PIAA OFFICIALS:

Mr. Patrick Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director, addressed the following:

- Tennis: Rotate time schedule
- Golf: Coaches and spectators permitted 10 yards from contestants
- Cross Country: Use picture based technology

Board of Director Action:

Permissible awards permitted from \$200.00 limit to \$500.00 limit

Transfers from court assigned schools

Transfer from expulsion or anticipated expulsion

Date CIPPE form can be authorized

Dr. Robert Lombardi, Executive Director, addressed the following:

Heat acclimatization proposal:

Proposals that are second reading:

Limit physical contact in football

“Shutdown” week during summer

Proposals that are first reading:

Article VI, Section 2

Article VII, Section 5

Article XV, Subsection 2

Article XIII, Section 8

Answered questions dealing with public, private, and charter schools and disqualification of athletes and coaches.

DISTRICT 9 ELECTION:

Roger Collins, Election Chairman, review the process to run for a position on the district committee.

The following people were elected to serve on the district committee for the 2013 – 2014 school year:

Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Susan Valentine, Bill Vassallo, and Tim Walter.

Bob Tonkin was elected as the Junior/Middle School Representative for the next two school years.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING:

The following were elected as officials for the 2013 – 2014 school year:

Chairman - Jim Manners

Vice-Chairman - Aaron Straub

Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Tonkin

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary