

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009**

The District 9 Committee held the June 15, 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, Tony Flint, Denny Geitner, Jeff Kepler, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jeff Kepler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Cindy Wagner, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Denny Geitner and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

Financial reports for the following sports were presented; baseball, boys' volleyball, boys' tennis, softball, and track and field.

A report of spring merchandise sales was given.

Discussion was held concerning the procedure used by District 9 to audit their financial records. There is a likelihood the PIAA will require a state wide audit or an audit by a CPA. A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Roger Collins to hold the 2008 – 2009 audit after the July Board of Director meeting. The motion carried. Hopefully, more information will be obtained at the July Board of Directors meeting.

The District 9 Athletic Directors' Association is looking at the fees paid to sports officials. More information will be provided to the district committee after the September athletic directors meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Tom Wagner to pay the District 9 swimming and diving officials' assignors' fee at the 2006-2007 rate. The motion carried.

Tim Walter presented a review of the Districts 6/9 regional swimming and diving meet. Also, the financial report was given.

The budget committee will look at the various fees paid for sports chairpersons, entry fees, officials' fees, evaluators' fees, etc. prior to the August meeting.

COMMUNICATION:

A letter was received from the Pennsylvania Schools Association naming Ed Babcock as the District 9 School Boards representative.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The Chairman's Update has been e-mailed to District 9 schools. Items of particular interest are:

- #1 – Starting date for golf.
- #2 – Registration procedures for new officials.
- #3 – Transcribing hearings.
- #4 – Increase in school membership dues to \$50.00.
- #5 – Scrimmage/contests with alumni.
- #6 – Moving football from 4 to 6 classes.

Congratulations to Trevor Howard, a student at Oswayo Valley High School, for being selected to attend the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Mr. Randal Stom, Principal at Abraxas High School, and Mr. Corey Copley, Athletic Director at Sheffield Area High School, met with the District 9 Committee and explained the conditions surrounding the co-operative sports agreement in football between the two schools. A motion was made by Ed Babcock and

seconded by Tim Walter to approve the co-operative sports agreement pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried with one no vote.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Denny Geitner to permit Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School to dissolve their co-operative sports agreement in junior high and varsity boys' and girls' cross country. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Ed Babcock to approve a co-operative sports agreement between Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School in girls' soccer pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning schools that want to forfeit athletic contests. The PIAA handbook addresses the policies and the procedures concerning the forfeiture of athletic contests. Also discussed were the effects of forfeits on seeding. More discussion will be held at the August meeting.

A motion was made by Carla Smith and seconded by Ed Babcock to award the bid for District 9 awards for a three year period to Siegel Engraving Company of Clearfield. The motion carried with one no vote.

The following items concerning officials' evaluators were discussed: which events should be evaluated, who should do the evaluations, fees for evaluators, and how other PIAA districts run their evaluation program.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

The sports chairperson of various sports will meet prior to the August meeting to review the seeding procedure in their sport.

Baseball and softball playoff reports were presented.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th, at 9:00, at location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary