

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 4, 2010**

The District 9 Committee held the August 4, 2010 meeting in St. Marys, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

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

**FINANCIAL:**

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

Accounts payable were reviewed.

The status of the PIAA statewide audit was given.

On July 20, 2010 the Audit Committee met. The following people served on the audit committee: Roger Collins, Pam Murdock, Kevin Wallace, Bill Jordan, Bud Brennen, Ritt Smith, Jim Manners, Tom Logan, and Susan Valentine. The audit committee found no mistakes in the district's financial record keeping. A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to accept the results of the audit committee. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Susan Valentine for the Budget Committee to review the number of "spotters" hired at District 9 playoff football games. The motion carried. The committee will recommend a policy to determine if a contest must be moved from a school's home site who is responsible for the additional costs.

A report on merchandise was presented by Chairman Linsenbigler.

To save the district money, the 2010-2011 Quick Facts will be e-mailed to District 9 Principals and Athletic Directors. Quick Facts will be posted on the District 9 Website.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Roger Collins to pay Pam Reynolds \$50.00 for her working printing district materials. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bud Brennen to increase the secretary/treasurer's fee by \$1,000.00. The motion carried with one descending vote.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Carla Smith to charge admission at the District 9 Cross Country Championships. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the 2010 – 2011 the District 9 Payment Structure. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Bob Wicker to accept the 2010 – 2011 District 9 Entry Fees Structure. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Carla Smith and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to accept the 2010 – 2011 budget. The motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Senate Bill 624 was discussed.

The status of the gender equality bill was discussed. The bill would require schools to report male and female athletic opportunities afforded their students.

### **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

A summary of the PIAA Board of Directors has been e-mailed to member schools.

As a result of a PIAA hearing, Chairman Manners stressed the importance of pre-game meetings at district and inter-district contests. Game and site managers must follow pre and post game protocol.

The method to determine school classifications was referred to the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Tim Walter to approve the co-operative sports agreement between Sheffield Area High School and Abraxas High school in wrestling and track and field. The motion carried with one negative vote.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

#### **AWARDS:**

The number of awards presented at championship events was reviewed.

#### **SUMMER WORKSHOPS:**

Summaries of the various summer steering committee workshops were presented.

#### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

The 2009 -2010 District 9 Sportsmanship Award winner will be selected at the September meeting.

#### **OFFICIALS:**

There is a PIAA recommendation that officials attend the Officials' Convention once every five years to be eligible to officiate playoff contests.

District 9 will attempt to use the same number of officials the PIAA uses for inter-district competition.

#### **BUDGET:**

The budget committee will meet prior to the September meeting to discuss the costs of running events when the host school is a participant.

#### **WEBSITE:**

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tony Flint to maintain Tom Elling and Barry Kline to host the District 9 Website. The motion carried.

### **SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

#### **GOLF:**

The golf steering committee met and discussed a number of concerns brought to the committee by representatives of the Keystone Athletic Shortway Conference.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Aaron Straub to maintain the same basic format as used in the 2009 – 2010 golf tournaments. The motion carried.

**FOOTBALL:**

The 2010 – 2011 District 9 football playoff format was discussed.

**SOCCER and BASKETBALL:**

Using neutral sites for hosting quarter-final matches and games was tabled until the September meeting.

**TENNIS:**

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to permit DuBois Area High School to host District 9 tennis matches.

The tennis committee will investigate the use of Clarion University tennis facilities for inter-district matches.

**SWIMMING:**

More information will be gathered concerning the financial arrangement for the Districts 6/9 Regional Swimming and Diving Meet.

**BASEBALL and SOFTBALL:**

There have been a few changes in the classifications. Schools should use the PIAA website to identify their school's classification.

**TRACK and FIELD:**

At the Track and Field Steering Committee meeting, the problems that occurred using Mile-Splits (entry system) were discussed. Corrections will be made.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at Aiello' Café, Ridgway, PA. The starting time will be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin.  
District 9 Secretary