

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2020**

The District 9 Committee was held on October 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Attending the meeting virtually were Melissa DeMatteis, Tom Lesniewski, and John Stoughton

Not attending the meeting was Randy Cathcart

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the September 24, 2020 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bill Jordan and seconded by Terry Straub that all 2020 fall ticket prices be \$6.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by John Sherry to cap the host school's cost for football to \$675.00. The cost excluded the cost of officials. The motion carried unanimously.

QUICK FACTS:

Please review your school's copy. If there are any corrections, please email Bob Tonkin. Shortly a list of changes will be emailed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There have been communications between Tom Elling, Barry Kline, Aaron Straub, and Bob Tonkin concerning a rating system to track District 9 sports teams. Discussion will be held at the November meeting.

There have been communications concerning the format for presenting District 9 awards to teams and individuals when there is no District 9 championship event to compete. Kevin Doverspike and Mike Erickson will present a proposal to address the situation at the November committee meeting.

A response was received concerning an off-season violation. After investigating the complaint, appropriate administrative action was taken. No further committee action is necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Straub presented a summary of the September 23 and October 7, 2020 Board of Directors meetings. Summaries of the meeting can be found on the PIAA website.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on October 28, 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Bonnie Wolbert presented a report from the Sportsmanship Committee. A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bud Brennen to present the 2019 – 2020 District 9 Sportsmanship Awards to Brookville Area High School and DuBois Area High School. The receiving schools will receive the sportsmanship banner but there will be no financial stipend. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Dave Osborne to approve the following:

Student:	From:	To:	
#12	Valley Forge	Elk C. C.	eligible for post season participation

The motion carried unanimously.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: None

HEARINGS:

An appeal hearing was held on September 28, 2020 at Brookville Area High School. Clarion Area High School appealed a decision by District 9 concerning a student being denied post season competition in volleyball. After testimony was presented by Clarion Area High School, the hearing committee entered executive session. Following the executive session, the public session was reconvened. A motion was made by Randy Reitz and seconded by Misty Hartle to grant post season eligibility to the student-athlete. The motion carried by a 5 to 1 vote.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Scott Daum to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Abraxas High School and Sheffield Area High School in football pending PIAA approval. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Golf: A letter will be sent to District 9 Athletic Directors inquiring if the golf course their school uses would be interested in hosting future District 9 tournaments. Any interests in hosting a tournament should be made to Golf Chairman, Kevin Doverspike.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to oppose the double par rule and leagues in District 9 use the same scoring format. The motion carried unanimously.

October 22, 2020 the PIAA sub-regional golf match will be held at the Treasure Lake Silver Course. The number of girls participating in district golf has greatly decreased.

Cross Country: Chairman John Sherry reviewed the District 9 Cross Country meet to be held at Brookville Area High School on October 31, 2020.

Volleyball: District 9 volleyball playoff information will be sent on Friday, October 16th. The tentative schedule is:

“A” – October 29, November 3, November 5, and November 9 or 10

“AA” – week of October 26th

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A motion was made by Bud Brennen and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to use officials as line judges in semi-final and final matches. The motion passed with one no vote. (Terry Straub)

Competitive Spirit: DuBois Area High School is not available to host the District 9 Competitive Spirit Tournament on January 16, 2021.

Swimming and Diving: The number of qualifiers to the state tournament will be reduced.

Football: The format for District 9 football playoffs was reviewed.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Misty Hartle to use 7 officials for district football games. The host site will provide the chain crew. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bill Jordan to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be at 9:00 on November 17 or 18, 2020, at Casalis in St. Marys.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

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COVID -19 RELATED INFORMATION:

Host Site – must follow Pennsylvania Department of Health Rules:

Maximum Occupancy Calculator to indoor events

Maximum Occupancy

0 - 2,000 people

2,001 – 10,000 people

Over 10,000 people

Allowable Indoor Rate

20% of Maximum Occupancy

15 % of Maximum Occupancy

10% of Maximum Occupancy up to 3,750 people

Maximum Occupancy Calculator to outdoor events

Maximum Occupancy

0 - 2,000 people

2,001 – 10,000 people

Over 10,000 people

Allowable Outdoor Rate

25% of Maximum Occupancy

20 % of Maximum Occupancy

15% of Maximum Occupancy up to 7,500 people

Mask must be worn.

Social distancing rules must be followed.

Site locations - quarterfinals and semi-finals – higher seed site finals - neutral site

Health Policy:

Participants must be screened by their home school prior to arriving at the event. A signed document by a school administrator, trainer, or health professional must be presented to the game/site manager upon arriving at the game site. If a signed document is not presented, the host school's trainer or authorized person must administer the test.

Tickets:

Ticket prices - \$6.00 – All advance sale of tickets and any tickets sold at the gate

Distribution of tickets:

Football – tickets will be distributed evenly between the schools. One-half of the available tickets will be given to the home school to sell and one-half will be given to the visiting school to sell. Any unsold tickets by one school will be offered to the competing school to sell. , Any remaining tickets will be sold at the gate

Soccer – all tickets will be sold at the event except if Brockway Area High School team/s are playing. If Brockway is playing one half of the available tickets will be given to the opposing school to sell

Volleyball – all tickets will be pre-sale with tickets distributed evenly between competing school
Bands and cheerleaders will be counted as spectators and must be a ticket holder. Band members and cheerleaders must pay the ticket price for admission to a District 9 event.

District 9 and league passes will not be honored.

Media Fees:

Radio fees – quarterfinals and semi-finals - \$75.00 finals - \$100.00

Live streaming - \$250.00

Awards:

Individual sports – awards will be presented with socially distance protocol in place

Teams sports – championship plaque will be presented; the individual awards will be given to the head coach – the coach/school can decide how the awards will be presented to individual team members

No concession stands or 50/50 drawings