

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2009**

The District 9 Committee held the November 11, 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, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Cindy Wagner, Tom Wagner, Susan Valentine, and Tim Walter.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Ed Babcock to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting. The motion carried.

**FINANCE:**

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

Accounts payable were reviewed.

A report on fall merchandise sales was given by Jerry Linsenbigler. During the fall sports playoffs, there were over 500 shirts sold.

Mr. Brad Cashman and a representative of the PIAA auditing firm will visit District 9 to review the financial records and the accounting procedures used by the District 9 Committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was received by the PIAA Board of Directors from the Catholic Conference attorneys requesting equal representation on the Board of Directors for parochial schools based on the number of parochial schools that are members of the PIAA.

Procedures for obtaining officials' clearances are still being reviewed and updated. More information will be available.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Principals and athletic directors are reminded to submit the proper paperwork on the correct forms for your request for a decision on a student transfer. A number of transfers have not been approved because of incomplete or incorrect paperwork.

Game managers, for District 9 playoff events, have the responsibility to secure and check the credentials of athletic trainers. Schools should check the legal relationship between their trainer and an overseeing medical doctor.

If soccer fields are non-playable and a game must be moved to another site, the rental fee for the playable site was discussed. A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Tony Flint for the district committee and the school that should have hosted the game to split the cost of the rental fee. The motion carried by a nine to four vote.

There will be recommendations concerning the sites for district soccer matches including the availability of lights and playing the semi-final games at the best site available rather than at home fields.

A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Denny Geitner to reimburse DuBois Catholic High School for transportation cost because the district match could not be played because there were no officials at the site. The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Tony Flint for the district committee to pay the rental fee for the Clarion vs. Elk County Catholic football game that was played at Clarion University. The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Jeff Kepler for the policy committee to recommend a policy to apply for reimbursement to schools and sites for hosting district championship events.

A policy for the assignment of contest officials for District 9 events and a policy concerning evaluation of officials were tabled until the next district committee meeting.

A motion was made by Denny Geitner and seconded by Roger Collins to present Austin Area High School, Brookville Area High School, and Otto-Eldred High School with the District 9/PIAA Sportsmanship Award. The motion carried. The schools that were to be recognized by the District 9 Committee and will share the District 9 Sportsmanship Award.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**Cross Country:** A survey will be sent to principals of schools that sponsor cross country for their opinion concerning the need for a rain date, weekday event rather than a Saturday event, time schedule, course location, etc.

A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Randy Cathcart for a "RFP" to be sent to schools that would consider hosting the district meet. The motion carried.

**Golf:** Letters were received concerning the new format for district golf. The format used for the District 9 Tournament is the same format that is used at the Regional and PIAA Championships. A number of items were discussed at the golf steering committee: adding an additional classification, the number of schools that sponsor golf and the number of golfers that can be accommodated on a course.

**Soccer:** Girls spring soccer will be moved to a fall sport for the 2012 classification cycle.

**Tennis:** The method of seeding tennis players will be reviewed. There will be consideration given for rotating sites for district tennis.

**Volleyball:** The method of seeding and the power rating system will be discussed by the volleyball committee.

**Basketball:** District 9 basketball tournament will be played the weeks of February 21 and 28. The basketball committee recommended counting all regular season games and teams must determine earlier if they intend to enter the tournament. Playing games on home courts at the quarter-final and semi-final level versus playing games at neutral courts was discussed. Also discussed, was playing double headers and travel concerns, as well as, the financial considerations of running the tournament.

**Football:** After the PIAA classifications and brackets are determined, the format for the 2010 and 2011 District 9 football playoffs will be reviewed.

The next District 9 Committee meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

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