

## **DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING - DECEMBER 12, 2016**

The District 9 Committee held the December 12, 2016 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Brock Benson, Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Kevin Doverspike, Scott Daum, Sandi Hanes, and Tim Walter.

A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### **FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the September, October, November, and December treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

Financial reports were presented for all of the fall sports. A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept the fall financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION:**

A presentation was made by Chris Niklaus and Joe Szymanski from WXZY-LPFM 101.7 concerning the status of the LPFM radio stations. Due to the nature of WXZY, as a non-profit station, the station is requesting a reduced rate for broadcasting District 9 sponsored athletic contests.

A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Randy Cathcart to inquire through the football steering committee and the PIAA office how the PIAA office staff and other PIAA districts handle similar requests from LPFM stations. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Review of the December 8, 2016 Board of Directors meeting:

The Track And Field Steering Committee will meet on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> to further discuss three classes in track and field.

Consider an ineligible policy change for athletes who transfer during a sports season.

Consider extending the semester rule for special needs student-athletes.

Any school that receives any information request from a Plano, Texas company should contact the PIAA Office. Requests are being solicited under "Right to Know" laws.

Define the term "officials' assigner."

Schools that are interested in sending a student or students to the National Federation Leadership Conference should have students apply through the PIAA website in January.

The new baseball pitching rule passed the second reading.

Discussion will be held concerning penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct during awards ceremonies.

**TRANSFER REQUEST:**

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Randy Cathcart to grant athletic eligibility to a Bradford Area High School student in all sports except football. The Portville High School (New York) student transferred to Bradford Area High School. The motion failed by a three to eight vote.

A motion was made by Brock Benson and seconded by Bud Brennen to deny the Bradford Area High School student eligibility for one year from the date of enrollment. The motion carried by an eight to three vote.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUESTS:** None

**HEARINGS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Matt Splain and seconded by Bill Vassallo to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Venango Catholic High School and Rocky Grove High School in girls basketball as of November 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

**AWARDS:**

Awards for various championships were reviewed.

Spirit Competition Awards – medals will be given to the highest number of athletes on the mat plus three awards for coaches.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:**

The high number of soccer disqualifications was discussed.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**BASEBALL:** The new baseball pitching count rule was discussed.

**GOLF:** Passed on a first reading. Girls' team golf championship teams will play four golfers and count the score of only three. (Previous – play five and count four) Qualifying scores will drop from 400 to 300.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Feedback from the volleyball tournament. In class "A" a request was made not to play semi-finals and finals the same day. A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Vassallo to use the following format for the "A" Volleyball Championships:

“A” consolation match

“A” championship match

“AA” championship match

“AAA” championship match

The matches listed above to be played on the same day and at the same site. The motion carried unanimously.

CROSS COUNTRY: The company that provided the timing systems for the district cross country championship meet is no longer in business. Discussion was held concerning the type of service a new company could provide, especially their “chip” system. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Pete Grecco to hire Runner High to time the District 9 Cross Country Championship Meet. The motion carried unanimously.

An attempt will be made with the District 6, 9, and 10 to hold the boys’ and girls’ sub-regional “AAA” meet on the same date and at the same location.

WRESTLING: The District 9 wrestling committee met with two District 9 wrestling officials prior to the committee meeting. The concerns of the officials were discussed and will be taken under consideration.

BASKETBALL: The last day to enter the district tournament will be midnight of the last game of the regular season.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Howard to seed the tournament using the following criteria:

Winning percent

Head to head competition

Common opponents

Winning percent against District 9 opponents

Power rating using all games

Coin flip

The motion carried unanimously.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on January 17, 2017 at 9:00 at Aiello’s Café.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Dave Osborne to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary

