

**DISTRICT XI COMMITTEE WINTER WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
LCTI CAMPUS
08 January 2011**

Chairman Jack Wabby called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. at the LCTI Building in Schnecksville, PA.

Chairman Wabby welcomed all of the District XI Committee members to the annual winter workshop.

Roll was taken and all members were present except: Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Hartman

- I. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Wabby
- A motion was made by Ketner/Ross to approve the 08 January 2011 meeting agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Secretary Report: Mr. Harakal
- A motion was made by Wilson/Kinder to approve the 06 December 2010 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Treasurer Report: Mr. Zimmerman
- Review of the checkbook register from 09/15/10 through 01/07/11.
 - Review of the line items in the 2010-2011 budget and the amount that was paid out in expenses.
 - Review of the 2010-2011 approved budget.
 - A motion was made by Zimmerman/Ramella to approve the payment of the bills from 09/15/10 through 01/07/11. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Review of the 2010 football playoff games including the sub-region games financial reports. The total net profit from the 2010 football playoffs is approximately \$7,000 less than the 2009 football playoffs. In 2009 there were more football playoff games because of regional playoffs.
 - Review of the 2010 fall sports financial summaries.
 - A motion was made by Welsh/McBreen to approve the 2010 fall sports financial summaries. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Discussion of creating a stipend for the officer positions of the District XI Committee.
- IV. Correspondence: Mr. Harakal
- A. Foreign Exchange Students
- No action necessary.
 - A question was raised if a foreign exchange student that has graduated from their home school can compete for a PIAA member school. Mr.

Wabby will acquire a clarification of this question from Mr. Cashman from the PIAA.

- Mr. Cashman informed the Committee that as long as the foreign exchange student meets all of the PIAA requirements they may participate for a period of one year.
- A motion was made by Angeline/Kinder for a foreign exchange student at Pius X High School to be approved for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Angeline will submit the information to Mr. Harakal.

B. Athletic Transfer Waiver

- A motion was made by Lavendur/Schneider to ratify the following student transfers, since both Principals signed the athletic transfer waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

A student from Raritan High School to Pleasant Valley High School

A student from Xaverian Middle School to Pleasant Valley Middle School

A student from Baldwin High School to Pocono Mountain West High School

A student from Nixa High School to Pocono Mountain East High School

A student from Annville-Cleona High School to Williams Valley JR/SR High School

A student from Nazareth Area High School to Whitehall High School

A student from Williams Valley JR/SR High School to Tri-Valley High School

A student from Pocono Mountain West High School to Pocono Mountain East High School

A student from Scranton Prep High School to Pocono Mountain East Junior High School

A student from Freedom High School to Northampton Area High School

A student from Phillipsburg High School to Easton Area High School

C. Miscellaneous Eligibility

- A motion was made by Arnts/Ross to uphold the decision of the District XI Committee to deny a Dieruff High School student athlete an additional semester of eligibility for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Ketner/McBreen to approve the waiver of Article III Section 3 letter E of the PIAA Constitution/By-Laws for a student athlete from Salisbury High School. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Other Correspondence

- No action necessary.

- V. District XI Response to PIAA survey: Mr. Wabby
- A. Enrollment
 - Discussion of the enrollment classifications proposal from the PIAA.
 - B. Classification
 - Discussion of the classification and qualifier proposal from the PIAA
 - C. Bracket Development
 - Discussion of the bracketing proposal from the PIAA.
 - D. Regional Configuration
 - Mr. Wabby requested that all of the Leagues in District XI discuss the PIAA proposals before responding to the PIAA.
- VI. Annual Principal/Athletic Director Meeting: Mr. Wabby
- A. Constitutional Vote
 - Review of Article VII, Powers and Duties of Board of Directors and Officer of the PIAA, Section 1 and Article V, Organization and Authority, Section 2 of the PIAA Constitution. Articles V and VII will be voted upon at the annual April meeting of the Principals/Athletic Directors of District XI.
 - B. Final Plans
 - The District XI Committee will have a meeting at 11:00 am before the annual Principal/Athletic Director meeting on April 28, 2011 at Willow Tree in Orefield, PA.
 - The 2012 Annual Meeting of the District XI Committee is scheduled to be held in Schuylkill County. Mr. McBreen will discuss this with the Schuylkill League.
 - Discussion was held to determine if the annual meeting of the Principals/Athletic Directors should rotate locations every year.
- VII. Sport Reports
- A. Football – Mr. Wabby
 - Review of the 2010 financial report.
 - Review of the 2010 football playoffs.
 - Discussion of the 16 week schedule that may be brought up again by the PIAA for the next two year cycle.
 - Discussion of playing all games up to the final PIAA game at the top seeded school if the site is adequate for the game. Does the PIAA review the sites that are used for the playoff games? If the conditions are not favorable the school should forward a letter to the PIAA.
 - Discussion of the PIAA football game with Easton Area and Northeast High School in Philadelphia. Both schools should be able to give their input to the game manager regarding the condition of an acceptable site.
 - B. Cross Country – Mr. Harakal
 - Discussion of establishing a qualifying time for the District XI Championships.

- A motion was made by Harakal/Ramella to rescind the previous motion to develop a qualifying time for the District XI Cross Country Championships. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Harakal will investigate the possibility of starting a race before the preceding race is finished.
 - A discussion of having the cross country championships at Bicentennial Park in East Allen Township. Mr. Harakal and Mr. Welsh will review this site and come back to the District XI Committee with their findings.
 - The 2011 PIAA cross country championships will start at 9:30 am.
- C. Field Hockey – Mrs. Wilson
- Discussion of playing the District XI and PIAA games on a neutral field.
 - A motion was made by Wilson/Ramella recommending that the AAA tournament be played at Whitehall High School and AA tournament be played at Emmaus High School and if Whitehall and Emmaus are both in the AAA finals the game will be played at a neutral site. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Tennis – Mr. Ramella
- Discussion of the boys’ and girls’ teams abiding by the same rules.
 - Discussion of the current power rankings that are being used.
- E. Boys’ Soccer – Mrs. Arnts
- Review of the 2011 boys’ soccer playoffs.
 - The site for the 2011 boys’ Class A playoff should be in Schuylkill County because all of the Class A schools are located in Schuylkill County
 - There was a discussion at the soccer steering committee meeting that after regulation play, two 20 minute sudden victory periods followed by penalty kicks will determine the winner for all playoff games. There will be no Co-Champions in the PIAA final game. This recommendation passed the PIAA Board of Control.
 - District XI boys’ soccer officials worked seven games in inter-district playoffs and they worked the Class AAA final. Congratulations to those District XI boys’ soccer officials that worked the inter-district and PIAA final games.
- F. Girls’ Soccer – Mr. Kinder, Mr. Harakal
- Discussion of the Class A games being held in the Lehigh Valley for the fall soccer girls’ playoffs. Can an acceptable site be found for the Class A games in Schuylkill County?
- G. Golf – Mrs. Arnts
- The 2011 qualifying round will be held at Shawnee Country Club.
 - At the current time there will not be additional classifications for golf.
- H. Volleyball – Mrs. Ross
- The volleyball steering committee voted to rescind pool play in the first round of the PIAA tournament. The PIAA Board of Control rescinded pool play immediately for the first round of the PIAA playoffs. This will affect the 2011 boys’ season. The 2011 schedule will have to be

adjusted. Mrs. Ross will send the changes to the 2011 boys' volleyball playoffs to Mr. Fisher.

- Discussion of the continuation of pool play for the PIAA semifinals.

I. Wrestling – Mr. Zimmerman

- The team dual tournament will be held the first weekend in February and it will include 10 teams for Class AAA and Class AA.
- The Individual tournament will be held on Feb. 25 and 26, 2011. The Class AAA tournament will be held at Liberty High School and the Class AA tournament will be held at Freedom High School. The Class AAA and Class AA finals will be held at Liberty High School.

J. Basketball – Mr. Schneider

- Clarification of the home uniform situation regarding the playoff bracket.
- The basketball playoff meeting will be held on Feb. 20 at Northampton High School in the auditorium.
- The 2011 tournament details have been finalized.

K. Swimming/Diving – Mr. Harakal

- District XI is having a problem with some of the swimming officials not following some of the NFHS rules. Mrs. Wilson is aware of this problem and she has been in contact with Dr. Lombardi from the PIAA office.

L. Lacrosse – Mr. Heffernan

- This report will be given at the February meeting of the District XI Committee due to Mr. Heffernan's absence.

M. Baseball – Mr. Schneider

- The website has now been updated with the current information.
- The District XI finals will be held at Coca-Cola Park. This will be a two day tournament.

N. Softball – Mrs. Wilson

- Triple headers will no longer be scheduled for the semi-finals due to the length of past semi-final games.
- At this time Blue Mountain High School, Parkland High School and Patriots Park will be used for the 2011 softball playoffs. Minersville High School will also be used when needed.

O. Track and Field – Mr. Welsh

- The 2011 track and field championship will be held at Blue Mountain High School.
- Discussion of past problems with the seeding meeting and the forwarding of this information for the District XI website.
- Discussion of all the Leagues electronically submitting information for the seeding meeting through the Hy-Tec program.
- A motion was made by McBreen/Arnts for all schools in District XI to submit their entries electronically for the 2011 Championships. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Website Update:

Mr. Fisher

- We have been averaging 150,000 hits per year for the website.
- Mr. Fisher reviewed all of the sections of the District XI website.
- For the 2010-2011 year Service Electric is the only corporate sponsor for the website.
- Mr. Fisher would like any sport changes to the handbook to be submitted by April 1.
- If anyone has a corporate sponsor for the website they should contact Mr. Fisher.
- A special thanks to Mr. Fisher for his excellent work with the District XI website.

IX. District XI Handbook Updates for 2011-2012

A. Officials Fees – Mrs. Wilson

- Review of the history of the District XI official's fee structure.
- Review of the official's fee proposal that Mrs. Wilson shared with the Committee. The rates in this proposal are equal to or below the state rates.
- Discussion of having one football official oversee the chain crew for all District XI games. The home team will be able to use their regular chain crew.
- Discussion of the reduction in revenue for District XI playoffs.
- A motion was made by Schneider/Arnts for all District XI football playoff games, not including sub-region games, that there will be only one football official assigned to work the chain crew. The motion passed with one no vote.
- Discussion of the number of baseball umpires for the District XI semi-final and final games.
- A motion was made by Schneider/Ketner for the 2011 District XI baseball semi-final games to have three umpires and for the final games to have four umpires. The motion passed with one no vote.
- A motion was made by Wilson/Welsh to accept the 2011-2012 proposal for official's fees that work District XI playoff events. The motion passed unanimously.

X. District XI Procedures Manual Update:

Mr. Zimmerman

- Mr. Zimmerman is still working on certain sections for finalization.
- No action necessary.

XI. Old Business:

Mr. Wabby

- No action necessary.

XII. New Business

A. New IRS Regulations – Mr. Wabby

- The new mileage rate is now \$.51 per mile.

- Discussion of the per diem rate that is allowed by the PIAA.
 - Mr. Wabby will bring back additional information regarding the per diem rate from the IRS after he meets with the PIAA officers.
- B. Fan behavior problems at inter-district games – Mrs. Laverdur
- Mrs. Laverdur informed the District XI Committee of a problem that occurred with her school district and another school district in District II.
- C. Transfer of a student from Allentown Central Catholic High School to Parkland High School
- Mr. Wabby will be scheduling a hearing for this student somewhere in the Lehigh Valley. He will arrange this hearing as soon as possible.
- XIII. Miscellaneous
- No action necessary.

A motion was made by Welsh/Schneider to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Meeting Dates:

February 20, 2011 – Committee meeting at Northampton High School at 11:00 am. The basketball seeding for the District XI playoffs will be addressed.
March 18, 2011 – Committee meeting at Whitehall High School at 3:00 pm
April 28, 2011 – Committee meeting and District XI annual Principal/Athletic Director meeting at Willow Tree Grove in Orefield, PA at 11:00 am. The annual meeting will be held at 3:00 pm.
May 10, 2011 – Committee meeting at Northwestern Lehigh High School at 3:00 pm

The meeting times may change in order to accommodate the schedules of Principals and Athletic Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Harakal
District XI Secretary