

**DISTRICT XI COMMITTEE MEETING
21 APRIL 2010
WILLOW TREE GROVE-OREFIELD, PA.**

Committee Members Absent: Mr. Lesky,

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Wabby

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wabby at 10:33 a.m.

Mr. Wabby introduced Mr. James Angeline, Principal of Pius X High School. Jim will be the new Private Schools representative to the District XI Committee.

Mr. Wabby introduced Scott Cooperman, Director of Athletics at William Allen High School. Scott will be the new Lehigh Valley Conference representative to the District XI Committee.

- I. Approval of 21 April 2010 meeting agenda: Mr. Wabby
- A motion was made by Arnts/Ramella to approve the 21 April 2010 meeting agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Approval of General Meeting Agenda: Mr. Wabby
- Mr. James Angeline, Principal of Pius X High School, will be the Private Schools Representative for the 2010-2011 year. His term will officially begin on July 1, 2010.
 - Mr. Nemes addressed the parent representative from the Colonial League. Due to the timing of the Colonial League meeting the parent representative will be approved at the June meeting of the District XI Committee.
 - Review of the 2010-2011 District XI Committee ballot. There was discussion of some of the positions on this ballot and the wording of this ballot.
 - Mr. Hauck will be in charge of nominations and voting.
 - A motion was made by Wilson/McBreen to approve the 2010-2011 District XI Committee ballot. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Melissa Mertz will be representing the PIAA at the annual spring meeting for Principals and Athletic Directors.
- III. Secretary's Report: Mr. Harakal
- A motion was made by Ross/Arnts to approve the 22 March 2010 and 12 April 2010 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Zimmerman
- A. Budget status for 2009-2010

- Review of the money fund accounts from April 2009 to April 2010. These accounts are up approximately \$1,000 from the previous year due to earned interest.
 - Review of the checking account from April 2009 to April 2010. This account is up approximately \$30,000 from the previous year.
- B. Financial Overview of current fiscal year.
- Review of the Expense Distribution History.
 - Discussion of the creation of budgets by the Sports Chairman to present to the Executive Committee for the 2010-2011 year. The PIAA sport budget form will be used by the District XI Committee.
 - Mr. Wabby reviewed the plan for the Sports Chairman to develop a budget to present to the Executive Board.
 - Review of the financial summaries for the 2009-2010 winter sports championships.
 - Mr. Zimmerman thanked all of the game managers for their help with the financial reports from the basketball/wrestling/swimming playoffs.
 - Discussion of establishing a minimum amount for mileage reimbursement to participating schools. Mr. Zimmerman will bring a recommendation back to the District XI Committee.
 - Review of the District XI wrestling tournaments. Discussion of the ticket price for multiple sessions. Mr. Hartman will bring a recommendation to the District XI Committee for an increase in the ticket price for multiple sessions.
 - The wrestling steering committee will forward a motion to the PIAA Board of Control to add a second District XI team for the AAA team tournament and extend the total field to 20 teams and for the AA team tournament to expand to 17 teams.
 - Review of the PIAA audit from Boyer and Ritter. The District XI expense for their portion of the PIAA audit was \$2,350. A special thanks to Mr. Zimmerman for his work as the District XI treasurer and his contribution to the PIAA audit.
 - Discussion of which cell phones to keep for the District XI Committee. The following will have cell phones paid for by the District XI Committee: three officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer), two for basketball/baseball, two for the official's representatives.
 - A motion was made by Arnts/Schneider to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Correspondence

A. Foreign Exchange Student Eligibility

- No action necessary.

B. Athletic Transfer Waivers

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

A student from Whitehall High School to Catasauqua High

School

A student from High Point Regional High School to Pocono Mountain West High School

C. Miscellaneous Eligibility

- Discussion of a letter received concerning a Blue Mountain High School student athlete that was reported to be living in the Northwestern Lehigh School District. The District XI Committee is requesting that the Blue Mountain School District investigate this issue and report back to the District XI Committee.

D. Cooperative Sponsorship Sports

- No action necessary.

VI. Information

A. Website Update

- No new information.

B. Handbook Updates Deadlines

- Sport chairpersons please submit your sport updated information to Mr. Fisher by June 15, 2010.

VII. Old Business

A. District XI Handbook

- Mr. Zimmerman sent the handbook electronically to all of the member schools. This will be discussed at the Principal/Athletic Director meeting.

B. Playoff Sites and Costs

- Discussion of the costs associated with the selection of District XI playoff sites.
- Cost is not the overriding factor in determining the sites for basketball playoff sites.
- Coca Cola Park will be used for the District XI baseball finals. The Park and District XI will split the revenue after all of the expenses are paid. The finals will be held on Wednesday and Thursday and there are no rain dates. The final game selection will be held after the semi-final games are completed.

C. Cost Containment Committee

- No new updates.
- Many of the recommendations from this committee have been incorporated into the District XI handbook.

VIII. New Business

A. PIAA Sportsmanship Awards

- Mr. Hartman and his committee will bring back recommendations for this award to the District XI Committee.

B. Sport Classifications

- The PIAA will be reviewing this issue for some of the sport championships.

C. PIAA Update

- Discussion of football and the use of shoulder pads and physical contact.
- Discussion of the 7v7 passing scrimmages.
- Mr. Wabby will discuss these issues with the PIAA Board of Control to gain a better understanding of the intent of the rule.

IX. Sport Reports

- No new updates.

**DISTRICT XI SPRING MEETING
FOR PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
21 APRIL 2010
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Chairman Wabby welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained the voting procedure that will take place today.

Chairman Wabby introduced Melissa Mertz from the PIAA Office.

Chairman Wabby informed everyone of the passing of Mario Donnangelo and observed a moment of silence.

I. Secretary Report:

Mr. Harakal

- Mr. Harakal gave an update of the distribution of the meeting minutes of the District XI Committee and the minutes that appear on the District XI website.

II. Treasurer Report:

Mr. Zimmerman

- Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the checkbook register report from April 2009 to April 2010. This account is up approximately \$30,000 from the previous year.
- Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the money market accounts of the District XI Committee. These accounts are up approximately \$1,000 from the previous year.
- Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the financial reports from the 2009 spring and fall sports and the 2009-2010 winter sports. The revenues from these events have gone down compared to the previous year.
- District XI paid their fair share of \$2,350 for the audit of the PIAA. Review of the PIAA audit from Boyer and Ritter.
- A motion was made by Myers/Kramer to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman Wabby reviewed the audit of the PIAA. Chairman Wabby is waiting for the company that performed the PIAA to give District XI a price quote for an audit of District XI.
- Chairman Wabby reviewed the financial situation of the District XI Committee and the playoffs that Mr. Zimmerman reviewed.

III. PIAA Update :

Mr. Wabby

- Review of the 15 week proposal for football. The 16 week football season will remain for the next two year cycle.
- A 15 week football season would cause all schools to go to a nine game season.
- Review of PIAA playoffs.

IV. Election of Committee Members:

Mr. Wabby

- Jack thanked Ed Hauch, Lisa Cook and Jim Davis for their service to the District XI Committee. They will be retiring at the end of this year.
- Jack recognized John Carestia and Robert Bukvics for their many years of service to their schools. They are retiring at the end of this year.
- Jack reviewed the new format of the make-up of the District XI Committee.
- Jack reviewed the District XI Committee ballot.
- A motion was made by Bukvics/McBreen to approve the Colonial League parent representative once the Colonial League makes their selection. The Colonial League meeting to elect the parent representative will take place after the District XI Principal and Athletic Director meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Moll/Geist to close nominations for the League representatives to the District XI Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
- The following individuals have been elected to the District XI Committee for a one year term (2010-2011): Jack Wabby, Ray Kinder, James Ketner (Schuylkill League), Robert Hartman, Dennis Ramella, Scott Cooperman and Elaine Arnts (Lehigh Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference), Dennis Nemes, Rich Heffernan, Jason Zimmerman (Colonial League), Beth Ross and John Toleno (Mountain Valley Conference), Mike Schneider (Athletic Director Representative)

V. PIAA Update:

Mrs. Mertz

- There are no new Constitutional Amendments to discuss at this meeting.
- Review of Article VI Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting Section 2 regarding the natural break transfer.
- Review of Article XI Assumed Name.
- Review of Article XVI Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations. Shoulder pads for football players are now legal for out of season workouts. Skin to skin contact is not permissible by the PIAA rules and regulations. Blocking/tackling sleds are not permissible by the football players during out of season workouts.
- Review of the Labor Day table.
- Review of the start date for boys' and girls' tennis. Their start date has been moved up by one week. Now they need only one week of pre-season practice.

- Review of the procedure for counting the number of volleyball competitions for dual matches, one day tournaments, triangular matches, quadrangular matches and two day tournaments.
- Review of girls' soccer for the next two year cycle.
- Review of the concussion language that will be placed in the NFHS rules books. An appropriate health care professional may permit the student athlete to return to competition. This issue will be discussed by the PIAA Sports Medicine Committee.
- Review of the disqualification response form that will be used for all sports.
- Review of the PIAA East and West Regional Golf Championships for 2010 and 2011. These Championships will not be held on the same day.
- In the year 2012 the sport of golf will have two classifications.
- Review of the policy for determining number of enrollment classifications in the sports of cross country, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, wrestling and golf. This policy will be studied by the PIAA.
- Review of the PIAA volleyball playoff format for 2010.
- Review of the NFHS Soccer Rule 12-8-1 Penalty.
- Review of the use of eye shields in the sport of football.
- Review of the softball rule change for the distance from the pitcher's plate to home plate. This distance will increase to 43 feet beginning in July 2010.
- Review of the PIAA "Official Balls".
- Review of the Championship sites for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- Melissa reminded everyone that the National Student Leadership Conference that will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in the summer. This conference is free for students that are interested and recommended to the PIAA by the District Committees.

V. District XI Website:

Mr. Fisher

- Review of the District XI website.
- Any updates to the handbook sections are live once the change has been made on the website.
- If anyone knows someone that would like to advertise on the District XI website please contact Mr. Fisher.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Harakal, CAA
District XI Secretary

