

**DISTRICT XI COMMITTEE MEETING  
SCHUYLKILL COUNTRY CLUB  
30 JULY 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Committee member present: Mr. Wabby, Mr. Nemes, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Arnts, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Kinder, Mr. Harakal

- I. Welcome New Members: Jack Wabby
- Dennis Ramella was introduced as the new representative from the Lehigh Valley Conference.
  - Donald Harakal was introduced as the new President of the District XI Athletic Directors Association. Don will serve a two year term on the District XI Committee.
- II. Approval of the committee agenda: Jack Wabby
- A motion was made by Nemes/Hartman to approve the agenda for the 30 July 2009 meeting of the District XI Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Secretary Report: Donald Harakal
- A motion was made by Wilson/Hauck to approve the 29 April 2009 meeting minutes of the District XI Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
  - A motion was made by Hartman/Arnts to post the District XI Committee meeting agendas and meeting minutes on the District XI website. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer Report: Jason Zimmerman
- A. 2008-2009 final budget
- Mr. Wabby discussed the new accounting system that is being used by District XI.
  - Discussion of the plan for the Executive Board to meet with the chairman for each sport to develop a budget for each sport.
  - Review of the District XI checkbook register report from April 29, 2009 to July 30, 2009.
  - A motion was made by Hauck/Nemes to approve the payment of bills from April 29, 2009 to July 30, 2009.
  - Discussion of Principals and Athletic Directors attending the annual April meeting and not staying for dinner. Mr. Zimmerman will modify the form for this meeting to reflect the concern of the District XI Committee.
  - Discussion of creating a fine for member schools that do not attend the annual spring meeting of the District XI Committee. There was no action necessary.
- B. 2009-2010 budget planning

- Discussion of the member school dues to the PIAA that the District XI Committee is paying for.
  - Schools that do not offer sports will not be assessed dues from the PIAA.
  - The District XI Committee is roughly \$5,000 in the red comparing the 2007-2008 year to the 2008-2009 year.
- C. Increased PIAA dues for member schools
- The District XI Committee will pay for the PIAA dues increase for the member schools.
- D. Travel reimbursement
- A motion was made by Zimmerman/Wilson to abolish the travel reimbursement money to schools that qualify for the District XI semi-final and final championships. This motion was retracted by Zimmerman/Wilson. The Committee will analyze the actual mileage reimbursement at the end of the 2009-2010 year.
- E. Other
- Discussion of having an official audit by a C.P.A. in conjunction with the PIAA. The bids for this are due to the PIAA office in the month of November.
  - If the PIAA does not want to incorporate the 12 Districts of the state in their audit proposal District XI will hire a C.P.A. to audit the budget/books of District XI. Mr. Wabby will keep the District XI Committee updated with this issue.
  - Mr. Nemes reviewed the financial scrutiny that the PIAA is under.

V. Correspondence:

Jack Wabby

A. Foreign Exchange Student Eligibility

- No action necessary.

B. Athletic Transfer Waivers

- A motion was made by Nemes/Arnts to ratify the following student transfers, since both Principals signed the athletic transfer waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Student from Notre Dame ES High School to Pocono Mountain East High School
  - Student from Lehigh Christian High School to Parkland High School
  - Student from Pen Argyl High School to Stroudsburg High School
  - Student from Blue Mountain High School to Parkland High School
  - Student from Upper Perkiomen High School to Saucon Valley High School
  - Student from Allentown Central Catholic High School to Parkland High School
  - Student from Kidspace-Orefield to Blue Mountain High School
  - Student from Northwestern Lehigh High School to Northern Lehigh High School

C. Miscellaneous Eligibility

- No action necessary.

D. Cooperative Sponsorship Sports

- No action necessary.

E. Other Correspondence

- Request from Stroudsburg High School for a football contingency game. A motion was made by Nemes/to approve the contingency football request from Stroudsburg High School. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Information:

Jack Wabby

- No action necessary.

VII. Old Business:

Jack Wabby

A. 2009-2010 District XI Handbook Updates

- Update of the District XI Committee members contact information for the District XI Handbook.
- Report of the status of the District XI Handbook and the sections that are not finalized.
- Discussion of the elimination of the home address, phone numbers, and cell phone numbers from the District XI handbook for Principals and Athletic Directors.
- Mr. Fisher will create two documents for the information section of the Committee members and the school directories. One will be for the public and the other will be for the Principals and Athletic Directors of District XI.
- Discussion of the team site for golf. The site has not been determined as of now.
- Discussion of the final preparations for the sports of cross country and swimming/diving.

B. Football Classification/Length of Season Update

- For the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 cycles the length of the football season will be 16 weeks and the classifications will remain at 4. The District Chairman in the state made this recommendation to the PIAA Board of Control.
- Discussion of the one week overlap from the fall season to the winter season.
- Discussion of the NFHS Labor Day calculation of when to start fall sports specifically football. This proposal will be reviewed by the PIAA Board of Control for the future of the football playoffs and classifications.

C. District XI Committee Make-Up & Voting Procedures Update

- Review of the proposals for the make-up of the District XI Committee. The three proposals will be mailed to all of the Principals of District XI for a vote.

VIII. New Business

Jack Wabby

A. Election of 2009-2010 Officers

- Chairman – A motion was made by Hauch/Kinder to nominate Jack Wabby for the position of chairman of the District XI Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

- Vice-Chairman – A motion was made by Wilson/Kinder to nominate Dennis Nemes for the position of vice-chairman of the District XI Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Treasurer – A motion was made by Hartman/Wilson to nominate Jason Zimmerman for the position of treasurer of the District XI Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Secretary – A motion was made by Nemes/Kinder to nominate Donald Harakal for the position of secretary of the District XI Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Discussion of the corresponding secretary position and the elimination of this position from the District XI Committee.
- B. Appointment of 2009-2010 Auxiliary Personnel
- C.P.A. with a stipend of \$2,400. This will be discussed at the October meeting of the District XI Committee.
  - Website Coordinator with a \$1,500 stipend for bracketing and \$10 per hour for special assignments. A motion was made by Nemes/Arnts to nominate Ken Fisher to receive a \$1,500 stipend for tournament bracketing and \$10 per hour for special assignments. The motion passed unanimously.
  - A motion was made by Hauck/Arnts to eliminate the position of corresponding secretary. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Financial Secretaries with each receiving a stipend of \$1,200. A motion was made by Zimmerman/Nemes to nominate Nicole Zimmerman and Christy Spanitz as financial secretaries for the District XI Committee and they will receive a stipend of \$1,200 each. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Football/Basketball statistician with a stipend of \$3,000. A motion was made by Hauck/Zimmerman to nominate John Smith as the football/basketball statistician for the District XI Committee with a stipend of \$3,000. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Discussion of the future of the football/basketball statistician for the District XI Committee.
- C. District XI Athletic Director Association proposal for tournament seeding
- Discussion of the tournament seeding proposal from the Athletic Directors Association Committee.
  - A motion was made by to approve the seeding points recommendation for District XI tournaments, 4A – win 5 points, tie 2.5 points, loss 0 points, 3A – win 4 points, tie 2.0 points, loss 0 points, 2A – win 3 points, tie 1.5 points, loss 0 points, 1A – win 2 points, tie 1.0 points, loss 0 points. The motion passed unanimously.
  - A motion was made by Zimmerman/Arnts to purchase the Adobe pro program at an expense of approximately \$500. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Analysis of District XI Tournament Expenses
- No action necessary
- E. 2009-2010 District XI Official Fees
- Discussion of raising the official's fee for qualifying rounds from \$67 to 70 and from \$72 to \$75 for the semi-final and final rounds.

- Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Welsh will bring a recommendation to the District XI Committee.
- F. District XI Procedural Manual
- Discussion of the procedural manual.
  - Mr. Wabby appointed the committee of Mr. Schneider, Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Hartman to update this manual and submit a draft for the entire Committee to review.
  - All Committee members are encouraged to submit their input to one of the committee members.
- G. Appointment of Sport Committees for 2009-2010
- Final changes were made to the sport chairpersons list.
  - Mr. Wabby will be meeting with the private school Principals and Athletic Directors for their feedback regarding the Private School representative on the District XI Committee.

IX. Sport Reports

A. Volleyball:

Mr. Davis

- All official volleyballs must be made of leather.
- Mr. Davis will survey the schools to determine if they want to keep “pool play” or revert back to “double elimination” in the District XI tournament.

X. Miscellaneous

- Discussion of the issue of sport officials and the appropriate clearances. The Department of Education has been very helpful to resolve this issue.
- Discussion of the PIAA Board of Control’s action that moved the girls’ soccer season to the fall for the 2010-2011 year.
- A motion was made by Schneider/Hartman to delay the movement of girls’ soccer to the fall season until the next cycle (2012-2013). The motion passed unanimously.
- The PIAA Board of Control is reviewing the issue of two classifications for the sport of golf.
- A recommendation to allow pep bands at the District and State level for the sport of basketball was voted down by the PIAA Board of Control

A motion was made by Schneider/Welsh to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Harakal, CAA  
District XI Secretary