

DISTRICT III P.I.A.A. BOARD MEETING

Hershey Administration Building

April 8, 2009

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PRINCIPAL -- ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Chairman John Ziegler called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. with all members present except for Dale Myers. Also in attendance were Treasurer Robert Baker, Executive Director/Secretary Wendell Hower, Soccer Chairman Fred Isopi and YAIAA Executive Director Herb Schmidt.

Report of the Secretary

The minutes from the Committee meeting on February 8 and February 12 were approved as presented on a motion by Hal Griffiths and a second from Sam Elias.

Report of the Treasurer

A review of the recent wrestling and basketball seasons showed a net profit of \$23,877.16 in wrestling which was \$6,190.84 less than last year and in basketball a net profit of \$184,568.64 which was an increase of \$18,533.35 over last year.

During the District Swimming Meet it became necessary to replace a faulty printer. This purchase was approved on a motion by Cindy Rinehart with a second from Tory Harvey.

Committee Reports

- Medical / Trainer – A motion to accept the proposed agreement was made by Hal Griffiths and seconded by Ron Kennedy. After discussion the motion was withdrawn and the proposal was sent back to Committee for some rewriting and clarifications.
Discussion continues on having each league submit a list of trainers who might be available to work District events.
- District Playoff Proposal – The Committee continues to consider ways and methods to reduce the number of teams in District playoffs. Discussion was held on using a fixed percentage of the teams within each classification to determine the number of entries to District competition.
As a first step toward decreasing entries Field Hockey and Boys' Soccer will limit their entries to 24 qualifiers which means a 500% will not be an automatic qualifier. This was approved on a motion by Ron Kennedy with a second from Eric Wolfgang.
Also there was discussion on having all play-ins and first round games at the site of the higher seeded team.
- Sportsmanship – Discussion was held on the variance in grading used by high schools to achieve the 3.8 average needed for the Brooks Academic Award. The consensus was that the Committee would continue to accept what each school submits.

Eligibility Rulings

Confirmation of the following prior approvals by the Executive Director was made on a motion by Sam Elias and a second from Dave Bitting.

Article VI, Section 4 [Waivers]

Halifax – Brett Chandler

Berks Christian – Honglung Yoon, Hongjun Yoon

Lancaster Catholic – Shayne McLasky

Mt. Calvary – Sam Kwan, Kyle Ireley, Kody Ireley

Harrisburg Academy – Jasmine Moss

Ephrata – Rebecca Parfitt

Twin Valley – Marie Geruasi, Katelyn Needles

Harrisburg Christian – Esther Garcia, Elizabeth Garcia

Lancaster Mennonite – Katie Kurtz, Manuel Scheel, Ryan Seibert

Trinity – Ji-Su Park

Schuylkill Valley – Erinne Butler, Darrien Butler

Donegal – Jessica Shober

York Catholic – HyeJeong Yook

Others

Schuylkill Valley – Courtney Brennan – Article III, Section 3

West Perry – Robert Johnson, Andre Robinson – Article III, Section 9

Article VII [Foreign Exchange]

7-J1 Students

0-F1 Student

Reading Central Catholic had requested a hearing on the refusal of Brandywine Heights to approve the transfer of Alex Bernhard. The hearing was closed at the request of Central Catholic.

In attendance from Central Catholic were Principal Joanne Heintz, Athletic Director Jeff Kolb, student Alex Bernhard and parents Mr. & Mrs. Bernhard. From Brandywine Heights Principal Demetrios Thermenos, Athletic Director Robert Kurzweg and Counselor Kelley Pearsall were present.

After hearing testimony from both groups and reviewing the materials each presented the Committee went into executive session for consideration and discussion. The Committee then returned to open session where Sam Elias moved and Rich Czarnecki seconded to declare Alex ineligible at Central Catholic for one year from this date in the sport of basketball. Motion was passed on a unanimous vote. Both schools were present for this vote.

Review of Winter Championships

A review of all District Championships along with final results was presented by the respective sports chairmen. They also reported on recent state workshops just completed for each sport.

In Wrestling the Committee approved the use of Triple J Bout Masters as a computer support service for the wrestling program. Motion for approval was made by Sam Elias and seconded by Ron Kennedy.

A request from the Wrestling Coaches Association to reinstate the AA District Championship Trophy failed for lack of a supporting motion. The Committee continues to believe that the Team Championships serve this purpose.

A motion by Stephanie Deibler with a second from Pat Tulley was approved to request that a Wrestling Committee composed of a representative from each league along with the Executive Director of the League and the Wrestling Chairman review requests and make recommendations on items that come to the District Committee.

Approval was given on a motion by Cathy Wreski with a second from Don Seidenstricker to approve a contract with Hershey Arena for 2010 and 2011.

A report on clothing sales for the winter season showed a profit of \$5,086.05.

Approval of Spring Tournaments

Tournament proposals for Baseball, Softball, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Tennis, Girls' / Boys' Track & Field, Boys' Volleyball and Girls' / Boys' Lacrosse were presented by the respective sport chairmen. All were approved on a motion by Don Seidenstricker with a second from Eric Wolfgang.

Action / Discussion Items

The Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director from Upper Dauphin were present to discuss the adverse weather conditions they faced on February 18 which resulted in their not going to their scheduled District III playoff game in basketball. The Superintendent spoke for the group and stressed the concern for safety of students and asked the Committee to consider ways to meet that concern. The Committee took no action at this time knowing it is on the State Board agenda for May.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting on April 21 was reviewed.

The Committee at a previous meeting had discussed the Garden Spot / Central York girls' volleyball game in the District Tournament where Garden Spot did not use their "first team" and the Volleyball Chairman had been directed to contact both schools for their explanation. Replies were received and reviewed. While all agreed that Garden Spot had not broken any rules there was a general concern over their action and that this should be communicated to the school. A motion made by Don Seidenstricker and seconded by Hal Griffiths was approved to do so. Don Seidenstricker will convey the Committee concerns via letter to the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director at each school.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Wendell Hower

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District III, P.I.A.A.

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Tuesday, April 21 @ Hershey Country Club Following the Annual Meeting</p>
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