

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

Hershey Lodge

August 10, 2009

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PRINCIPAL -- ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Chairman Sam Elias called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. All members were present except Steph Deibler, Gerry Schuille and Eric Wolfgang. Also in attendance were Treasurer Robert Baker, Executive Director/Secretary Wendell Hower, Program Coordinator Pete Fackler, Football Chairman John Ziegler and YAIAA Executive Director Herb Schmidt.

Mr. Cashman, Executive Director of the P.I.A.A. reviewed the Constitution and By-Law changes for the new school year.

## **Report of the Secretary**

The minutes from the Committee Meeting on April 21 were approved as presented on a motion by Hal Griffiths with a second from Ron Kennedy.

Handouts of a Committee Roster, District Tournament dates for 2010-2011 & 2011-2012, CSIET Programs, Tri-Folds, Insurance Forms, 2008-2009 Tournament Champions and District passes were provided.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

A corrected financial report for March was presented and reviewed along with a financial report for the end of June without school reimbursements computed. The Committee on a motion by Ron Kennedy with a second from Dale Myers agreed to use 40% (\$189,483.00) for school reimbursements in those sports that had a profit.

A motion by Rich Czarnecki with a second from Tory Harvey was approved to permit the treasurer to purchase a new laptop computer.

## **Committee Reports**

The 2009-2010 Budget Report and the recommendation on the Audit Report were held for September. Report on Medical Group / Trainers was held until September.

## **Eligibility Rulings**

Confirmation of the following prior approvals by the Executive Director was made on a motion by Hal Griffiths with a second from Dave Bitting.

## **Article III, Section 3**

Kennard Dale – Alex Hofstrand

## **Article VI, Section 4 [Waivers]**

Elizabethtown – Jessica Sweigart, Christopher Thorn, Jordan Jones, Shane Frankenfield

Central Catholic – Marquis Marshall

York Catholic – Nina Deachillo, Kaitlynn Gordon, Danica Strushensky, Kayla Kennedy, Austin Groff

Bishop McDevitt – Stevenson Mack

Schuylkill Valley – Darrin Patience

Central Dauphin East – Catherine Webster

Fleetwood – Drew Zebeatavage

Lancaster Catholic – Georgie Shoff

Lancaster Mennonite – Katherine Andrews

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Trinity – Christian Nott, Andrew Merluzzi, Linda Kelley, Ryan Sweeney

### **Article VII [Foreign Exchange]**

- J1 Students
- F1 Students

A hearing was held at the request of Cedar Cliff High School requesting an additional year of eligibility for Majiok Henry Majiok. Representing Cedar Cliff was Athletic Director Ken Roseberry, Attorney Lou Martin, mother Tereza Machar, translator Fanik Aru and the student. This was an open hearing after which the Committee went into executive session for discussion. Upon returning to open session Doug Bohannon moved and Don Seidenstricker seconded to grant an additional year of eligibility under Article VIII, Section 6B. Rich Czarnecki abstained from voting.

A second hearing was held at the request of Exeter high School to grant an additional year of eligibility to Jayson Taylor. In attendance was Athletic Director Stan Cieplinski and father Orlando Taylor. After testimony in an open hearing the Committee went into executive session. Upon returning to open session a motion by Tory Harvey with a second from Pat Tulley was approved to grant an additional semester of eligibility to Jayson under Article VIII, Section 6B.

Letters received from Garden Spot High School and Ephrata High School in which they indicated the illegal use of a blocking sled in June were reviewed along with the actions they have taken to avoid future infractions. The Committee will address this via individual letters to each school.

Boiling Springs High School reported participation in 20 Girls' Soccer games; two more than permitted, but also indicated they had lost both of them so the need to forfeit was moot. A Committee response will be forwarded to the school.

### **Spring Championship Review / Workshop Reports**

Results of the 2009 Tournaments were reviewed along with summer workshop recommendations and State Board action on those recommendations. The reports were accepted on a motion by Don Seidenstricker and seconded by Doug Bohannon.

A report was also received indicating a profit of \$625.80 for spring clothing sales. This was accepted on a motion by Dale Myers with a second from Pat Tulley.

### **Highlights of Reports**

- A lengthy discussion was held on the various grading systems in use by our schools and how this relates to the awarding of "E. Jerry Brooks" academic medals. A recommendation will be considered at the September meeting.
- In Field Hockey there will be a running clock after a 5-goal differential.
- Golf is permitted to start matches on August 20 this year.
- Softball will have the distance of the pitching rubber moved back in 2011.
- Alumni may no longer participate in school practices unless they are volunteer coaches approved by the School Board.
- Several changes in Wrestling will be reviewed at league meetings.
- Girls' Soccer will move to the fall next school year (2010).
- There will be no changes in the number of classifications or length of season in Football.
- Elected to the State Board was Doug Bohannon representing Junior High Schools and Rich Czarnecki to represent male officials.

## **Fall Championships**

The respective sport chairmen presented proposals for respective Championships in Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis and Girls' Volleyball. All were approved on a motion by Don Seidenstricker with a second from Doug Bohannon.

## **Action/Discussion Items**

Blanket approval was given to all schools wishing to schedule an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> varsity football game on a motion by Dave Bitting with a second from Don Seidenstricker.

Ron Kennedy will head a committee to review a proposed "power rating system" for selected sports with the possibility of trying it in a sport this spring and starting others in the fall.

Approval was given to use "By Zebra Web" this year for the assignment of officials. The motion was made by Pat Tulley with a second from Dave Bitting.

## **Other Relevant Items**

League meeting are scheduled as follows:

Mid Penn / Tri Valley	August 18	Central Dauphin East @ 9am
Lancaster-Lebanon	August 19	Oregon Restaurant @ 8:30 am
Christian	August 19	Lancaster Mennonite Center @ 11am
York-Adams	August 19	York Tech School @ 1pm
Berks	August 20	Cabela's @ 9am

The State Appeal Board upheld the ruling of the District III Committee that Alex Bernhard from Central Catholic was not eligible for one year in Basketball.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Wendell Hower*

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District III, P.I.A.A.

***Next Meeting – September 16 at 9:00 am  
South Western District Office***