



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2020 – 7:00PM via Zoom Call

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Pat Nugent, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese, Danielle Turner, Matt Heiland, Janet Columbro, Becky Flynn Hensel, Michael Lalli, Steve Brandt, Seth Bruner, Sue Cornelius, Jason Sherlock, Mike Price, Rap Curry, Ed Kloss, Matt Gionta, Eric Greiner, Lou Sudholz, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, John Reading, John Creighton, Joe Derickson, Jennifer Wilson, Dave Baun, Dee Cross, Denis Gray, Barbara Clarke, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: Reggie Parks, Dan Horan, Craig Gillinger (Alt.)

Minutes

Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Committee Meeting. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

Treasurer's Reports

Upon motion by John Reading/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for March, 2020. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$710,409.69
Net Change	\$34,315.94

Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Mike Price, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for April, 2020. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$698,704.93
Net Change	\$11,704.76

Copies of the complete Treasurer's Reports are available for review with Danielle Turner, Treasurer.

Transfer and Foreign Exchange Student Requests

Upon motion by Pat Nugent/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved all April & May Transfer Student requests submitted for review on the provided list.

Unanimous. (28 Votes)

There are no Foreign Exchange Student Requests for April & May.

Public Comment - No Public Comment was made at this meeting.

Executive Secretary Report

Sean Kelly presented a review of the 2019-2020 Winter Sports Championships Revenue and Expenses. An analysis and comparison of Season Expenses and Revenue from 2015-2020 were also presented to the committee for review. Both reports and spread sheets are available upon request.

PIAA BOD Report

Dr. Barber congratulated Barbra Clarke on her retirement from Merion Mercy Academy. He also expressed gratitude to Barbara Clarke and Matt Gionta for their many years of service, wisdom and professional contributions to the PIAA District One Committee.

Dr. Barber presented a summary of the March and May PIAA BOD meetings

The section below includes minutes from the Annual Spring PIAA Meeting Report – via Zoom Call

PIAA Spring Agenda and Talking points.

- [PIAA FAQs](#) (from PIAA April 2020) – All member schools received a copy of the PIAA FAQs concerning the COVID 19 shut down. This document is still linked to the PIAA website and may help any answer questions school administrators receive from coaches or parents.
- [NHFS – Guidance for opening of schools](#) - the recently released NHFS Memo provides guidelines to help States and State Associations establish protocols to reopen schools and athletic programs. This document is good to review, please understand it is just a guideline at this point. More specific information and guidelines will come from the CDC and the PA Dept. of Health.
- **Wrestling Weight Classes** – the PIAA proposal to move from 14 to 13 weight classes was not officially approved. The BOD has requested that the PIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMAC) review the proposal. The proposal will again be up for consideration this summer. The proposed reduction in weight classes from 14 to 13 has the support of the Wrestling Steering Committee.

- **Physicals** – there are no changes to the CIPPE form or dates this year. New Physicals for all athletes must be certified after June 1st. An extension for the physical requirement was not approved by the PIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMAC). Please begin to encourage your parents to make appointments now with their family physicians.
- **Mandatory and Enhanced PIAA Disqualifications** (2nd reading) – the PIAA Office is working on language that will increase the Mandatory Disqualification / suspension to 2 contests if a player or coach is ejected for physical contact, and/or abusive language towards an official. Requirements will also include completion of the NHFS sportsmanship program. Specific language is included in the attached PIAA talking points sent from the PIAA office.
- **PIAA Basketball** Qualifiers and Brackets will be approved this summer. 15 PIAA schools were IDed from the Success Formula to move up in class. No D1 Schools were identified to move up in a classification. Several PIAA member schools will be appealing the decision.
- **Competitive Spirit** – PIAA voted to approve 2A and 3A classifications for next cycle. The PIAA Championships will now be divided into 2A - Small and Large / 3A - Small and Large and Co-Ed. Co-Ed will still be 1 classification. There will now be 5 PIAA Champions. District One will formalize our Championship structure over the summer.
 - Small Division (1 to 15 squad members)
 - Large Division (16 squad members and up)
- **PIAA Eligibility / Transfer / Post-Season rules** – All PIAA eligibility and transfer rules will still remain the same. Please note: since no students played in spring 2020, the post-season rule would not apply for them in the 2021 spring season. However, if a transfer student played last fall or winter the post-season rule would apply. All requests for an appeal will still need to meet the same standards.
- **Football – Sub-Varsity / JV contests** – the PIAA is working on a policy/rule that would allow schools (upon mutual agreement) to modify playing rules for Sub-Varsity football contests. The rationale is that schools could arrange to play a “type of scrimmage” instead of cancelling Sub-Varsity contests (ie: no special teams or play 10 plays “O” / 10 plays “D”). We hope and expect this modification will be approved over the summer so our JV football games can continue even if teams have low numbers. This rule change has also been referred to the PIAA SMAC.
- **Background Checks and Clearances** – Gov. Wolf recently approved a bill extending the expiration date of FBI Clearances for all school personnel (and officials) until 12/31/20. Please note: the PA State Police and the Child Abuse requirements were not extended and must still be completed on-line if they expire.

Old Business

Matt Heiland introduced a proposal that would require teams to play a minimum number of contests for the Power Ranking System and District One Playoff consideration. The recommendation to approve a requirement that teams must play of 80% of the maximum number of contests was tabled until the August meeting. Upon a motion by Joe Derickson/John Reading this item will be tabled until August. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

Election and approval of District One Committee positions.

Election of D1 Chairman and Advisory positions were voted for via Google Doc by District One Committee members. Dr. Jason Sherlock (Nomination Chairperson) certified the election results.

- **District One Chairman** - Upon a motion by Sue Cornelius/John Creighton, the committee elected Dr. Michael Barber as PIAA District One Chairman for a one year term. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- **District One Vice Chairman** - Upon a motion by Sue Cornelius/John Creighton, the committee elected Dr. Patrick Nugent as PIAA District One Vice Chairman for a one year term. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- **Women's Athletic Rep** - Upon a motion by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro, the committee elected Danielle Turner as the Women's Athletic Rep through June 2022. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- **Male Parent Rep** - Upon a motion by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro, the committee elected Dave Baun as the Male Parent Rep through June 2022. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- **Female Parent Rep** - Upon a motion by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro, the committee elected Dee Cross as the Female Parent Rep through June 2022. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- **Private School Rep** - Upon a motion by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro, the committee elected Becky Flynn Hensel as the Private School Rep through June 2022. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- **Middle School Rep** - Upon a motion by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro, the committee elected Matt Heiland as the Middle School Rep through June 2022. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

District One Committee members are asked to report any sports steering committees changes in their leagues to the District One office.

New Business

Upon a motion by Pat Nugent/Mike Price, the committee approved the Application for School Membership for Martin Saints Classical High School Oreland, PA (1A School – XC and Track). The application for PIAA was also approved by the PIAA BOD on May 20, 2020. **Unanimous. (29 Votes)**

Upon a motion by Denis Gray/Lou Sudholz, the committee accepted the Human Resource Committee Recommendations for the approval of Sports Chairs, Tabulators, and Assignors for the 2020-2021 school year. **Unanimous. (29 Votes)**

Upon a motion by Joe Derickson/Steve Brandt, the committee approved the Human Resource Committee Recommendation of a pay freeze for all salary employees and positions that receive a stipend or compensation. The HR Committee will have the ability to revisit these recommendations throughout the upcoming school year. **Unanimous. (29 Votes)**

Upon a motion by Janet Columbro/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the PIAA D1 Committee Meeting Dates 2020-2021. **Unanimous. (29 Votes)**. These dates will be posted on the PIAA D1 website.

Upon a motion by Pat Nugent/Denis Gray, the committee approved the PIAA D1 Playoff Qualifiers for 2020-2021 / 2021-2022. **Unanimous. (29 Votes)**

Upon a motion by Rap Curry/John Reading, the committee approved the Regional Playoff Plans between D1 / DXI / D12 for 2020-2021 / 2021-2022 PIAA Cycle. **Unanimous. (29 Votes)**

Discussion - Mr. Stone and Mr. Kelly presented agenda items that were discussed at the wrestling steering committee meeting. Much of the discussion revolved around the current wrestling tournament structure which currently consists of 4 – 2 day individual tournaments. The major concerns raised by the D1 Office to the wrestling committee involved a lack of available sites to host the 2 day tournaments, the open tournament format – no qualifying standards, and the rising costs associated with hosting 2 day tournaments. The wrestling committee voted to keep the same format and structure moving forward. The D1 Office and the wrestling committee will continue to evaluate the tournament structure.

Discussion - Mr. Kelly raised concerns about the current Baseball Power Ranking System and has asked the baseball steering committee review the current system to account for schools who do not play a league schedule. Holy Ghost Prep baseball will be an independent program and will not play a league schedule next season. Discussions will continue over the summer with the anticipation of a recommendation to the District One Committee in August.

Discussion - Mr. Kelly, Mr. Bruner and Mrs. Turner presented several ideas and changes to the current D1 Media Policy. The proposed revisions to the policy will be revisited and discussed at the August District Committee meeting.

Discussion - Joe Derickson asked the District One committee to consider the obligation for payment of District One dues for the 2020-2021 school year. After lengthy discussion, no action was taken. The Committee will continue to monitor the status of school openings and the return to athletics.

Officials Report

Tom Brady and Maureen Gregory presented an update of PIAA Spring Officials and payment of dues. All spring officials will receive a \$20 credit for next year.

Middle School Report - No items needing committee action/attention this month.

Hearings - No Hearings were scheduled this month.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Matt Gionta/Barbara Clark, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 9:00PM. **Unanimous (30 Votes)**

The next PIAA District 1 Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at MCIU 23 @ 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted, HF/SK