

# District VI Fall AD Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Spring Cove Administrative Office – Board Room

## OPEN DATES:

Football:	Penns Manor needs a week 10 game for 2015
Boys Basketball:	Central needs 1 team for a tip off tournament
Wrestling:	Blairsville needs one match
Softball:	Philipsburg-Osceola needs 1 team for a spring tournament

1. Call to order at 10:00am.
2. Introductions of those in attendance for the benefit of new AD's and the entire membership. All member schools are present with the following exceptions: Belleville Mennonite, Claysburg-Kimmel and Saint Joseph's. The following non-district six schools were also in attendance: Bedford, Chestnut Ridge and Somerset. Also in attendance are David Crumrine, District Chairman, Ralph Cecere – District VI football tournament chairman and Michael Vuckovich – District VI Competitive Spirit tournament chairman.
3. Approval of spring minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> by Conemaugh Valley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greater Johnstown. Motion passes.
4. Financial dues updated by Joe Gironda, Treasurer. Current balance is \$5,414.35. Only 3 schools owe dues for the 2014-15 year. Joe has been in touch with each to make them current. 1<sup>st</sup> by Bishop Carroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bellwood-Antis. Motion passes.
5. Special presentation by Dr. Thomas McInroy – Superintendent of Shanksville-Stonycreek School District. Dr. McInroy gave his update on a discussion with Dr. Robert Lombardi of the PIAA concerning the new Coaching Certification requirements that are forthcoming. The overall message was Dr. McInroy's concern regarding the costs of these clinics for small school districts who struggle with both finances and acquiring coaches for all their open positions.
6. Football. This is the first of a two year cycle. We now have 25 teams in Class A. Cambria Heights and Westmont-Hilltop moved down a class due to enrollment. Class AA is comprised of 14 teams. 8 teams qualify from each of these classes for our playoffs. In Class AAA, Districts 5, 6, 8 and 9 form a sub-regional in which the top four teams participate. Our Class AAAA includes DuBois. Open to all Class AAAA teams. Altoona and Hollidaysburg participate in the WPIAL playoffs. We are looking for schools to host inter-district games when the playoffs begin – especially if you have a turf field. District VI has the opportunity to host many games due to our

central location within the state. District VI committee members will again talk this year about the redistribution of playoff ticket sales based on the success of our tournament. Cambria Heights asked if there was discussion in increasing the playoff field from 8 teams in Class A. Mr. Cecere answered that four years ago we had 12 slots for Class A and we struggled to get all 12 playoff slots field (due to schools .500 rule). It will be 8 playoff spots for this year and next, but maybe a change in 2016. At this point in time, the District Committee is comfortable with 8. Start planning now for a continued 10 week schedules for 2016 & 2017. The committee is open to a possible NIT season ending playoff for 4 Class A teams that do not qualify for the District Tournament. Penns Manor stated that they would like a 12 team bracket with first week byes for the top 4. The football meeting will be Sunday, November 2 at 10am. Location is the Altoona Fieldhouse. Please have tapes from your last two games (unless you are already sharing on Hudl). A 9 game schedule vs. a 10 game schedule was talked about at the District level. Bellwood-Antis complained about the new Rawlings footballs. Coaches are unhappy about the balls but players are resilient. Ralph talked with a Rawlings representative. Rawlings has the ball contract thru 2018. Rawlings is going to make the ball better. The official approved volleyball is awful – and Rawlings readily admitted. Homer Center asks why they did not take a survey and ask the users of the product? Bellwood-Antis asked if we can protest thru “refusal” to use the official ball. Ralph responded that District VI is committed to using the balls in weeks 11, 12 and 13. Blacklick Valley stated the ball is not quality and will not last. This translates to a greater expense for member schools for practice balls.

7. Volleyball. Chuck Gojmerac spoke on behalf of Jim Price, District Chairman for volleyball. The volleyball packets will be emailed shortly. Our playoffs begin the week of 10/27. Class AAA semifinals will be played on Monday with the Finals on Wednesday at Tyrone. Class AA and A could also begin on Monday with play-in matches. Quarterfinals on Tuesday and Semi-finals played on Thursday. The championships will be played in Altoona on Saturday 11/01. A request was sent to the volleyball chairman to allow the highest remaining seed to host each Class AA and A semi-final on their home court using a single match format.
8. Soccer – packets were emailed out Monday. Districts begin on Tuesday 10/21 with the Finals on Thursday 10/30. Mike Caccoitti from Bishop Guilfoyle is the new soccer chairman.
9. Golf – AA at Summit run by Dean. AAA at Sinking Valley run by Eric Kozak. District VI champion AA will play vs. District VI champion at a District VI site this year (Scotch Valley). Sectionals is one day. District are two days. Mike Hudak will run the girls tournament at Penn State. No sectionals for girls – just districts. Entry fee is \$10 a golfer. For individual boys, AA will take top 30 plus ties and 3 teams. In class AAA top 10 plus ties and 3 teams. Remember the dress code. No shorts or cut off jeans. District VI pays for the monitors cart. Girls/Boys tournament overlap by one day. We have the golf course for free and need to use the dates given to us by the host sites.
10. XC – To be held at Forest Hills Middle School. Phil Riccio, the new chairman for cross country, sent out the data recently. This season, the JV race will be called the “unseeded” race. We will have different medals for the district championships and the “unseeded” race. Also, the varsity race medals will increase from 7 to 10. \$10 per runner to enter with a minimum of \$30 for a school.

11. Girls Tennis – everything the same as last year. Eric Hovan – Altoona tennis coach - will run the tournament just like last year. Will be using the courts at Altoona again. Fee is \$10 per player for individuals. \$100 per team for the team tournament.
12. Field hockey – Kim Hubler, the district chairman from West Branch has contacted all the schools who are possible participants in our tournament.
13. A letter is being prepared, based on a request by Philipsburg-Osceola, to request to the new district chairman for basketball to allow the higher seed to host games thru the quarterfinals.
14. Competitive cheer updates – Mike Vuckovich, district chairman for competitive cheer presented a handout to our membership. 16 schools in District VI currently sponsor competitive cheer. District Championships will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at Richland High School. Varsity teams only (grades 9-12). Six teams will advance to states. 2 small, 2 medium and 2 large. Judging will be comprised of 3 judges (2 UCA & 1 NCA). Scoring will use the PIAA scoresheets. Registration fee is \$250. The membership was reminded that all PIAA eligibility rules apply to competition cheer with the exception of the PIAA defined season. The state strongly suggests that there should be no tryouts prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> for the upcoming season.
15. Old/New Business – A reminder to our membership that the Accounting in Athletics Act (Act 82 or Title IX compliance for lack of a better term) has a window opening of October 1 with the data needed to be uploaded to PDE by October 15, 2014.
16. Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at Spring Cove School District Administration Office.

Respectively submitted,

Chuck Gojmerac

Secretary