

# District VI Winter AD Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Spring Cove Administrative Office – Board Room

## OPEN DATES:

Football: Bald Eagle – week 1

Bellefonte – week 1

Marion Center – week 10

Baseball: Bellefonte is looking for two additional Varsity/JV games

Tyrone is looking for a game.

Softball: Tyrone is looking for a game.

Soccer (f): Altoona is in need of a home game

Soccer (m): Altoona is looking for one game.

Basketball (f): Central is looking for a team for their Christmas Tournament.

Marion Center is looking for a team for their Tip-Off Tournament.

Tyrone is looking for two teams for their Christmas Tournament.

1. Call to order 10:00am by President Rossi. All District Members present except Belleville Mennonite, Bishop Carroll and Purchase Line. Also in attendance was Bedford and Somerset from District V, Ray Wotkowski, T. J. Kakabar and Dr. Dave Crumrine from the District VI committee.
2. Approval of minutes by membership. 1<sup>st</sup> Central Mountain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Philipsburg-Osceola. Motion passes.
3. Financial Report – Membership in good shape. 1<sup>st</sup> Central Mountain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bald Eagle. Penns Valley states that since we are in good shape, would like to make a motion to donate \$500 to PSADA for a scholarship. Could it go to a District VI athlete? It's a state wide scholarship and cannot be designated for a particular district. The Athletic Director who wins the award in PA gets to give two \$250 scholarships to a student athlete from their school. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bellefonte. Passes unanimously.

4. MaxPreps question – If the program is mandatory for interdistricts, why are there no provisions if not in compliance. District VI hopes that in the spirit of good sportsmanship, all participate in stats on MaxPreps - for the good of the whole. Southern Huntingdon stated that when they played into interdistricts, none of the District VII schools had the information on MaxPreps for the spring of 2010. State College asks if the PIAA gets anything (money) for the agreement with MaxPreps. Ray will address this at the state level. Bellwood-Antis does not believe MaxPreps is compensating the state for the service of recommendation. MaxPreps online – more hits the website received the more valuable it becomes. Mr. Wotkowski has called into the state researching this issue and will communicate his findings with the membership thru the secretary.
5. Basketball – T.J. Kakabar details the upcoming District VI basketball tournament. Last year's tournament was the smoothest run in all of his years – in part to the electronic communication. Make sure you follow the deadlines! Site proposals are out if you wish to host an event. There is a typo in the Handbook. 2/12 is not the correct date. 2/10 is the last date to enter. Biggest yearly question is how the ranking is done. Biggest mistake is the classification points. Bonus points for beating a .700 team is the record of the team after games played on 2/09 and NOT at the time you beat them. The District VI ranking system on the website is different from the application, so please do not follow that ranking. We do have a new printing company this year. Actually a new name but the same company - A Plus was acquired by Gazette publishing. Official recommendations were eliminated this year. Usually less than 10 per year were received by the officials committee. In AAAA, due to Mifflin County, there could be 5 girls teams and 6 boys teams (as DuBois is included with our districts). If more than four teams enter these playoffs, the start date will probably have to be moved up. Somerset will play thru District VI in AAA. Saint Francis' availability appears to be good but is dependent on their playoff and practice schedule. SFU is our best possible site to host, teams like it and SFU likes having us. Basketball tries to keep boys and girls on the same site and same date if both teams have entered the tournament. Helps with fans as one ticket can be used for both games. AD's - you will keep the tickets you are selling until your teams are out of the playoffs. Doing this last year worked out really well. Only send back the control sheet after the end of each game you sell.
6. Wrestling – Don Hosterman detailed the wrestling information. Everyone confirms that they received the wrestling email. Top 4 in AA and 3 & 4 in AAA will host the first round of team duals. Top 8 of 24 qualify in AA and top 6 of 10 in AAA qualify. January 26 is the last dual meet that will count. Rick Vetok will update the website with the rankings for the proper standings. Semi's and Finals will again be hosted at Tyrone on 2/04. The PIAA needs the team photo and roster by electronic data by 2/03 if you believe you will be representing District VI at the state tournament. In AA, if you finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, you will travel to Pittsburgh on Monday to compete for the spot at the State tournament. Reconcile your ticket stubs properly if you are hosting as the game manager. Individuals for Class AA will be at Altoona on 2/17 & 2/18. AAHS will again host AAA the following weekend.
7. Swimming – Individuals can enter districts. Get in touch of a school that has a team. That individual can swim at some meets and get qualifying times for districts.
8. Old Business - none

## 9. New Business

- a. Soccer uniform rule – 2012 uniform rule is the same. Starting in 2013-14 a home uniform has to be all solid white (except the number) and the visitor has to be all solid color. Forest Hills – socks have to be included with these color standards. Westmont Hilltop – what is the penalty for non-compliance? Ray Wotkowski states that if you have a valid reason (like budget) write to the PIAA and ask for an exemption. Proper planning and getting answers in advance is the way to go. Copy Ray on any letters to the PIAA.
- b. Pay-to-play questions - 10 member schools have a “registration fee”
  - i. Somerset - \$10
  - ii. Central - \$25
  - iii. Mifflin County - \$30
  - iv. Huntingdon - \$40
  - v. Altoona - \$50
  - vi. Bishop McCort - \$50
  - vii. Central Mountain - \$50
  - viii. Southern Huntingdon - \$50
  - ix. Bishop Guilfoyle - \$100
  - x. Juniata - \$250
- c. Football Coaches Association Awards – Chuck Sponsky from Bishop Carroll was unable to attend and distribute the awards. Distribution of the awards will again be attempted at our spring meeting.
- d. 2012 Football information – Ray was surprised that the going to 15 weeks was not tabled by the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the PIAA level. Recommendation that came out of the meeting with league representatives was to go with 10 games. Playing 9 games for A was not fair to AA teams that played those Class A teams. League representatives like the idea of a “NIT” tournament for an additional game or two for the teams that just did not qualify for the District VI championship game. This is a possibility for AA playoffs also. Secretary was directed to poll the Class AA membership. Bald Eagle asks will D6 schedule for everyone – or just schools that need that 10<sup>th</sup> game. Richland – believes that most schools already have that 10<sup>th</sup> date. By a show of hands of members present, Marion Center, Greater Johnstown and Tyrone are the only schools that need a 10<sup>th</sup> date. With that said, we will not have a follow-up meeting to try and schedule a 10<sup>th</sup> date for teams. Bellwood-Antis appreciates getting the extra money for football playoffs. 40/30/30 split is still in effect from reimbursements (with 40% being retained by District VI and the remaining 60% split between the two teams involved in the contest). Bellwood-Antis would like a 30/35/35 breakdown to be reinstated. Chairman Wotkowski states that revenue sports help take care of the non-revenue sports. Additionally, District VI pays member dues of about \$37,000 directly to the PIAA on behalf of the membership. Don Hosterman stated that the four teams that would have played in the Class AA DIT this season would have been Juniata, Central, Cambria Heights and Bald Eagle. Straw pool of Class AA schools was 6 in favor and 2 not in favor of AA playing a “District Invitational Tournament”. League secretary to pool all 19 AA

District 5 & 6 teams with an official representation in case approval is needed from the Principal/Superintendent or School Board. No opposition to two weeks for the DIT.

- e. Wrestling – Central Mountain asks if the state finalize points for wrestling next year?  
Don Hosterman – points did change – for example at Richland this year it is a 4 point tournament, but next year it would be a 6 point tournament. Basically, five matches in one day count as three points. Richland informed the membership that it would NOT be that way next year. Richland will relay the correct information (regarding points) to the membership shortly.
- 10. Open Dates – see above
- 11. Next meeting – Wed. May 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am
- 12. Motion to Adjourn at 11:40 - Bishop McCort 1<sup>st</sup>, Blairsville 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectively submitted,

Chuck Gojmerac

Secretary