

# District VI Fall AD Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Spring Cove Administrative Office – Board Room

## OPEN DATES:

Football: Northern Cambria - 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade games for 2011 – home or away  
Forest Hills – 9<sup>th</sup> grade game for 9/29/11  
Bald Eagle – Varsity game for 8/31/12

Basketball: Marion Center – 1 varsity girls game  
Purchase Line – 2 varsity girls games  
Central – 1 varsity boys game  
Tyrone – 2 varsity boys games  
St. Joeseeph – Boys and girls JV games

Softball: St. Joseph looking to co-op

1. Call to order 10:00am. All District Members present except Belleville Mennonite, Homer Center, Moshannon Valley, Portage and United. Also in attendance was Bedford and Somerset from District V, Mr. Ray Wotkowski and Dr. Dave Crumrine from the District VI committee.
2. All Athletic Directors were asked to stand and introduce themselves to familiarize themselves with the membership.
3. Approval of Minutes from spring meeting – Purchase Line 1<sup>st</sup> Bald Eagle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.
4. Marion Center reports that our membership is financially in good shape. Northern Cambria and Purchase Line audited the books. If you did not pay your dues, you did not get your Athletic Director cards. Marion Center has information for new AD's. Three schools are outstanding on the dues. Bishop McCort 1<sup>st</sup> Mount Union 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes to accept the financial report.
5. Ray Wotkowski details new information with football. Districts 2, 4 and 11 still want to play 10 games. 16 week season passed with the first reading. Leagues should plan for both ways. Leagues need to take a position on this item. League secretary needs to submit a formal letter to Ray to know how District VI should vote going forward with the PIAA reading. Bellwood-Antis asks what the PIAA approved on a 1<sup>st</sup> reading. The PIAA reading is to allow the 2<sup>nd</sup> scrimmage to be turned into your 1<sup>st</sup> regular season game. Inter County Conference feels 2<sup>nd</sup> scrimmage is

something just to “get thru”. ICC is in favor of elimination of 2<sup>nd</sup> scrimmage. ICC wrote a letter for only 8 teams to qualify for the District VI Class A playoffs. ICC would go to a 10 game schedule if only 8 goes to playoffs. Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference wants to go to a 9 game schedule. Marion Center asks is the 2<sup>nd</sup> scrimmage a district wide option? Ray – yes. Bellwood-Antis play by class would work for District VI – but most schools do not like the end result (the schedule). Blacklick Valley asked about ratios for each of the four divisions for the FB playoffs. Currently 100% of teams from Class AAAA and AAA would qualify for the playoffs. In Class A 52% qualify (12 of 23) and only 44% qualify in Class AA (8 of 18). Central detailed the Mountain League preference of 10 games and one scrimmage (all but one ML school optioned for the 10 week schedule). West Branch stated with a 16 team bracket, we did not fill the tourney. With a 12 team bracket last year, we only fielded 10 teams in Class A. Purchase Line - could we have an open playoff bracket in Class A? Ray – If we play by class, we can start playoffs earlier (like the WPIAL) and with more ease. Cambria Heights asks will 16 weeks go thru. Ray – yes, it is his best guess that it will pass as read in the first reading. Forest Hills – if Class A plays ten games, then due to playoff restrictions, only 8 can get into the playoffs. Ray – move your week 10 game into the 2<sup>nd</sup> scrimmage to make that the new week one. 814-244-0496 is Ray’s cell phone in case you need it. Ray’s email at school is now working. Ray is accessible. Class A playoff meeting is 10/30 at 10:00am – Altoona Fieldhouse. November 6th at the Fieldhouse for Class AA, AAA and AAAA. Again the meeting will be at 10:00am. Bring tapes of your two most recent games for distribution. Leagues – get back to Ray with your opinion on official letterhead. Ray continues the discussion toward players safety. Please don’t cut your trainer from the budget. Coverage at games for emergency personnel is very important. Co-ops – there are times when it can save your program. Let a co-op be a reason to help your kids. District VI will be coming up with a dress code for coaches so that game personnel knows who is in charge. Is the wearing of jeans appropriate for a championship contest? Noisemakers and fan decorum – there is a difference between outdoor and indoor contests. District VI may change policy to change and make outdoor the same policy that we have for indoor. Cheerleading – competition cheerleading is going to happen at the state level. This might help with less squads wanting to go out of state for competitions. PA is going to follow the Georgia or Tennessee plan with regards to officials at the state level. Length of season will be more flexible than any of the other sports we have. We may be hosting a district or a regional championship. Details are close but are not laid out yet.

6. Volleyball – Central – Jim Price from Purchase Line runs the tournament. Entry forms will be sent shortly. Playoffs begin on Monday 10/31 for all teams. Lower seeded A and AA teams – be ready to play on back-to-back nights (10/31 and 11/01). The state did away with the 1<sup>st</sup> round tournament style play-in. It was too costly financially. They will return to a one match best-of-five 1<sup>st</sup> round game at a neutral site on 11/08. Winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> round match will advance to the state tournament in York on 11/11 and 11/12.
7. Soccer – Penns Valley – everyone should have received their district information via an email from earlier last week. Most games will be played in the evening on fields that have lights. Games will depend on field availability and location of schools will help dictate where the games are played. That’s why the tournament is “subject to change”.

8. All schools should have received info about golf. Only St. Joes and Penns Valley did not get a letter. West Sectionals at Summit at 10:00am on 10/04. East sections at Sinking Valley on the same day. Regionals is in Blairsville. No regionals for girls until the numbers increase. Girls is an open tournament, but be reasonable with golfers who cannot card low scores – ie – don't enter if they are shooting 150. Girls play both days at districts. Coaches need to monitor the foursomes. District picks up the costs for the carts. If you do not have a golf team, all you need is three qualifying scores so that the individual can be seeded. If a girl played on boys – she can go right to the girls district championship. If she stays with the boys team, she cannot compete in the girls tournament. Qualifying score is a card signed by the club pro.
9. Cross Country is again at Indian Valley Middle School just like in years past. New this year – we are going to chips and will not use sticks like in years past. We will have a chip for both the left and right shoe – in case one gets lost and so that the 1<sup>st</sup> shoe across counts as the finish time. State meet is 11/05 – handbook may be incorrect as Sunday is listed.
10. All tennis districts are held at Leopold courts at Altoona High School. Packets were sent out in the mail about two weeks ago.
11. Field Hockey – packets were sent out. If you have any questions contact Kim Hubler at West Branch.
12. Dress Code was discussed in paragraph 5.
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14. CIPPE form was changed by the PIAA in the late spring. Use the revised CIPPE form for your winter or spring sports. The May CIPPE form meeting will be changed in 2012 to be earlier.
15. Charging for District VI track & field – extra security would be needed for open gates (for teams with equipment). Would work with District VI if need be. Could increase custodial fees and fees for workers (added ticket sellers and takers). Any rent could increase with a new school board would probably be higher. Ray – thinks it would be tough to re-train fans about charging an admission fee. If someone feels strongly, let Ray know your thoughts. A one minute DVD can be provided to Altoona for the football playoffs for the big screen – same as last year.
16. Blacklick Valley - Can August meeting of District VI be moved to just before the first play date? Ray – the eligibility requests where parents moved, it's easy due to residency - automatic. Those that changed that late might trigger some red flags due to athletic intent. Bellefonte left some posters and pocket schedules from PASADA. Pass out the pocket schedules to roudy fans in the stands. Ray – as a league take a look at the rules for fan decorum. Penns Valley had a hard time finding trainers for the Wrestling tournament. If you have a trainer who wants to make some extra money, please contact either Penns Valley or Central. Blacklick Valley asked who's liability does the ACT cover?
17. Open Dates – see top of page
18. Next Meeting – 1/18/12, 10:00am – Spring Cove Administration Office Board Room