

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – December 14, 2022

Call to Order of the December 14, 2022 meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30 p.m. at Marzoni's in Bellemeade.

Present - Ralph Cecere, Chuck Gojmerac, Tina Greene, Dane Harrold, Michael Hudak, Stacy Kuster, Travis Lee, Tish Maclay, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento, Jeffrey Miller, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Phil Riccio, Richard Schreier, Stephen Shutters, Cullen Stokes, and Curtis Whitesel.

Others present - Wes Elder

Absent - Michael Cacciotti, Deanna Jubeck, Susan Kovensky, and Timothy Regan.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Charles Gojmerac and Travis Lee, the minutes from the November 2, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Dane Harrold and Jeffrey Miller, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report for November.

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Richard Schreier, the PIAA 2021-2022 Audit Report prepared by Young, Oakes, Brown & Company, P.C., presented by Wes Elder was approved.

Old Business

Jeffrey Miller, Dean Rossi Memorial Scholarship Coordinator, suggested to the Committee that a scholarship tab be included on the website. Mr. Miller also informed the Committee of the Google form that was sent to all the athletic directors to complete, that will provide the Committee with an updated contact list of member schools.

The Committee discussed Hometown Tickets, such as: recent credit card disputes, how revised wording on credit card charges should help eliminate future disputes, charges for readmission during competition to be stated on tickets, and different types of sponsorships to be further discussed in January. Ralph Cecere commented on sponsorships, that for Fall sports alone, there were close to 29,000 tickets sold and it is predicted that if there were a year-round sponsor, that would get exposure on about 100,000 tickets.

William Marshall addressed the Committee in regard to disqualifications carrying over to following sports and the State Board of Directors' discussion on disqualifications during scrimmages that can be carried out when PIAA officials are present.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications – Michael Hudak informed the Committee of the one supplemental disqualification for vulgar language in junior high wrestling since November's Committee meeting. Also mentioning that the state gave a shout out to District VI for being proactive in limiting disqualifications. Ralph Cecere commended the Athletic Directors for doing an outstanding job in having a fifty percent reduction in disqualifications this year.

Eligibility Transfers

Eligibility was granted to the following students, with principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Ava Lyn Glasgow	11	Essex County to Johnstown	No Sports	Hudak, Maclay
Andrew Geesey	10	Wallenpaupack HS to Hollidaysburg	Wrestling	Hudak, Maclay
Kaylee Payne	10	Hollidaysburg to Central HS	No Sports	Hudak, Maclay
Rayann Joyner	11	Williamsport to Ferndale	Basketball, Softball	Hudak, Maclay
Ceanna Irmak	10	Lincoln HS to State College	Basketball	Hudak, Maclay

Mylie Karc	12	Northampton to Penns Valley	No Sports	Hudak, Maclay
Benjamin Karc	10	Northampton to Penns Valley	No Sports	Hudak, Maclay

Ineligible for Post Season

Kylee Johns	11	Altoona to Central Cambria	Soccer	Schreier, Riccio
Timothy Ramos	11	Central Mountain to St. Joes	Track, Football	Schreier, Riccio

Foreign Exchange Eligibility

Name	School	
Justin Jiang	Bishop Guilfoyle	Rainey, Hoover

Attendance Waiver:

On a motion by Jeffrey Miller and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved an attendance waiver for a Huntingdon student-athlete, 9th grade, in basketball.

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved the termination of the co-op between Southern Huntingdon and Forbes Road in junior high baseball.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Stephen Shutters, the Committee, with the exception of Tish Maclay who abstained, approved the co-op between Mifflin County and Bellville Mennonite for football, baseball, softball, and field hockey.

The Committee conversed on the Board of Directors update on NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) that was recently shared with Committee members. Mr. Marshall stated that any student that takes part in the NIL must notify their building principal and/or athletic director.

William Marshall informed the Committee that Mount Aloysius College has confirmed that all basketball championship games will be held at their facility.

Curtis Whitesel updated the Committee on swimming and diving. Swimming championships will be held at Penn State University and diving will be held at State College Area High School. Happy Valley Adventure Borough would like to donate monies toward rental fees this year. Mr. Whitesel suggested that ticket prices be a flat fee of five dollars for swimming and no charge for diving due to the time length of the competition. He also informed that Travis Lee has agreed to be a possible fill in for tournament chair, if needed.

Charles Gojmerac shared a suggestion that was made to him on distributing 2nd place awards. After discussing past experiences with second place awards, the Committee agreed to recognize second place teams with an announcement at the conclusion of the tournament.

The Committee also discussed ambulance fees at finals and a member school self-reporting Article 19, a junior high student practicing with varsity.

Individual Sports Reports

On a motion by Michael Hudak and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for girls volleyball as presented by Charles Gojmerac.

Communication

Tina Greene questioned if any precautions were taken in regard to how teams treated facilities during competitions. William Marshall stated that during state competitions inspections were made and no issues reported.

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover informed the Committee that questions were asked regarding eighth graders practicing with the competitive spirit squads and clarified that eighth graders are not permitted to do so.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on January 11, 2022, at the Penn Cambria High School Library at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Dane Harrold moved, and Phil Riccio seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m.