

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director**  
**Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – June 12, 2023**

**Call to Order** of the June 12, 2023 meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 9:32 a.m. at Ebensburg Country Club.

*Present* - Michael Cacciotti, Chuck Gojmerac, Dane Harrold, Michael Hudak, Susan Kovensky, Travis Lee, Tish Maclay, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento, Jeffrey Miller, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Stephen Shutters, Cullen Stokes, and Curtis Whitesel.

*Absent* - Ralph Cecere, Tina Greene, Deanna Jubeck, Stacy Kuster, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, and Richard Schreier.

*Others present* – Elizabeth Campbell, Chris Rickens, Erica Kopera, and Gregory Sipos.

**Public Comments** - There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Travis Lee, the minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Financial Reports**

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report for May.

**Old Business**

The Committee discussed the 2023-2024 school year with items such as updates for handbook pages are due by August 1st, meeting dates, and individual sport chairs.

**New Business**

**Review of Disqualifications** – Michael Hudak informed the Committee and provided a handout of three disqualifications that took place since May’s Committee meeting. These disqualifications included one coach supplemental disqualification and two players disqualifications. Mr. Hudak highlighted the decrease from 2021-2022’s fifty-two disqualifications to the thirty disqualifications that took place this year.

**Eligibility Transfers**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Gr.</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>	<b>Motion</b>
Juniot Kutruff	8	Bishop Carroll to Cambria Heights	Football, Basketball, & Track	Cacciotti, Kovensky

On a motion by Jeffrey Miller and Michael Hudak, the Committee unanimously denied post season waiver for 10<sup>th</sup> grade State College Student Athlete for football.

Erica Kopera and Gregory Sipos, First Commonwealth Representatives provided a presentation for the Committee.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved to establish a new checking account with First Commonwealth Bank.

The Committee conversed on the pros and cons of neutral sites for softball and baseball and agreed to further discuss at the August meeting.

The formation of a gender and minority equity committee was accomplished. Members include Elizabeth Campbell, Tish Maclay, Dane Harrold, Michael Cacciotti, and Stephen Shutters. The first meeting for members will take place via Zoom on June 21, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The Committee discussed the positive outcome of charging flat fees through Hometown Ticketing during the 2022-2023 school year.

On a motion by Charles Gojmerac and Cullen Stokes, the Committee unanimously approved to pay the annual membership dues for District VI schools.

On a motion by Michael Hudak and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved the stipend increase for officials, effective August 1, 2023.

The Committee conversed on stipends for all other positions to be further discussed in August and the upcoming Arbiter Assignor position.

On a motion by Stephen Shutters and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the Girls Soccer Co-op between United and Central Cambria.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Travis Lee, the Committee unanimously approved the 2023-2024 Laurel Highlands All Conference Championships.

On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved the chairman stipend increase to \$8,000, effective July 1, 2023, as presented by Curtis Whitesel.

### **Individual Sports Report**

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee unanimously approved the Lacrosse report as presented by Sue Kovensky.

### **Communication**

William Marshall announced that it would be Michael Hudak's and Sue Kovensky's last meeting and acknowledged the multiple responsibilities that both representatives have willingly taken on over the years for District VI. Mr. Marshall also welcomed Elizabeth Campbell and Chris Rickens to the Committee.

Michael Hudak discussed fee structures with the Committee, stating that an email with the complete fee structure will be shared with Committee members to review for August's meeting.

Jody Rainey informed the Committee on the completion of apparel items and that they will be distributed to central locations.

### **The Next Meeting**

The District VI Committee will meet on August 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., location to be decided.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Dane Harrold moved, and Michael Cacciotti seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.