

District VI Winter AD Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Spring Cove Administrative Office – Board Room

OPEN DATES:

- Volleyball: Penns Manor looking for a game (home or away) for this season.
- Basketball: Harmony – looking for a girls basketball scrimmage.
Williamsburg – looking for a boys team for Christmas tournament
- Softball: Southern Huntingdon – looking for one team for a tournament (2 games)
- Baseball: Somerset – looking for a game (home or away)
- Football: Bald Eagle – looking for a 9th grade game for week 1

1. Call to order 10:00am.
2. Introductions of those in attendance for the benefit of new AD's and the entire membership.
3. Approval of spring minutes. Bellefonte 1st. 2nd by Tyrone. Motion approved.
4. Financial - State College and Bellefonte audited the books. In good shape financially. Philipsburg-Osceola 1st. Bald Eagle 2nd. Motion approved.
5. Football chair – Ralph Ceceri – playoff information is explained to the membership. Football is not an open tournament. If you are in the top 8 – (Class A & AA) you are in the playoffs, period. \$75 entry fee due by the time of the football meeting. Highest seed wears the dark uniform (regardless of who beats who in the previous rounds). Highest seeds play on Friday; next highest seed plays on Saturday (first week Seeds 1, 2 7 & 8 play Friday). Consolation tournament was still being planned for seeds 9 vs. 12 and 10 vs. 11 in Class A. Week 13 is the first round of the PIAA playoffs when we crown our champion. For Class AAA - District 5, 6 and 9 will each play 10 games. District 8 plays only 8 games. Will take the average of the 8 games for those schools. All districts appear to be on board. In Class AAAA, Dubois will join us to make a four team bracket. If only 2 teams enter, the championship will be week 11 with week 12 as a buy. 11/04 is the tentative date for the post season football meeting. Game managers also need to be at the playoff meeting. Altoona is the site for the playoff meeting. Question to the Class A schools – please confirm if you want to play this consolation round. Only four schools would consider this consolation round. Every other Class A member raised their hand to say

that they would not be interested in entering if they were not at least the Class A eight seed. The District will stop pursuing this option. Wilson GST leather will be used for all District VI football playoff games. You may use any NFHS stamped football up thru week 10. If you host, \$1,000 will be allocated for set-up of the field (lights, security, ambulance, clean-up, etc.) The District will pay chain crew, ticket sellers, ticket takers, announcer, score clock in cash that night. Game manager and officials will be paid by check at the end of the tournament. Pre-sale is a reduced cost for students (\$3). Every pre-sale ticket gets \$1 back to your school. All tickets at the door are \$6. After all expenses are paid, final revenues are split 60/40. 30% to each of the two schools and 40% stays with district VI to assist in paying member school dues to the PIAA. Tickets must be torn at the gate and all ticket stubs must be returned to District VI for audit purposes.

6. Volleyball – Chuck Gojmerac for Jim Price. Districts will begin the week of October 29th. Electronic entry forms will be sent shortly. AAA first round will be 10/29 with the Championship scheduled for 10/31. A and AA will most likely begin on Tuesday 10/30 unless more than 8 teams in each bracket enter. The state tournament is a new format this year. All matches will be best of five, with the following dates for first round games thru the championships at York: 11/06, 11/10, 11/13 and 11/17. District V class AA schools will play a sub-regional with District 8 and 9 for the ability to play the District 10 runner-up in the first round of the state tournament.
7. Soccer – By Monday you will have all the electronic data like you have in past years. There is a slight problem in AAA due to the number of teams. Soccer is looking for fields to host games on. The state brackets have changed a bit. You need to have a facility where you can sell tickets and you have lights. The committee will try to keep games local when two teams from the same area are in the same game.
8. Golf – Girls championship is at Penn State white course. One AA and one AAA team will move forward. AA will have three qualifiers. AAA will have one individual qualifier. Golf will be a two day tournament. Monitors will be used for the foursomes. The Pro will handle and decisions on the final ruling of play. Boys – some major changes here. Talked with the Summit and Sunnehanna pros to get feedback on tournament set-up. East Sectionals will be AAA only at Sinking Valley. 8 schools are AAA. Somerset will play with these 8 schools. 2 teams to district and 10 individual players to districts with ties. One AAA will advance to a sub-regional and play at Treasure Lake in DuBois. Sub-regionals might be 10/12. AA boys play at the summit. 4 teams move onto districts. One team will move to the sub-regional. D5 champ vs. D6 champ on 10/12. 30 players including ties will advance to districts at Scotch Valley (2 day tournament). All teams still stay, but one half of golfers will not qualify for 2nd day.
9. Cross Country – packets were emailed to all schools on Tuesday 9/18. Districts are still run at the old Kish building (which is now the Mifflin County Elementary school). Districts will start one hour earlier due to the PIAA adding a 3rd class. Chips and ribbons will be used again at districts. Bedford and Somerset are welcome to join us as they the only AA programs in District 5. Marion Center asks if a more centralized course could be utilized. The District would entertain a more centralized course, but the coaches like the Mifflin County course and Mifflin County has good workers and experience in running an excellent event.

10. Tennis – Eric Hovan of Altoona runs the tournament. Forms have been mailed to schools sponsoring tennis. If two localized teams are playing in the finals, the District will find a court closer to home to save on travel.
11. Field Hockey – 7 schools in District VI sponsor the sport. Call Kim Hubler at West Branch if you have any questions. The forms for entry in our tournament have been mailed to member schools that sponsor field hockey.
12. Competitive Cheer – More athletes are going to get a chance to compete at the state level. 14 responses from our membership from the initial mailing. PIAA finally posted some rules on-line on 8/31. Not everyone is sure of what the rules are and how it is going to be run. District VI has 6 team spots allocated to the State Championship which is scheduled on February 2, 2013. If you think you have a possible team, talk to your school board and principals and coach if all are in agreement with the District and State rules and that all involved are financially committed to sending your team to the state championships. By October 1st, please let Dr. Crumrine know if your school is interested in being one of the District VI representatives for our openings. Tyrone asks if a letter needs written to PIAA. Southern Huntingdon stated that the Board must approve your cheer squad for it to qualify for the PIAA State Championships. Central Mountain thinks the 10/01 deadline is unrealistic as their next board meeting is the middle of October. Ten schools in the room already have competitive cheer squads that are approved and treated like other sports. Dr. Crumrine asks school to let him know as soon as possible then.
13. Wrestling – we have 25 AA wrestling schools. The dual tournament is being increased from 8 teams to 12. Seeds 1-4 will get a buy but also host the same night. Example: 8 vs. 9 first, with the winner wrestling 1 after a short break. Class AAA will be the same way. Take the top 6 with seeds 1 and 2 hosting. Final four to Tyrone later in the week.
14. PASADA information – an email will be coming to the membership shortly. 20 spots were granted to our membership for a special program. \$20 per coach cost would be due for the seminar. 11/17 – a one day course at Bellefonte. If more than 20 sign-up we will conduct a lottery to determine who get to attend the course. The course is called “Coaching Principals Course”.
15. Sudden Cardiac Arrest training update by Marion Center. The forms we signed in the fall have been replaced by the on-line course. According to research by Central Cambria and Bald Eagle, it appears that the signed forms are still valid for this school year – but an on line course will probably be required going forward.
16. Forest Hills has a question regarding Maxpreps. You do not have to enter your stats into the program to be eligible for PIAA post-season play.
17. No one in District VI currently uses RefPay to pay officials.
18. Athletics Accountability Act – State College. AD’s should find out who their Title IX officer. Title IX is more than athletics. Title IX also includes issues of sexual harassment within the school district. State College sampled the membership as to who is signed up for the seminars at Penn State on Thursday and the webcast on Monday. This is going to be a big deal for all schools. The reporting is a state law. Question about cheerleading, and counting it as a sport. If you treat it like a sport, it could be counted like a sport.

19. Dean Rossi to retire as an Athletic Director at the end of December. Mount Union 1st and Bellwood-Antis 2nd to move Vice President Dave Williamson of West Branch up to President. After review of the Constitution, it was determined that the current four executive officers are commissioned to appoint a President for the unexpired term of the current President. The secretary will take recommendation for the appointment until October 3rd. The next voting meeting of our membership for the executive officers positions is in the spring of 2014.
20. Old/New business. Central asks if any schools have rules in place for ball boys. No responses to the membership. Dr. Crumrine states some reminders about foreign student athletes and the required forms that need submitted to District VI.
21. Open dates – see above
22. Next meeting 1/16/13 – Spring Cove Administrative Offices. 10:00am

Respectively submitted,

Chuck Gojmerac

Secretary