



Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Athletic Trainers Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 17, 2009
Video Conferencing at
Kutztown, Lock Haven and Slippery Rock Universities

Meeting Called to Order at 12:05pm

Introductions

The following individuals were in attendance: Allen Larsen, Jr., Jamie Weary, Scott Uderman, Marcie Fyock, Adam Annaccone, James Thornton, Colleen Shotwell, John Paolini, Gary Hanna, Rebecca Mokris, Frank Trenney, Jessica Baum, Rob Baron, Rennie Sacco, Jack Entriken, Martha Anderson, Brandon Nolt, Yvette Ingram, Eric Lippincott, Michael Porter, Jody Preische, Laurie Zaprazinski, Hank Fijalkowski, Katie Fox, Wes Mallicone, Scott Zema, Kim Keeley, Neil Curtis, Nicole Armstrong, Alison Gardiner-Shires, MaryAnne Love, Todd Matlak, and our conference liaison, Tom Gioglio.

Announcements:

1. The Commissioner was not in attendance due to a meeting with the PASSHE presidents.

Minutes:

The Minutes from the February 19, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

Old Business:

1. Off-Campus Championship Athletic Trainer Coverage
[Re: PSAC BOD meeting, May 20, 2008 Controversial item
MOTION: (Ruud) That in the sport of swimming, that ONE certified athletic trainer, based on a rotational basis of participating teams, must be in attendance at the league championship.
SECOND: (Dillman) **MOTION PASSES]**

There was discussion concerning the Presidents decision to assign an athletic trainer from one of the participating teams on a rotating basis. Our group proposed a “**Policy for Certified Athletic Trainer Coverage For Off-Site Championship Event(s)**” last year and presented it to the Conference Athletic Administrators (AA). There was much concern from our group about liability, coverage issues such as return-to-play decisions, general coverage administration such as supplying coolers, ice, medical supplies, etc. Tom Gioglio stated that there may have been some miscommunication in their AA meeting on this topic. It was his understanding that the AA were told most schools send an athletic trainer with their sports teams to PSAC play-offs, including swimming. This is not the case in swimming. Only California (CUP) and Gannon travel with an athletic trainer.

Motion made by G. Hanna, second: W. Mallicone. To send back to the AA, the issue of ‘Off-Campus Championship Athletic Trainer Coverage’ for them to revisit. Motioned passed unanimously.

Note: The group felt that we should have a representative to fully explain our concerns at this meeting. G. Hanna agreed to attend the next AA meeting to provide information on our concerns.

T. Gioglio was in agreement.

2. Proposal to require PSAC Coaches and staff (to include anyone who may be alone with a team during any approved team physical activities) to be currently certified in both First Aid & CPR.
[Re: PSAC BOD meeting, May 20, 2008 Controversial item
MOTION: (Dillman) That all PSAC conference coaches and associated staff (to include anyone who supervises a sport team alone), who conduct practice, competition, skill instruction, and strength and conditioning sessions, be certified in both first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR with AED) and to have reviewed their institutions emergency plan activation policy(ies), effective August of each academic year. **SECOND:** (McNairy) **MOTION FAILS]**

There was discussion about this decision. Presently only CUP and WCU don't have a policy requiring this of their coaches/staff. A reminder to the group to regularly review your Emergency Action Plan (EAP) with your athletic personnel. No further action was taken.

New Business:

1. Drug & Alcohol policy (conference wide vs institutional)

The conference does not have an official drug and alcohol policy (per commissioner Murray). G. Hanna reminded the group of our 'Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco' statement on the conference website under Sports Medicine.

2. PSAC continuing education grant

G. Hanna investigated the continuing education grants given out through the conference office by the NCAA. He was told by the conference office that these grants were to assist conference AA to attend the NCAA meeting. These grants are not available to anyone outside the AA.

3. Conference wide participation in a severe weather alert system.

H. Filjakowski presented a proposal for all schools to participate in a conference-wide severe weather alert system through Weather Sentry. The company currently provides this service free to schools hosting an outdoor NCAA play-off game. The cost for the service is at a reduce rate based on the number of schools participating, but the estimated cost per school for the year is about \$795. The conference would actually contract with the company and each participating school would be billed their share. Motion made by H. Filjakowski, seconded by G. Hanna. To allow participation in the Weather Sentry 'weather alert system', managed and billed through the conference office. Motion passed unanimously.

4. NCAA Drug Testing Medical Exceptions Policy – ADHD Reporting Guidelines

M. Anderson brought to the attention of the group that beginning next fall the NCAA has strict reporting document guidelines for medications prescribed for Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). There will be a 48 hour time limit to submit this medical documentation for students involved in NCAA drug testing. J. Weary recommended to the group to start gathering information on current student-athletes.

5. Universities hosting PIAA playoffs and medical coverage

A. Annaccone inquired among the group their experiences with working with the PIAA. There was discussion regarding what several schools and individuals do when they are hired by the PIAA.

As May Arise

1. Medicare Legislation-ATEAM (Athletic Trainer Equal Access to Medicare Act)

J. Thornton discussed the proposed national legislation. It currently has no bill# but will be coming to the Senate shortly.

2. Proper Terminology

Please review your documents and websites for correct and appropriate terminology when referring to Certified Athletic Trainers.

3. Appropriate Medical Coverage Equation

G. Hanna did a survey of the conference on staffing. He recommended using the NCAA/NATA coverage equations to figure out workload per university.

4. PATS Newsletter

B. Mokris announced that she is the PATS Newsletter chairperson and to email her anything you wish to be published in the newsletter.

Adjourned 2:10pm