

## **PSAC SIDs**

**05.18.09**

### **Harrisburg, PA (Dixon Center)**

**Attendance:** Tom McGuire (Bloomsburg), Beth Ann Conway (California (Pa.)), Lenn Margolis (Cheyney), Rich Herman (Clarion), Chris Rossetti (Clarion), Greg Knowlden (East Stroudsburg), Bob Shreve (Edinboro), Mike Hoffman (Indiana (Pa.)), Lauren Packer Webster (Mercyhurst), Ethan Hulsey (Millersville), Bill Morgal (Shippensburg), Bob McComas (Slippery Rock), Jon Holtz (Slippery Rock), Jim Zuhlke (West Chester), Will Adair (PSAC), Matt Beltz (PSAC)

### **Meeting Called To Order At: 1:40 PM**

#### **1) Designing a set of criteria for publication to determine when conference player of the week selections begin (Packer Webster)**

A suggestion was brought forth for determining when the conference's weekly awards should start for each season so that consistency exists for every sport and that ample preparation can be made toward the nominations and publicity of these awards.

**MOTION:** The conference will make a list of when players of the week will NOT be selected or when dates will be adjusted and tentatively compile a list of dates for each season, Fall, Winter and Spring, that is based on when teams are playing (Lauren Packer Webster).

*SECOND:* Bill Morgal

*VOTING:* Unanimous approval

Motion passes.

**MOTION:** Establish a date of August 1 to submit all fall and winter schedules to the conference office.

*SECOND:* Bill Morgal

*VOTING:* Unanimous approval

Motion passes.

#### **2) Exploring the option to move from captured stats to sending game files after every contest (Packer Webster)**

A discussion began regarding the possibility of having up-to-date conference stats per day. Significant concerns were raised regarding corrections to stats, as the PSAC office would be overloaded with changes and corrections and the process would be very time-consuming. Other concerns were raised in terms of having to acquire statistics from non-conference institutions and the troubleshooting of inaccurate game files or untimely files.

#### **3) B2 Network (Shreve)**

Will Adair relayed information from Commissioner Steve Murray that any contracts for B2

Networks should be handled by each school individually after the model set by California (Pa.). B2 may contend that it is a conference issue but schools are still recommended to be proactive by using the model that is already in place by one of the member institutions. It is recommended for each school's legal counsel to take care of any contracts on an individual basis.

#### **4) Future of Media Guides**

The conference will not print hard copies of media guides this year. They will be posted as a PDF or some other interactive/printable option online.

Rich Herman led a discussion on the likely event that all Division I printed media guides will be eliminated by either the 2009-10 campaign or the 2010-11 campaign. SIDs should be aware that preliminary discussions are in place for similar mandates at the DII, DIII and NAIA levels.

#### **5) Media and Photography requests ....Sending photos with releases (Morgal)**

Sentiment was shared throughout the day that newspaper coverage continues to dwindle. In some cases, newspapers are refusing to run stories without art also being provided by the SID in their release. Discussion was shared regarding alternative means of satisfying these requests.

#### **6) Championship programs (McComas)**

Bob McComas led a discussion suggesting that the conference office produce programs for all championship events. Many favored the simplification of the programs to a standard PSAC shell containing only rosters. Following production, the PSAC office would then send a PDF of completed program/shell to each school to print on campus.

Concerns from SIDs included the possibility of doing three programs in the span of a week for basketball, the need to have consistent branding for the conference, and the need to share responsibility amongst the SID and the conference (one side promotes championship, the other produces the program – those duties should not all fall on the school SID). Some schools do not mind doing the programs, while additional concerns listed the PSAC augmenting costs as well as the general need for a program at all.

After a debate, a proposal was made to have one bookmarked championship program that includes the minimal requirements (a roster of each participating team). The shell basically becomes the program.

Will Adair will brainstorm ideas and feasibility. He will meet with Tom McGuire and Rich Herman through a conference call on June 4 to settle the discussion.

#### **7) Voting rights for Assistant SIDs (McComas)**

The SIDs discussed whether assistant SIDs should be granted voting rights. It was decided that each member institution will retain its equal rights of one vote per school.

**8) Lack of advance information for PSAC championship events in 2008-09, particularly spring sports (McComas)**

Concerns were raised about how this year's softball tournament was not announced until Wednesday for games that began on Friday and there was no time for promote. Additionally, there was confusion regarding the host of baseball tournament – and SIDs simply need more time to adequately prepare. Even if it comes to the conference mapping out scenarios, it will help all the SIDs to also avoid confusion regarding papers, reporting etc. No motions or movements.

**9) Statistical Accuracy/Ethics (Herman)**

A discussion was held reminding SIDs that they are responsible for accurate statistics, whether they are inputting the statistics or assigning them to be done by their student staff.

Ideas were exchanged to develop a statistical scoring sheet that defines some of the often misinterpreted statistics in particular sports (basketball with deadball rebounds, baseball's passed ball versus wild pitch rule, etc.)

Rich Herman distributed CoSIDA's Code of Ethics, and mentioned that the group should form a committee to establish an official PSAC SID "Minimum Responsibilities and Standards" detailing general practices as well as those associated for each sport. He also asked others to consider journalistic standards in terms of their releases to avoid wordage that is overly demonstrative.

**11) Academic Top Ten (Herman)**

Concerns were raised that the original intent of the award has degraded. Instead of honoring good student-athletes that were outstanding in classroom, the fear is that the award now honors great athletes who are merely good in the classroom.

**MOTION:** Increase the academic standards for the PSAC Top 10 awards to a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 beginning in fall 2009. (Lenn Margolis)

*SECOND:* Jim Zuhlke

*VOTING:* Roll call vote, all schools present were in approval  
Motion passes.

**12) Heaslip Award**

The nomination sheet was distributed and votes were cast and sent to Will Adair. The winner will be announced at the PSAC football media luncheon on August 3.

**13) PSAC – SID Officers**

Elections were held to determine the new officers of the PSAC SIDs.

Tom McGuire (Bloomsburg) – President  
Unanimous vote

Bob McComas (Slippery Rock) – Vice-President  
Unanimous vote

Bill Morgal (Shippensburg) – Secretary  
Unanimous vote

#### **14) Old Business / New Business**

##### **PSAC RADIO SHOW**

**MOTION:** To state that the SIDs appreciated the PSAC radio report and wish to pursue in some form the maintenance and revitalization of “This Week in the PSAC” with Jim Doyle and ask the commissioner to see if the program can be reinstated (Rich Herman).

*SECOND:* Bill Morgal  
*VOTING:* Unanimous approval  
Motion passes.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held in December (Lenn Margolis).

*SECOND:* Jim Zuhlke  
*VOTING:* Unanimous approval  
Motion passes.

##### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALL-CONFERENCE**

*Discussion:* Questions were raised as to why the All-Conference team is not announced during the week of the championship. The handbook currently states that the All-Conference team in most cases is announced during the week after the championship is awarded. SIDs mentioned that in regional balloting that players are getting hurt by not having awards ready for the time it comes to Daktronics selections.

An alternative may include asking CoSIDA to move their balloting process back a week, as it should be able to operate in a fairly efficient manner due to the new on-line balloting system.

##### **VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Concerns were raised in regard volleyball moving to a Friday-Saturday format during the regular season as it may produce conflicts with other sports.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- AUGUST 3 is PSAC Football Media Day (held at SRU and KU – NOON). Players are recommended and encouraged to attend.
- Basketball media day is likely to run in a similar format to last year. A date near the end of October was suggested, yet no date had been confirmed.
- ICS – the internet content management system that is employed the PSAC and seven of its member institutions -- mentioned that they plan to have in place for the 2009-10 calendar year all of the necessary software so that its clients will be able to maintain a shared score reporting system.
- Will Adair led a discussion on the increased use of head shots for web sites and being conscious of other people's uses for head shots.
- A discussion was held in regard the future of SportsFEVER and the league schools' affiliation with the company.

**Meeting Adjourned At: 5:36 PM.**