



**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Athletic Trainers Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 18, 2010**

**Video Conferencing at
Millersville, West Chester, Lock Haven, and Slippery Rock Universities**

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Meeting Called to Order at 10:00am

Introductions

Institutions	Representatives
Bloomsburg	Allen Larsen, Jr.
California	-
Cheyney	Scott Uderman
Clarion	Jim Thornton, Marcie Fyock, Adam Annaccone
East Stroudsburg	Colleen Shotwell
Edinboro	Gary Hanna, Becky Mokris
IUP	Frank Trenney
Kutztown	Rennie Sacco, Brandon Nolt
Lock Haven	Mike Porter, Joshua Drouin, Yvette Ingram
Mansfield	Laurie Zaparzynski, Brian Oakes
Millersville	Hank Fijalkowski
Shippensburg	Becky Fitz
Slippery Rock	Kim Keeley, Scott Zema
West Chester	Neil Curtis
Mercyhurst	Mary Ann Love
Gannon	Todd Matlak
CW Post	-
Other	Steve Murray, PSAC Commissioner; Peg Kauffman, Millersville AD

Announcements:

1.

Minutes:

The Minutes from the February 17, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Old Business:

1. **Off-Campus Championship Athletic Trainer Coverage**
 There was a discussion regarding off-campus coverage when it came to a sport such as baseball. Gary Hanna (EU) questioned the accessibility to equipment and suggested that most of the time, teams are notified a week in advance making it extremely difficult to coordinate medical coverage. Jim Thornton noted that it is important to have access to the EAP and the local emergency contact information. Gary suggested creating a standardized form that can be used for all PSAC Championships.

2. **New legislation requiring First-aid/CPR/AED Certification for full-time Athletic Personnel**
 Discussion was addressed towards the concern of universities not following this legislation and the implications that could have on the school. Steve Murray stated that he believes the universities eligibility officer will enforce this legislation and it is not placed on the Athletic Training Staff at each university. Gary Hanna addressed the possibility of grant funding as stated in the legislation. Steve Murray believed that the money was already allocated to the universities to fund other programs, but will follow-up with the NCAA this spring.

3. **Weather Sentry Service System**
In order to maintain the use of this system, Hank Fijalkowski (MU) asked who would be interested in renewing for next year. Hank needed a minimum of six (6) universities. Clarion, Kutztown, Millersville, Mansfield, Mercyhurst and Shippensburg all expressed interest.
4. **NCAA Drug Testing Medical Exception Policy- ADHD**
There was discussion regarding forms/procedures used by other institutions to document and control student-athletes who are on medication for ADHD. Rennie Sacco (KU) stated that Kutztown had problems gathering all of the necessary paperwork from the student-athletes doctor. Rennie was curious as to what other institutions have done to document. WCU stated that this information is handled through their Compliance Office. Most schools put the responsibility on the student-athlete to have it on file. Clarion, Slippery Rock and Lock Haven have no forms in place.

New Business:

1. **PSAC Strategic Plan 2.0**
Steve Murray suggested that each institution view the document and offer ideas/suggestions. A new version is expected Spring 2010. Gary Hannah suggested creating a health and safety committee under section 1.6 (Protect the health, safety and well-being of student athletes). The Health and Safety Committee would be established with the mission of providing expertise and leadership to the Conference in order to promote a healthy and safe environment for student-athletes through research, education, collaboration, and policy development. The Committee would be composed of representatives from the Constituent Groups and consist of:
 - 2 - Athletic Trainers (one – East, and one - West)
 - 1 - Team Physician
 - 1 - Vice President
 - 1 - Athletic Administrator
 - 1 - Coach
 - 1 - Commissioner's OfficeThe Committee would report to the PSAC Advisory Council. They would address both new and existing legislation and its effect on the health and safety of the student athlete. This strategic initiative would provide a vehicle to ensure the PSAC's commitment to the well being of the student athlete now and in the future. This Committee would function in a similar fashion to the NCAA Competitive Safeguards Committee but will concentrate on issues of the PSAC. As a non-partisan committee comprised of representation of the various constituent groups, it would provide the Advisory Council with an independent view that is focused entirely on health and safety issues. Steve Murray was open to any suggestion and asked that our group create a document of composed of our ideas and forward to him.
2. **Try-out athletes and physicals**
Kim Keeley inquired among the group their experiences with physicals regarding try-out athletes. There was discussion regarding what other institutions and individuals do regarding physicals.
3. **Update of staff and program items on website for 2010**
Adam Annaccone reminded the group to look at the PSAC website and forward and staff/informational changes to him. In addition a reminder was offered to look at each institutions website and insure all information is correct with proper terminology, i.e. Athletic Trainer and Athletic Training Room.
4. **Feasibility of moving to a conference call format for next year**
There was discussion regarding using newer technology to have a conference call for our meetings in the future. The group expressed an open mind to examining a new format. If we utilize a conference call, we may be able to have a meeting twice a year (fall & spring). Steve Murray was open to the idea. Adam Annaccone said he would further investigate and get back to the group.
5. **Phone List Update**
Someone asked if we could update the phone listing from several years ago. Rennie S. and Adam A. will work on updating and distributing this list.

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1. PATS Newsletter

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

2. NATA Updates

Jim Thornton provided an update on the push for secondary school success stories from the NATA. Asks that if anyone has a story to please forward on to him. He also reminder the group that anyone who has not renewed their NATA membership is now considered a "Suspended Member".

3. PSAC Liaison

[**MOTION:** (R. Sacco) That we remove our current conference liaison Tom Gioglio. **SECOND:** (J. Thornton) **MOTION PASSES**]

There was discussion regarding the lack of representation at the PSAC BOD meetings. Gary Hannah and Jim Thornton suggested that we need to do a better job of communicating with our AD's and if we find a new representative, it would have to be someone who is a strong advocate and liaison. Jim reminded the group to continue to push our agenda with each institutions AD's.

Adjourned 11:50am