

PSAC SIDs Meeting

December 12, 2007

Lock Haven University

Present: Steve Murray, Will Adair, Lauren Packer, Lenn Margolis, Doug Spatafore, Bob McComas, Greg Knowlden, Tom McGuire, Steve McCloskey, Josh Leiboff, Tom Byrnes, Bob Shreve, Rich Herman, Jason Eichelberger

Margolis (SID president) congratulated Tom Byrnes on accepting the position of Commissioner of the Capital Athletic Conference and wished him well. Byrnes passed along contact information for the graduate assistant who will serve California in the interim until a full-time SID is in place.

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PSAC Basketball Media Day (Handout)

Commissioner Murray offered that he would like to enhance the promotion of basketball in the league.

The consensus was to no longer have regional sites serve as hosts for the media day, but rather give each school the opportunity to host media on their own campuses. If schools thought it best for the media in their area, they could pair up with another school or schools (i.e. Edinboro, Mercyhurst, Gannon).

The SIDs decided to change the format of the media day as well. Rather than have the coaches/media interact on camera, each media site would have designated phone numbers where media at different sites could contact coaches. The PSAC office will produce a web-based show that could be viewed by the other sites and the public at-large, releasing the preseason teams/polls to kick off the media day.

The SIDs agreed on a noon start for Thursday, October 30.

PSAC Basketball Championship Media Day

The idea of a pre-championship media teleconference was also discussed. Coaches from the four women's and men's teams who win quarterfinal games would be asked to speak / answer questions on a teleconference for approximately 10 minutes the Wednesday prior to the semifinals. If the media gives positive interest, the first teleconference could take place in 2008.

Football Media Day (Handout)

Typically the PSAC has held media days – separate dates and locations – one in each division. In 2008, however, the league would like to host a single-site (Lock Haven) media day, on Monday, August 4. The PSAC office will discuss the idea with media personnel throughout the state before making a final decision.

(Rationale): The 2008 season is anticipated to be significant for several reasons: the introduction of three new football-playing members, the re-institution of the football championship game and the 75th anniversary of its first football champion. The league would like to coordinate all of its media efforts/promotions at one site for these reasons.

It is likely that future media days will return to divisional locations.

All-PSAC selections

With the inclusion of new membership in 2008-09, several sports will now shift from one single team to divisional teams. The SIDs made suggestions to the league office for those particular sports.

The PSAC's goal has been to honor approximately one-third of the athletes considered to be starters. Having a first and second team in each division under the current configuration would elevate the number of honorees in the sports of softball, men's soccer, field hockey and lacrosse outside of that range (they would be elevated to 40 to 47%).

The SIDs made the following recommendations, but also noted that the league office should gather input from the coaches.

Lacrosse:

- Current (13 first and 13 second team = 26 total) | Configuration – 6 offense, 6 defense, 1 goalkeeper
- Proposed (11 first and 11 second team x 2 divisions = 44 total) – 5 offense, 5 defense, 1 goalkeeper

Men's Soccer:

- Current (13 first and 13 second team = 26 total) | Configuration – 4 forwards, 4 midfielders, 4 defenders, 1 goalkeeper
- Proposed (11 first and 11 second team x 2 divisions = 44 total) – 3 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 goalkeeper

Field Hockey:

- Current (13 first and 13 second team = 26 total) | Configuration – 5 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 goalkeeper
- Proposed (11 first and 11 second team x 2 divisions = 44 total) – 3 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 goalkeeper

Softball:

- Current (12 first and 12 second team x 2 divisions = 48 total) | Configuration – Catcher, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, 3 OF, DP, Utility, 2 Pitchers
- Proposed (11 first and 7 second team x 3 divisions = 54 total) – The positions of Catcher, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, OF, *DP/Utility will all be voted together. The top vote getter at each position and the top 3 vote getters at OF will make first team (9 total). The next 6 highest vote getters at those positions will make the second team, regardless of position (For example: there could be 2 or more SS on the second team)... Pitchers will be voted on separately. The top 2 vote getters make first team, the 3rd highest vote getter will make second team.

*Note – DP/Utility combines to make one position

PSAC Hall of Fame / Award of Merit

Commissioner Murray expressed the desire to create a PSAC Hall of Fame. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that in lieu of a Hall of Fame, the league should expand upon its existing concept of an Award of Merit. The league will begin by – with help from the membership – creating a data base of those who will be considered for the award. Recipients will be selected in a small group (3/4), then a presentation will be coordinated with the recipient's institution.

Sunday contests – The SIDs asked for consideration to lessen the number of Sunday contests that are part of mandated league schedules.

Meeting Dates

The SIDs discussed moving their yearly meeting to December (finals week), and perhaps having a follow-up meeting in May or June. Having a meeting and/or representation at the annual League Board of Directors meeting in Harrisburg was in favor.

Videocasting/B2 Networks

The conference office has met with several groups over the last two years regarding videocast of PSAC Championships and/or individual school events. Representatives from B2Network will be at the NCAA convention to make a brief presentation at the league meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM