

PSAC SIDs

12.15.09

Conference Call

Attendance: Tom McGuire (Bloomsburg), Beth Ann Conway (California (Pa.)), Matt Kifer (California (Pa.)), Lenn Margolis (Cheyney), Rich Herman (Clarion), Chris Rossetti (Clarion), Sarah Ralls (C.W. Post), Greg Knowlden (East Stroudsburg), Bob Shreve (Edinboro), Dan Teliski (Gannon), Mike Hoffman (Indiana (Pa.)), Rob Knox (Kutztown), Doug Spatafore (Lock Haven), Steve McCloskey (Mansfield), 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: 9:05 AM

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the May 2009 SID meeting (Rich Herman)

SECOND: Bill Morgal

VOTING: Unanimous approval

Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of championship program shell set-up through the fall. (Tom McGuire)

A discussion was raised regarding the use of the new championship program shells this fall as provided by the conference office. A majority of schools mentioned they enjoyed the shells and were fine with their use, particularly those with short turnarounds on their schedule.

Any concerns focused on lack of sport-specific design and the difficulties navigating through large amounts of text. The topic will be revisited in May.

2. Moving of soccer games from Friday/Saturday to Friday/Sunday. (Dan Teliski)

Information was presented to the sports information directors that the league's soccer coaches have made a proposal to shift the 2010 Friday/Saturday schedule to a Friday/Sunday schedule.

The SIDs reiterated their feelings to ask that the conference office and athletics directors avoid scheduling contests on Sundays.

STATEMENT: The sports information directors unanimously oppose the shift of the 2010 soccer schedule from Friday/Saturday to a Friday/Sunday format. Sunday play creates a seven-day-a-week employment situation for SIDs and a reduction of time spent with families.

3. All-PSAC post-season and Athlete of the Week release times. (Dan Teliski/Lauren Packer)

Concerns were raised that the afternoon is too late in the day to announce All-PSAC or other postseason awards, particularly with several SIDs traveling or perhaps away from their office and having a more difficult process of releasing the information to the media. The PSAC mentioned that it had adopted this

unofficial policy of releasing this information later in the day to maintain a consistent release time and that it had no objections to an earlier release time.

MOTION: PSAC institutions may release All-PSAC/postseason awards beginning at 10 a.m. on the official release date. (Dan Teliski)

SECOND: Bill Morgal

VOTING: Unanimous approval

Motion passes.

The time of day Athlete of the Week was released was also discussed.

MOTION: If an announcement for a given sport's player of the week cannot be made by 3:30 p.m. on a given day, the release will be delayed until the next morning. (Bob McComas)

SECOND: Rich Herman

VOTING: Unanimous approval

Motion passes.

The sports information directors were reminded of the 11 a.m. deadline for submitting statistics and nominations, and agreed that was a reasonable deadline.

4. Accommodating visiting television crews (Mike Hoffman)

A discussion was held regarding home site broadcast accommodations. It was mentioned that school officials need to do what is reasonable and within their means to accommodate these crews. SIDs should remind local TV crews to communicate with host sites about accommodations.

5. Expectations among SIDs for exchange of game files (sports other than football and basketball) (Mike Hoffman)

SIDs were reminded they need to communicate with one another to ensure what sort of statistical files / result files will be issued by the host school. It was asked of each school to simply let the visiting school know what they plan on doing so that the road school can operate accordingly.

6. Football/Basketball game files (when they are due to the PSAC office - clarify) (Matt Beltz)

Clarifications were made stressing that packed game files be sent to the PSAC office following the conclusion of each football and basketball game. The SIDs are asked to send their packed files for both sports as quickly as possible after each game. The PSAC asked for feedback on the newly required memos and a couple of directors stated they appreciated the content.

7. PSAC Football/Basketball weekly releases (Matt Beltz)

The PSAC requested feedback regarding the weekly releases it generates, particularly in reference to whether or not it is getting used and if the desired targets for the information are getting value from their production. The PSAC confirmed that the information is distributed to its statewide mailing list in addition to the SIDs.

The consensus was that the information in the releases was appropriate. Several SIDs also expressed their appreciation for the statistics being generated in PDF format as it enhances organization and easy access to data.

8. Reminder to forward media clips if you don't see them under the media clipping section on the PSAC website. (Matt Beltz)

The PSAC office asks that if an SID sees a media clip on the Internet, they should send it on to the conference so it can be posted online.

9. In-match volleyball stats for both teams (Mike Hoffman/Rich Herman)

In-game volleyball statistics are still an issue for SIDs. League coaches are still adamant that there should be in-game statistics. The PSAC reiterated that is not the conference's policy to tell the schools what to do and that it is an institutional issue. The PSAC is simply worried about the end product being submitted by its deadline and does not mandate how individual statistics are kept. Some schools mentioned how difficulties for in-game statistics exist with small staffs and budget concerns.

STATEMENT: The league's sports information directors recognize the PSAC guidelines on receiving cumulative statistics in the sport of volleyball. The SIDs unanimously agree that as long as the statistics are received by the conference in their required format, there should be no need to change the current expectations. The SIDs echo the stance made by the PSAC that it is not a league policy to instruct a school how to perform its job in maintaining statistics, but rather an institutional decision.

10. Voting for All-Region/All-American teams (Tom McGuire)

Tom McGuire began a discussion regarding some of the aspects surrounding the online procedures for all-region and All-American teams as voted upon by the sports information directors. Some concerns regarding voting procedures were passed appropriate personnel to be raised at the national level.

All of the regional coordinators commended the members of the PSAC for their voting.

OLD BUSINESS

Rich Herman raised the possibility of reinstating the PSAC radio show for the fall. He stated many schools and their affiliates benefitted from the service and the exposure generated is worth the effort and resources.

An offer was made to adopt a letter sent as a group of PSAC institutions thanking Gordon Blain and the PA SportsFEVER network for their efforts in promoting the conference.

A subsequent discussion began regarding the future relationship between PSAC schools and the PA SportsFEVER network. A committee was formed to discuss a potential future with PA SportsFEVER and to help resolve any past or future concerns.

Greg Knowlden of East Stroudsburg was appointed the chair of the committee. Other members are: Doug Spatafore (Lock Haven), Bill Morgal (Shippensburg), Rich Herman (Clarion) and Will Adair (PSAC).

Bob McComas asked the SIDs to consult with their football coaches and to present suggestions at the May meeting for a possible date and format for PSAC Football Media Day.

Rich Herman expressed his disappointment with the Associated Press for discontinuing the grand majority of its Division II coverage.

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:59 AM.