

PSAC SIDs MEETING – December 10, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE: Tom McGuire (Bloomsburg), Matt Kifer (California (Pa.)), Lenn Margolis (Cheyney), Greg Knowlden (East Stroudsburg), Bob Shreve (Edinboro), Dan Teliski (Gannon), Josh Leiboff (Kutztown), Doug Spatafore (Lock Haven), Steve McCloskey (Mansfield), Lauren Webster (Mercyhurst), Erik Kaminski (Mercyhurst), Ethan Hulse (Millersville), Bill Morgal (Shippensburg), Jim Zuhlke (West Chester), Steve Murray (PSAC), Will Adair (PSAC), Matt Beltz (PSAC), Carlin Chesick (PSAC), Steffany Smith (PSAC).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:31 P.M.

1. PSAC SID Secretary

MOTION by Cheyney's Lenn Margolis: Nominate Shippensburg SID Bill Morgal to assume the role of conference SID secretary, replacing the vacated Jason Eichelberger.

SECONDED by West Chester's Jim Zuhlke

Vote approved by unanimous decision.

1a. Approval of last session's minutes

MOTION by Bloomsburg's Tom McGuire: Approve the minutes from last SID meeting.

SECONDED by Edinboro's Bob Shreve.

Vote approved by unanimous decision.

2. SID Input on PSAC Office Recommendations

The SIDs agreed that minutes from their meetings need to be circulated in a timely manner in order to avoid any confusion – both internally and externally - about what was agreed upon during their meetings.

3. Conference Championship Programs

A debate began regarding who should produce conference championship programs.

The SIDs raised concerns of cost and time constraints. The PSAC office had concerns about getting printed items to the championship site on time, in addition to the workload that is associated with same time period (championship previews, determination of playoff participants, all-conference awards, etc.).

The PSAC office agreed to take over printing, layout and design of championship programs in the following sports: wrestling, swimming, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, cross country, baseball and golf. This will begin starting Winter 2009 for indoor track and field.

Beginning in 2009-10, the conference office agreed to produce program shells that have one blank page on the inside. Schools can choose to 1) use the page for championship information OR 2) use an accompanying ready to print one-page .pdf document to fill the blank page.

4. Conference Score Reporting/Web Site

Will Adair reported that the on-line score reporting has run fairly well through the fall with a few exceptions. Adair also reported that the conference will seek to do a better job of troubleshooting (checking standings/scores on a daily basis).

The SIDs agreed to mark any game "postponed" when that situation arises. The conference office will

follow up to determine if a make-up contest will take place and detail that information on its on-line schedule.

Will Adair reported that a representative of ICS (the content management company that is under contract with the PSAC and seven of its full-time member schools) has informed him a shared scoring system for ICS clients is scheduled to be in place when the next version of the conference software is introduced.

A discussion was held on how to indicate "overtime" when inputting the scores on-line. It was determined the standard should be to put in one space and then place "ot or #ot" next to the visitor's score.

5. Basketball Media Day Format/Video

Will Adair mentioned that the format used for this year's media day - where each school has the option to host on or near campus – seemed to work well. The conference office will work on shortening the video for next year.

The conference office encouraged SIDs to work with both commercial and student stations, home and away, to acquire additional footage. Furthermore, it is likely that video requests will come earlier next year.

6. B2 Network

Steve Murray gave an update on the B2 Network and their potential relationship with many PSAC schools. Many PSAC schools in the PSSHE are waiting on a finalized contract between their institutions and the B2 Network. Once in place, the B2 Network will become the sole provider for Internet video broadcasts for each institution that chooses to form a partnership with the company.

7. Football Media Day Date/Site

The SIDs proposed a single date of Monday, August 3rd for the 2009 football media day. They agreed to hold the Eastern Division session at Kutztown University. The Western Division site is TBA.

8. Football Stat Packets...Change PSAC Handbook

As a follow up to new policies put in place by Commissioner Murray during the 2008 season, the SIDs made the following motion regarding post-game statistical packets:

MOTION by Tom McGuire to alter the language of the PSAC Handbook to read "SIDs are required to provide five stat packets to the opposing SID after distribution to the media."

(The handbook had previously stated 10 packets.)

SECONDED by Doug Spatafore

Vote approved by unanimous decision.

9. CoSIDA/NACDA

A general discussion was held regarding a potential "hybrid" relationship between CoSIDA and NACDA. SIDs were encouraged to go to the CoSIDA Web site to view the proposal.

Another CoSIDA discussion was held regarding possibilities for NCAA Division II to have its own

Academic All-America Teams. Currently Division II schools are in the same pool as NCAA Division III schools. Steve Murray mentioned the DII Commissioners Association has had discussions of funding an endeavor by which Division II Academic All-Americans can stand alone.

10. Volleyball Schedule Change to more Friday/Saturday....staffing?

Josh Leiboff led a discussion regarding schedule changes – using 2009 volleyball as an example – where matches are taking place on Fridays and Saturdays. The consensus was any changes in schedules that moved games to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays puts a burden on staffing events.

11. Basketball Crossovers on Saturday/Sunday vs Midweek school not in session.

SIDs asked Commissioner Murray to explore the possibilities of playing crossover games during the midweek rather than on weekends in December and January.

12. Visiting SID

Erik Kaminski reiterated the need to make sure that the visiting SID is the first person to be responded to with an issue. The SIDs also mentioned that sending a confirmation e-mail for game files, pictures, etc., is helpful.

13. All-Conference Teams

A discussion was held regarding the integrity of all-conference selections.

14. Visiting Radio

Josh Leiboff mentioned some radio stations don't have a way to call back to a studio and some host schools end up having long distance charges billed to their facilities for visiting broadcasts. It was recommended that visiting radio should bring a calling card when possible - particularly if there is an automated answer system in place.

15. Double Football Numbers

The concern was raised regarding how to handle the situation. Matt Beltz suggested road SIDs should e-mail home SIDs the travel parties.

16. Old Business

Standardization of reports

The PSAC office staff reminded the SIDs of their policy calling for a maximum 150 words in the team notes section of the league reports.

The SIDs requested the announcement of players of the week to come earlier in the day.

Roster standards

Standards for rosters were discussed –Will Adair asks to please adhere to the roster policies.

Football statistics to NCAA

The conference office and the institutional SIDs agreed that changes to weekly statistics would come no later than 10 AM on Monday mornings following that week's contests. Any changes after that would need to be arranged between the host school SID and the NCAA office. The SID requesting the change

will need to re-send the XML to the NCAA and send a new packed file to the PSAC Director of Media Relations.

SIDs were reminded that any statistical change needs to be approved with the home SID so that all statistics match and that the home SID is responsible for re-sending packed files for all changes. The stats have to be consistent between the conference and each school, as well as between schools. (examples: wrong participation, different averages for punter stats, etc.)

Media Guides

Matt Beltz announced he will be making changes to future conference media guides and likely require earlier deadlines.

17. Future Meetings

The date for the next SID meeting was announced to be Monday, May 18, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 PM.