

MINUTES
PSAC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS' FALL MEETING
Atherton Hotel, State College, PA
October 2-4, 2007

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairperson Roberta Page called the meeting to order at 8:05 am

Those present: Bloomsburg – Mary Gardner, Kathy Heitzman; California – Tom Pucci; Cheyney – China Jude; Clarion – Dave Katis, Wendy Snodgrass; East Stroudsburg – Tom Gioglio, Carey Snyder; Edinboro – Bruce Baumgartner, Todd Jay; IUP – Frank Condino, Fran Nee; Kutztown – Greg Bamberger; Lock Haven – Sharon Taylor, Peter Campbell, Danielle Barney; Mansfield – Roger Maisner, Kris Decker; Millersville – Peg Kaufman, Steve Roach; Shippensburg – Roberta Page, Jeff Michaels; Slippery Rock – Paul Lueken; West Chester – Ed Matejkovic, Kellianne McCoy; PSAC – Steve Murray, Will Adair, Carlin Chesick, Lauren Packer; Gannon – Bill Elias; Mercyhurst – Craig Barnett, Sara Headley

II. Requests for Reordering Agenda
None

III. Announcements

1. Strategic Grants will be sent out this month. \$820 for SAAC Enhancement and \$4,000 for Academic Enhancement. These grants are part of the Division II Strategic Initiative Grant Program.
2. Coaches Certification Test updates were handed out
3. NLI information will be available soon
4. DII is hosting a Community Engagement Seminar in February. Two PSAC ADs will attend
5. Updates on the televised football games
6. SAAC Updates on distribution of Sportsmanship Banners, PA Sportsmanship Announcements, participation in Make-A-Wish, Spring SAAC/FAR meeting will occur March 29-30, NCAA DII Leadership Conference in Philadelphia on Feb. 15-17
7. Executive announcements

IV. Approval of Fall Minutes
MOTION (Lueken/Gioglio)
MOTION PASSED

V. Reports

- A. Sports Information/Awards – Adair
1. Administrative Service Awards: Robertha Abney (SRU), Tom DiCamillo (WCU)
 2. Coaching Service Awards: Bob Charles and Dewitt Boyd (Millersville) and Lynn Theehs (Edin)
 3. Phil Axelrod (Pitt Post-Gazette) was presented the PSAC Media Award during the summer from the SIDs
 4. Basketball Preseason Video Conference (LHU, KU, SRU) on Tuesday, Nov. 13.
 5. PSAC updating new website with ICS
 6. Discussed conference initiative for Championship Anniversaries over the coming years.

Discussion about updates on websites for sports in the non-championship seasons, particularly Fall golf and Fall tennis.

- B. Officiating Committee – Pucci
Recommended that two new members be added to the Officiating Committee: Greg Bamberger, Kutztown and Kris Decker, Mansfield.

- C. NCAA Division II Management Council – Page
Dr. Page provided the administrators a report on Management Council, including inclusion of Canadian schools for NCAA Membership, Community Engagement and associated websites, the Chancellors & Presidents Summit from June 2007, Division I membership moratorium, Division II Sports Festival (Spring 2008 in Houston), Sportsmanship/Game Environment initiatives undertaken by Division II, and proposed Division II legislation.
- D. Division II Athletics Directors Association – Matejkovic
D2ADA met with the Commissioners Association leadership and DII Management & Presidential Council leadership. Discussed the grants available through D2ADA to attend NACDA. Explained the Model DII Athletics Program and its rollout. Expanded upon the Division I membership moratorium issue.
- E. Division II Championships Committee – Page
Discussed the Spring Sports Festival in Houston in the Spring of 2008.
- F. Division II Regional Taskforce - Page
The Division II Regionalization plan was discussed, it will be effective in 2008-09. The PSAC will be in the same region with the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)
- G. PSAC Advisory Council – Murray
Bruce Baumgartner and Kathy Heitzman are the AA representatives.
- H. Division II Membership Committee – Maisner
Briefly discussed membership initiatives in Division II.
- I. Playing Rules Oversight Panel – Murray
Discussed activities of PROP and new rules process in the NCAA.

VI. Sport Committee Reports

1. Baseball – Maisner

MOTION (Maisner/Pucci) – That in the sport of baseball that beginning in 2009 the conference tournament be conducted with two four-team double elimination brackets played down to a single championship game.

Motion Passed

MOTION (Maisner/No Second) – That in the sport of baseball to allow an additional undergraduate coach in the coaching staff limitations.

This issue was discussed in more detail later in the agenda.

2. Cross-Country/Track & Field – Barney

MOTION (Barney/Taylor): At PSAC Indoor and Outdoor East and West Challenge Meets, the top three (3) placewinners in each event shall automatically qualify for their respective PSAC Track and Field Championship (indoor or outdoor).

MOTION FAILS (4-24)

MOTION (Barney/Pucci): That in the sport of cross country that the PSAC begin the use of micro-chip electronic timing as soon as can be implemented.

MOTION PASSES

Note: While intended for the 2007 championship, there were no opportunities to do so until the 2008 championship

MOTION (Barney/No Second): For Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, that the top four (4) placewinners will be All-PSAC performers.

MOTION (Barney/Maisner): For the sports of men's and women's cross country, which are classified by the NCAA as individual sports but also qualify teams to nationals, that the conference office conduct a coaches pre-season poll.

MOTION PASSES

MOTION (Barney/No Second): The PSAC Coaches will conduct preseason cross country polls which will be distributed through the membership and outlets of the USTFCCCA

MOTION (Barney/Matejkovic): That in the sports of Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Operating Codes to provide add the language for canceling and redrawing heats which reads, "If heats are drawn for a race but the number of competitors who report to run is small enough to run in one race, the heats shall be canceled and the race shall be run as a final at the originally scheduled final time (NCAA Rulebook Section 11.Article 6.). The games committee will then seed the final according to the qualifying marks of athletes or teams for all events."

MOTION PASSES

3. Men's & Women's Basketball - Heitzman and Maisner

MOTION (Maisner/No Second) – For PSAC playoffs, the last two regular season games will be sent to the two opponents possible in the semi-finals

MOTION (Matejkovic/Bamberger) – For PSAC playoffs in men's and women's basketball, the last two regular season games will be exchanged with the two potential opponents in the semi-finals and arrived by Tuesday of the quarterfinals.

MOTION PASSES

MOTION (Maisner/Heitzman) For all regular season PSAC basketball games, the conference adopt media time outs at the 14 and 7 minute mark each half.

MOTION FAILS

MOTION (Maisner/No Second) For all PSAC playoff basketball games the conference use normal media timeouts (16-12-8-4 minute mark each half)

MOTION (Matjekovic/Taylor) In men's and women's basketball no media timeouts will permitted unless live commercial television is employed. NCAA rules regarding media timeouts will be used in this situation.

MOTION FAILS

MOTION (Matejkovic/Bamberger) For all regular season and post-season PSAC basketball games, the conference adopt media time outs at the 14 and 7 minute mark each half.

MOTION PASSES

4. Men's & Women's Tennis - Michaels

MOTION (Michaels/Pucci) That in the sport of tennis, Bloomsburg would host the conference individual championships in 2008, and Shippensburg would host the conference team championships in 2009.

MOTION PASSES

5. Lacrosse – Campbell

No report.

6. Softball – Decker

MOTION (Decker/Condino): In the sport of softball to eliminate the Executive Committee from the operating code.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION (Decker/Taylor): In the sport of softball in the event a game must be rescheduled for the next available date. The next available date is defined as a date on which no conference mandated game has scheduled or rescheduled.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION (Decker/No Second): It is recommended the day before the game the home coach calls the opposing team with weather information and uniform colors.

MOTION (Decker/Condino): At the PSAC Softball Championship Tournament all practice times are 1 hour long and the practice times will be determined in priority in the sequence:

- 1). The team traveling the farthest distance will have the first choice
- 2). The team traveling the second farthest distance will have the second choice
- 3). The #1 seed of the opposite division not hosting the tournament will have the third choice
- 4). The #1 seed of the division hosting the tournament will have the fourth choice
- 5). The last seed left in the opposite division will have the fifth choice
- 6.) The remaining team will have the last choice

MOTION PASSED

MOTION (Decker/No Second): In the sport of softball, it is recommended that games can be postponed when temperatures or wind chill factors fall below 40 degrees.

MOTION (Decker/Gardner): In the sport of softball, that the 2009 the mandated schedule move to a Tuesday/Saturday/Sunday and Wednesday/Saturday/Sunday the next week throughout the schedule.

MOTION PASSED

7. Swimming – Snodgrass

MOTION (Snodgrass/Gardner) For the 2008 championships, to adopt the same time trial schedule as the 2007 championships and to add a time trial before the 1650 on the last night. The additional time trial will be arranged so that it does not delay the start of the meet.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION (Snodgrass/Gardner) For the 2008 championships, to begin the final event on the last day of competition up one hour to 5:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED

8. Volleyball – Hjerpe
No Report

9. Football – Bamberger
No Report

10. Soccer – Kaufman and (men's liaison needed)
Steve Roach (Mill) was appointed the men's liaison by the Chair

11. Field Hockey – Gardner
No Report

12. Athletic Trainers – Gioglio
No Report

13. Wrestling – Baumgartner
The PSAC move the league championship to December and will be hosted by Clarion.

14. Sports Information Directors – Jay

MOTION (Jay/Pucci) That in the sport of women's soccer, the host SID of the semifinal match in the division that will host the championship will compile the championship program.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION (Jay/Pucci) That at all conference championships, the host school will be responsible for providing team photos after the championship to participating institutions.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION (Jay/Pucci) That the conference examine regulations regarding the licensing of photography and other rights at championship events.

MOTION PASSED

15. Golf – Condino

The Conference will conduct its golf championship later this month

16. Compliance Coordinators – Nee

Discussed the conference compliance seminar held last Spring in Lock Haven and other issues regarding the change to the NCAA Eligibility Center than the Clearinghouse.

VII. New Business – Conference Office Items

1. Management Council Selections Update

Fran Nee, Tom Gioglio and Bob Ziegenfus have been forwarded as the PSAC slate of candidates to represent the league to replace Roberta Page.

2. Division II Initiatives

a. Strategic Positioning Platform

b. Community Engagement Initiative

Discuss and showing of DII community and the purchasing website.

3. Rescheduling of Conference Mandated Contests

Discussion regarding the use and impact of mandated schedule changes – particularly two teams playing in Florida during Spring Break.

VIII. Requested Agenda Items

1. Countable Athletic Aid – Matejkovic

Discussion regarding NCAA Squad List and Countable Aid.

2. Representation at PSAC BOD Meetings – Matejkovic

MOTION (Matejkovic/Maisner): That when the presidents meet with the commissioner that two representatives (chair & co-chair) from the athletics administrators be present.

MOTION PASSES

3. Coaching Staff Limitations and adjustments – Condino

After a lengthy discussion a committee of Bruce Baumgartner, Tom Gioglio, Sharon Taylor, Roger Maisner and chaired by Frank Condino, will review the current limitation legislation and make recommendations as necessary in the future.

4. Institutional policies regarding start date of August Practices - Gardner

Discussion about how schools determine the start date for practices among Fall sports teams.

IX. Old Business

1. Membership Issues

MOTION (Pucci/Matejkovic): To accept the basketball (2008-09 & 2009-10) and football (2008 & 2009) schedules as presented

MOTION PASSES

X. Future Meetings

1. October AA Meeting: April 1-3, 2008 (Tues-Thurs)

2. May Board of Directors: May 20 or 21, 2008

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 pm