

**DISTRICT 9**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**AUGUST 9, 2017**

The District 9 Committee held the August 9, 2017 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Kevin Doverspike, Scott Daum, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, John Sherry, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Ashley McMulcahy and Chip Sheer spoke to the committee about concerns of the District 9 certified athletic trainers. The District 9 Sub-committee will consider their requests and make recommendations at the September committee meeting.

Barry Gould addressed the committee about the method to get new advertisers for the District 9 Championship Programs. The committee hopes to expand the advertising area to include the entire District 9 geographic area.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Tim Walter to approve the minutes of the June meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the June, July, and August treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

The following adjustments were made to the 2016 – 2017 District 9 Payment Fees:

District 9 ticket prices for the 2017 – 2018 school year will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students for all contests except district final events. Ticket prices for final events will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

The report of the annual District 9 Audit was presented. All District 9 financial accounts were all in order. No recommendations for changing the accounting procedures from the present systems need to be made. A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Scott Daum to accept the audit report. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the transfer of an Elk County Catholic High School student to St. Marys Area High School. The motion carried with two abstentions. (Aaron Straub and Terry Straub)

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Matt Splain to approve the transfer of a Wayzata High School (Minnesota) student to Brookville Area High School. The motion carried with one abstention. (Dave Osborne)

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** None

**HEARINGS:**

None

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

School membership dues are due on September 29, 2017.

All transfer and foreign exchange request should be typed on PIAA forms.

The PIAA track and cross country modification of the National Federation jewelry rule has been dropped.

Changing from two classes to three classes for track and field is still being considered.

The Competition Committee is receiving information and discussing various ways to “level the playing field” in all PIAA sponsored sports.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The District 9 Policy Manual update should be available by the September meeting.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Terry Straub to approve the 2017 – 2018 District 9 sub-committees and chairpersons’ assignment. The motion carried unanimously.

The District Quick Facts Information and District 9 Passes will be emailed to principals and athletic directors by August 18th.

Sports chairs need to update the number of awards for 2017 – 2018. The number of awards may need to be adjusted because of the increase in classes per sport.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bud Brennen to present the 2016 – 2017 District 9 Sportsmanship’s Awards to Austin Area High School, Kane Area High School, and Clarion-Limestone High School. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum for sports chairpersons to include the following statement in the materials sent to District 9 schools concerning “backing out” of district team tournaments:

“I fully understand that by entering my high school my school is irrevocably committed to participate in the PIAA District 9 Tournament and also the PIAA State Tournament upon qualification. It is understood that withdrawal after the entry will result in the forfeiture of all entry fees and place my school at risk of further sanction and/or administrative action (s) by the District 9 Committee and/or the PIAA Board of Directors.”

The motion carried unanimously.

All officials’ examination tests will be given “on line.” No exams will be given at PIAA district sites. The tests will be given at the annual official’s convention.

**SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

Calendar Updates were provided for the following sports:

**Cross Country – Golf – Soccer – Tennis – Volleyball**

**Baseball:**

The format for the “A” baseball tournament will be an agenda item for the September committee meeting. There is an unbalance in the number of District 9 and District 10 schools.

**Golf:**

On October 12 at 9:00AM, DuBois will host the “AAA” sub-regional team golf tournament

**Football:**

A letter was received from Corey Copley, President of the AML, stating the AML supports an open format for entry in the District 9 “A” Football Tournament. The football committee will consider the request for the next classification cycle.

Representative of the AML and KSAC football leagues provide an update concerning the establishment of a new football league.

All football information will be emailed to schools and media by August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Track and Field:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to hold the combined 2017-2018 “AA” and “AAA” District 9 Championship Track and Field Meets at Brookville Area High School. For future years the track and field committee will seek other venues to hold the championship meets. The motion carried unanimously.

**Please check your copy of Quick Facts for the dates and tournament information.**

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup> at Aiello’s Café starting at 9:00.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

Secretary

District 9

