

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CORPORATION**

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

December 6, 2004  
Brennan Hall – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
The University of Scranton

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

In attendance: Larissa Gillespie, Jack Shafer, Vince Masco, Connee Zotos, Paul Moyer, Scott Coval, Gracia Perilli, Steve George, Phil Wingert, Addy Malatesta, Cheryl Ish, Pam Samuelson, Frank Girardi, Larry Bock, Toby Lovecchio, Steve Klingman, Jerry Chaplin, Brad McCarty, Laura Hogan, Kathy Tierney, Ann Petracco, Bill Klika

Ken Andrews announced the following:

The **fall Corporation champions**.

**APPLE conference** application procedures.

The development of a **restaurant and lodging list** that emphasizes good deals, healthy food, and sponsors of particular programs or colleges.

That all sixteen schools send representatives to the **women's coaching symposium** at Moravian in January.

The May 19-20, 2004 minutes were accepted 15-0 with one correction at the bottom of page 1: "Do not let home fans sit right behind the *visitor's* bench."

Old Business:

Connee Zotos indicated that the results of the "**Future of Division III Survey**" would be part of the discussion at the 2005 NCAA Convention. Conversation ensued about who is pushing for many of the changes around sub-division or a new division.

Ken Andrews encouraged members to attend the NCAA Convention to support the **AQ in tennis and golf**; he has heard rumors about opposition to this legislation but, with the exception of NESCAC, cannot identify many opponents.

The motion for new **logo design** was amended 8-6-1 to include two layouts (one logo with all three conferences listed; a logo with three "spin-offs" that highlight each conference). The amended motion was approved 10-2-1.

Toby Lovecchio spoke about the **NCAA Regional Leadership Conference** in Pittsburgh. Although lightly attended by Corporation schools, he encouraged people to take advantage of the opportunity in two years. It was noted that we ought to be rotated into the winter time slot for the next session.

Ken Andrews indicated that the Assign-by-Web scheduling software does not work to date. As a result, he did all **2005-07 schedules** manually during the fall. Had he known of the problem, the schedules would have been produced over the summer. He apologized for the late dissemination of this round of schedules.

Delegates approved 15-0-0: In all-conference voting, coaches will **rank POY and ROY nominees** (do not rank their own nominees). This will help eliminate ties in this process.

Delegates approved 15-0-0: In all-conference voting, each school can nominate **one person for each award: ROY and POY**. If the coach can't determine the strongest candidate, how will the other coaches have better information?

Delegates approved 15-0-0: In tie-breaking criteria, when evaluating **results against common opponents**, each tied team must have same number of contests against the opponent. An intrinsic inequity emerges when teams have played a common opponent a dissimilar number of times.

#### New Business:

The **2004 fall championships budget was significantly less** than 2003 for three reasons:

- Added tennis team championship dates
- Fewer gate receipts
- Higher cross country expenses at Belmont Plateau

The delegates discussed the future on **Manhattanville field hockey** in the Freedom Conference. Contractually, we need to give them two years of notice for any change in their status. The condition of their field and officiating had been problems in 2003, but had been rectified in 2004. Despite concerns from some delegates, no action was taken.

With an 11-0-4 vote the delegates approved use of a **digital camera for the sideline view in football** starting in fall 2005.

The delegates, by an 11-0-4 vote, approved having the Executive Director **track football official rating cards** throughout the season so the coaches would have more immediate feedback.

The delegates defeated a **football motion to play a full conference schedule** (every team would play every other team once) with a 5-6-4 vote. The two main objections to the motion: without a non-conference game, it would diminish conference chances for an at-large bid; and, canceling the Moravian-Muhlenberg game would be comparable to not playing the Army-Navy game.

In women's tennis, the motion to require all schools to **provide 6 tennis courts for Corporation matches** by 2007-08 was defeated 0-13-1.

Dependent on King's and Wilkes ability to host, a Corporation sanctioned **spring tournament for women** will be initiated in 2005. Approved 14-0-0.

By a 12-0-2 vote, it is recommended that volleyball programs use a **three-ball system** at all Corporation matches.

With a 10-1-2 vote, this **tie breaking procedure is moved from #7 to #4 for tennis and volleyball:**

In tennis (men's teams consider all nine matches played), tied teams will be compared in terms of the number of individual matches won (1st), the number of sets won (2nd), and the number of games lost (3rd). In volleyball, tied teams will be compared in terms of the percentage of games won (1st), and the percentage of points won (2nd).

The wrestling coaches are authorized, by an 8-0-4 vote, to develop a **comprehensive plan for enhancing their sport**. This should be ready for the March voting delegates meeting.

The delegates (14-0-0) asked the Operation Committee to meet prior to the March meeting to make recommendations on the **Corporation structure**.

This motion approved 13-0-0: After each team championship, the winning team will name a **tournament most valuable player**. This person should be honored after the contest and be presented a certificate.

The delegates voted 0-13-0 to have a representative from **NCAA membership services attend the March meeting**.

The delegates shared ideas on **employment law and coaching compensation**.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.