

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CORPORATION

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

May 19-20, 2004

Port-O-Call Hotel
Ocean City, NJ

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Meeting called to order by Ken Andrews at 9:00 AM.

Ken Andrews recognized the **spring championship teams**.

On behalf of the football coaches, Frank Girardi asked to add a motion regarding **tie-breaking in football** (point differential).

The **March 22 Minutes** (Albright College) were accepted 15-0.

The **slate of candidates for the Operations Committee** was approved 15-0:

2004-05	Kathy Tierney, Chair
2005-06	Vince Masco, Chair
Class of 2007	Scott Coval, Pam Samuelson

Old Business:

At a **sportsmanship issues forum**, the following suggestions emerged:

- Executive Director crafts a letter to parents.
- Encourage officials to call technicals, cards, etc. without fear of retribution.
- Early in the year, or each term, have team captains, or some other entity place an article in school paper.
- Partner with student affairs staff to establish code of behavior.
- Member of athletics staff speak to incoming students during Orientation.
- Have an administrator present at all home contests.
- Read the NCAA sportsmanship statement at each contest and enforce it.
- Have the team captains make the sportsmanship statement at contests with big crowds or where there have been problems.
- Run a student ambassador program.
- Monitor the music, signage, and other communications.
- Emphasize that these are true amateurs, they are not getting paid to play and do not deserve the abuse scholarship or professionals sustain in other venues.
- Post signs on expectations; offer to refund money for those who cannot abide.
- Do not let home fans sit right behind home bench.

Because many of the second games in a double header start late, a discussion ensued about reconsidering **basketball doubleheaders**.

A motion to have doubleheaders on weekends and stagger weekday games failed 4-11.

A motion to start the first game at 5:45 failed 4-11.

A motion passed 15-0 to ensure that the second game starts at the advertised time or exactly 25 minutes after the conclusion of game one.

A five-year plan to cover all **championship expenses** was defeated 1-14.

To assist athletic administrators with **compliance**, the Executive Director will develop a calendar of important conference deadlines and functions, and copy the directors of athletics with each sport's checklist.

New Business:

Coaches and other non-students participating in a championship abide by the following motion was defeated 4-8-3.

Motion approved 14-1: **Illegal drug, tobacco, and/or alcohol use at the site of a MAC championship** by a student results in immediate disqualification from the event. At other times, the institution imposes sanctions and reports the incident to the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee may consider other action.

Motion approved 15-0: Include the NCAA **30 second flash to bang policy** in the athletic training section of the *Fact Book*. All assignors of outdoor sports must be contacted by MAC athletics administration annually about the policy.

Motion approved 15-0 to modify Fact Book (Executive Regulations, Article VI, C, 2): After the contest starts, **halting the contest** is at the discretion of the officials, except in extraordinary circumstances (for example: lightning).

A review of the budgets occurred:

The **spring championship budget** was stressed by the rental of the Lehigh tennis courts, the expanded tournament at Quakertown, and the green fees for golf.

Besides the above, research and development on a scheduling system, the swimming championships at a neutral site, and weak basketball gates, results in a **2003-04 budget deficit**.

A **three-year schedule of championship hosts, sites, and dates** was discussed. It is imperative that all members of the athletic staff receive this information – particularly athletic trainers and sports information directors. The Executive Director instituted a site

facility evaluation form for tennis and softball to help departments and coaches communicate about the costs, benefits, etc. of hosting.

A motion to consider a change of **venue for the spring voting delegates meeting** was approved 7-6-2.

This motion was defeated 4-9-2: Regardless of location, **format for spring voting delegates meeting**:

Day one:

Golf

Dinner

Day two:

Meeting

Motion approved 11-4: The Wednesday of the **spring voting delegates meeting commences at 10:00 AM**. This will allow people to come in for that day and only spend one night.

2004-05 MAC meeting sites and dates were determined.

Adjournment at 12:15 PM.

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Meeting called to order by Ken Andrews at 9:00 AM.

New Business (continued):

Motion approved 15-0: The Executive Director and the chair of the athletic trainers will **establish compensation for athletic training services** if:

A school is hosting a championship on campus and not participating.

A school is hosting a championship off-campus and does not have an athletic trainer available.

A school is hosting a championship off-campus and is not participating.

Motion approved 8-2-5: The **Commonwealth Baseball Tournament** play all their games at Owls field in a three-day format (Thursday-Saturday).

Motion approved 13-0-2: The Commonwealth and Freedom Conferences hold their **golf championship at the same site**.

Motion approved 8-2-5: Expand the **men's lacrosse tournament to six teams**. Hold the first round games on the Monday following the last regular season competition. The top

two seeds receive a first round bye while #6 is at #3 and #5 is at #4. On Thursday, the #3 vs. #6 winner plays at #2 and the #4 vs. #5 winner plays at #1. The winners of Thursday's games play at the higher seeded team for the championship on Saturday.

Motion approved 8-1-4: Expand the **women's lacrosse tournament to six teams**. Hold the first round games on the Tuesday following the last regular season competition. The top two seeds receive a first round bye while #6 is at #3 and #5 is at #4. Reseed the teams, and on Thursday, #4 is at #1 and #3 is at #2. The winners of Thursday's games play at the higher seeded team for the championship on Saturday.

Motion approved 11-0-4: In women's lacrosse, the home team is responsible for providing a **full box score**.

Motion approved 15-0: A **defender/goalie of the week** is recognized in soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey.

Motion approved 11-0-4: Extend the **contract with the CYC** (Wilkes-Barre) through the 2007 swimming season.

A discussion over the new tennis format assured all delegates that the details are in order for the 2004-05 seasons. The only open issue: the possibility of "**no ad**" scoring would shorten the time frame in case of inclement weather.

Motion approved this wrestling motion 9-0-3: The Executive Director and/or the tournament director oversee the **wild card meeting**. Coaches may not vote for their own nominees.

Because of concern by the football coaches over the size of the point differential in the tie-breaking criteria, this motion was approved 13-0-2: The football coaches establish a **point differential** for the 2004 season.

Dawn Benner reported on **MAC SAAC** activities.

Two dates set for next year. Conversation about how to get better attendance.

One thought: hold an overnight session in a centrally located motel (On I-81 near LVC).

Fall speaker to talk about building school spirit and support for teams.

Involvement with Moravian (Kate Miller) to develop coaching symposium.

Feedback on NCAA Reform - Phase 2 proposals go through Bill Klika (Athletics Directors) and Dawn Benner (SWA's).

Adjournment at 11:45 AM