

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CORPORATION

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 15, 2005

Frock Room – Bishop Library
Lebanon Valley College

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Ken Andrews

Attendance: Kathy Tierney, Ken Andrews, Pam Samuelson, Scott Coval, Nancy Latimore

November 23, 2004 minutes approved 4-0 after a question about the use of a digital camera at football games effective fall 2005 and what a “sanctioned” women’s spring tennis tournament involved.

Old Business

With a 4-0 vote, it was agreed to have **Mary Fusco work on logo development** and the other aspects of the program.

General consensus that the February meeting on **conference structure** was productive. How this is addressed at the annual meeting will be determined by Executive Committee on April 25.

Agreed to fund an **award for the tournament MVP** at \$500 (about \$20 per award) with a 4-0 vote. The group will decide on the award at the spring meeting.

Sponsorship of a **basketball media day** was referred back to the SID’s to see if they think it will draw 15-20 media.

With a 2-0-2 vote, wrestling should pursue a **regional qualifier** while maintaining the conference championship. Hopefully, the MASCAC presidents would endorse a recommendation to the NCAA that all entries to the national tournament come through a regional qualifier.

New Business

The **winter championships** brought in more money than last year and saved some on the swimming at the Wilkes-Barre CYC.

The **2004-05 budget** is very tight, because Lebanon Valley is owed about \$3,500 for a 2003-04 salary deficit. The possibility of covering some technology needs is not a possibility.

The 2005-06 budget, as approved at 3%, has some modifications.

Although it would be nice to offer **championship t-shirts** to the winning team, that will not fit in the awards budget. When negotiating ball deals, perhaps vendors could provide the shirts.

Use the NCAA technology money to fund an **assistant to the MAC SID**. If the NCAA money dries up, a significant increase in dues would be needed to sustain the position. This position should not be tied to a Corporation coaching position. (4-0)

Eliminate a hard copy of the **Fact Book**; current information is on-line. (4-0)

Although the MAC SAAC requested a Corporation sponsored **coaching clinic** for students interested in the coaching profession, the funding is not available.

The **2006-07 budget** has a 4% increase if NCAA funding continues; if not, a 10% increase will be needed.

A **championship script** was approved 4-0, without participation from the runner-up team.

With a 4-0 vote, eliminate *Fact Book* language that authorizes Corporation collection of **radio and television rights**

By a 4-0 vote, ask the SID's to develop a policy on **impartial announcing**.

No action was taken on the fulfillment of **Corporation contracts**. Agreement that schools would work to together to resolve differences on this subject.

Discussion about the **annual meeting** agenda emphasized targeting conference structure issues.

A 3-0 vote allows a women's tennis team to observe **Yom Kippur** by playing on October 11 rather than the 12-13th.

The Molten volleyball contract was approved 4-0 contingent on no requirement for publicity for their product and the length of the agreement vis-à-vis the NCAA tournament commitment to the ball.

There were no action items regarding **men's basketball**.

Freedom Conference schools that do not use Jim Hollister to assign basketball games must provide Corporation schools a mode to **evaluate officials** that have been assigned by another agent. Approved 4-0.

A motion that would provide each basketball student-athlete with **two free tickets** for away games where admission is charge was defeated 1-3.

Ken Andrews reviewed his **goals** for the past and upcoming years with the group.

Kathy Tierney led the group in a **performance review of Ken Andrews** after his departure.