

Minutes
Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation
Sports Information Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2006
Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Present: Jim Miller (Susquehanna University), J.J. Nekoloff (Lycoming College), Jim Henry (FDU-Florham), Derek Crudele (Widener University), Joel Cookson (Juniata College), Mark Fleming (Moravian College), B.J. Spigelmyer (DeSales University), Alex Langlois (Drew University), Matt Levy (Delaware Valley College), John Seitzinger (Wilkes University), Ian Showalter (Elizabethtown College), Bob Ziadie (King's College), Kevin Southard (University of Scranton), Ken Andrews (Commissioner, MASCAC), Katie Imes (Assistant to the Executive Director, MASCAC)

Excused Absence: Jeff Feiler (Albright College)

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Item I Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting that was held on May 4, 2005, at Moravian College were approved.

Item II Listing of cards in the sport of soccer and correct definition (Derek Crudele, Widener University)

Derek Crudele of Widener University brought up the issues of yellow and red cards in the sport of soccer. He had a situation last fall when an official score sheet listed the cards incorrectly. He also brought up the issue that coaches should be able to go to an opposing team's web site to find out how many cards an opposing player or players has. J.J. Nekloff of Lycoming College pointed out that there is an option in Stat Crew that allows yellow and red cards to be listed in the cumulative statistics report.

Item III Stat Crew roster format (Derek Crudele, Widener University)

Derek Crudele of Widener made a motion that we standardize the format we use for listing of names in Stat Crew programs. The group passed a motion by a vote of 15-0 to list last names first and first names last beginning this fall.

Item IV Middle Atlantic Conference Deadlines (Derek Crudele, Widener University)

Derek Crudele of Widener asked that the conference give us more time in regards to deadlines. Ken Andrews stated that when he puts the scheduling calendar together this fall, he will sort out the items regarding sports information and send them to the SIDs well in advance.

Item V Reporting of Track Results (Jim Miller, Susquehanna University)

Jim Miller of Susquehanna University has noticed that not all schools are posting results in track and field. He points out that we do it in every other sport, so why shouldn't we do it all sports. Ken Andrews pointed out that there are perennial problems with track and field and swimming. J.J. Nekloff reported that some coaches are leery about putting results and have asked their SID not to put results up on the web site. John Seitzinger of Wilkes University pointed out that the media use results for publicity purposes and that it is important that results are posted. Matt Levy of Delaware Valley emphasized what valuable tool the web is for not only the media but the recruitment of student-athletes as well. A concerted effort will be made by the SIDs to put all results on the web site.

Item VI All-Conference Selections (BJ Spigelmyer, DeSales University and Jim Miller, Susquehanna University)

BJ Spigelmyer of DeSales University feels that the current system of selecting all-conference honors. Currently, there are too many selections and it's too easy for ties. All-conference honors should be earned, not given out

casually. Ken Andrews explained that in the past a ranking system was used and that there is new legislation being discussed to eliminate ties. John Seitzinger pointed out that picking conference teams position-by-position is very important and that we need uniformity. Scott Frey of Messiah College, who also has coaching responsibilities, feels it's important for coaches to be honest and show some integrity when voting for all-conference teams.

Jim Miller brought up the point about overall statistics vs. conference statistics when coaches vote for all-conference teams. Andrews felt the emphasis should be on conference statistics, while Seitzinger feels that all-conference ballot include conference statistics. J.J. Nekliff believes that conference statistics keeps everyone on the same scale.

Andrew stated that voting by coaches needs to be emphasized.

A motion was made to include position-by-position voting for all-conference honors in the sports volleyball, tennis, baseball and softball was passed by a 12-0-4 vote.

Item VII Selection of Tournament MVPs by Head Coaches (B.J. Spigelmyer, DeSales University)

B.J. Spigelmyer questioned the validity of having coaches select the post-season tournament most valuable player (MVP). He cited the women's tennis championships this past fall. The MVP award was given to a player from DeSales University who broke a 4-4 tie with a victory at the number six singles but didn't even play in the semifinals. He felt his coach was too emotional at the time to make an objective decision and went with the player winning the deciding match, not taking into account another player who went 4-0 in both singles and doubles in the semifinals and finals.

John Seitzinger felt it might be too hard for the SID to choose since the SID may not be at both games of the tournament. Matt Levy stated that the coaches sometimes blur the line between MVP and Player of the Year. Kevin Southard stated that he likes to use members of the media when hosting a championship, but sometimes the same representatives from the media do not see all games of a tournament. J.J. Nekliff feels it's important to take the selection of MVP out of coaches' hands. Ken Andrews stated that there may be different tiers for future MVP selection.

Item VIII Future of Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation

Ken Andrews stated that the presidents will meet next week and that there is a great opportunity for compromising and softening of the by-laws. He also stated that no one will lose any automatic qualifies until 2009-2010. He addressed other issues, one in which Lycoming College will become a member of the Commonwealth Conference and Arcadia University and Manhattanville College will join the Freedom Conference, while Shenandoah University (Va.) could possibly become a member of the Commonwealth Conference.

Item IX Replacement of Jim Miller of Susquehanna University and Matt Levy of Delaware Valley College on the Player of the Week committee

Jim Miller of Susquehanna University and Matt Levy of Delaware Valley College asked to be replaced on the Player of the Week committee. Ian Showalter of Elizabethtown College agreed to replace Miller as the Commonwealth Conference representative, while J.J. Nekliff of Lycoming College will take Levy's place as the Freedom Conference representative. Another position is open and will need to be filled.

Item X Live Version of Stat Crew

John Seitzinger asked about the possibility of the conference purchasing the live version of Stat Crew so that some sports, especially football and basketball, can be scored live over the Internet. Ken Andrews feels that the conference is behind in terms of technology and that we need to catch up with other Division III conferences. J.J. Nekliff asked about the NCAA technology grant and whether the conference is planning to use the funding again for Stat Crew products.

A motion to have the conference purchase the Live Version of Stat Crew to be in place for football and basketball by the 2007-2008 academic year was passed by a 9-0-4 vote. Three people did not vote.

Item XI Sports Information Directors/MAC Responsibilities (John Seitzinger, Wilkes University)

A discussion concerning responsibilities between the sports information directors and the conference was discussed. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that we need to communicate better in the covering of details for specific events.

Item XII Roster Format (Bob Ziadie, King's College)

Bob Ziadie reminded everyone that we did establish a format for rosters a couple of years ago, but that we seem to be getting away from that. The question came up that for a number of sports, heights and weights have not be included in the roster format. B.J. Spigelmyer said he will not include weight information on female student-athletes on his rosters, while Ian Showalter said it is school-policy at Elizabethtown College not to include weight on rosters.

Item XIII Timing of releases concerning all-conference teams (Jim Miller, Susquehanna University)

Jim Miller feels that the conference must get the all-conference teams to the SIDs earlier in the day, especially in the spring when it is not unusual for an SID to be at a baseball or softball game early in the afternoon. Our request is that the conference sent out the information to the SIDs by 12:00 noon.

Item XIV Alternate E-mail Address (Kevin Southard, University of Scranton)

Kevin Southard suggested that each SID establish an off-campus e-mail for emergencies. If an SID is unable to access his or her campus e-mail account, he or she can use their back-up accounts, such as those provided free by Yahoo and Hot Mail.

Item XV Last Day of Regular-Season Competition

Ken Andrews asked that on the final day of regular-season competition, no games start after 4:00 p.m.

A motion to have all games on the final day of regular-season competition begin no later than 4:00 p.m. was passed by a 10-0-4 vote. Two people did not vote.

Item XVI Coverage of MAC Championships

Ken Andrews apologized for the confusion concerning the distributing of results from the Freedom and Commonwealth Conference golf championships on April 29-30. John Seitzinger said that there was no notice from the conference regarding the distribution of results, which led to a lot of confusion. Andrews said that with more and more championships being held at off-campus sites, there are more problems surfacing. He said we all need to communicate better and that the conference is taking on much more responsibilities than before.

Item XVII New Business

Ken Andrews asked that if anyone purchased upgrades for any Stat Crew programs, that they should forward those invoices to the conference. He may be able to reimburse the cost of the upgrade. Also, the football luncheon will be held in August on either a Wednesday or Thursday.

In addition, Kevin Southard's tenure as chair is over and Braden Snyder of Lebanon Valley College agreed to become the new chair.