

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CORPORATION

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

December 3, 2007

DeSales University
University Center
Trexler Room

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 11 AM.

In attendance: Nancy Latimore, Mike Sweger, Kathy Staib, Jack Shafer, Chuck Edkins, Dave Martin, Ann Petracco, Bill Klika, Addy Malatesta, Frank Wolfgang, Steve George, John McCloskey, Amy Weaver, Jerry Chaplin, Scott Coval, Gracia Perilli, Mark Wagner, Heidi Birtwistle, Julene Fisher, Rick Beard, Cheryl Ish, Shirley Liddle, JP Andrejko

Lee McKinney, NCAA Management Council, conducted a discussion around NCAA issues, particularly upcoming legislation and the restructuring of Division III. While several opinions were expressed, the overall sense was that more information is needed about a new division before anyone wants to commit.

Ken Andrews recognized the fall 2007 champions and NCAA participants.

The May 23-24, 2007 minutes were accepted 12-0.

With a 9-2-1 vote, Shenandoah will start affiliate membership in field hockey in fall 2009 and track and field in 2008 (exhibition).

A motion to keep lacrosse in the MAC through 2009 was defeated 3-3-5.

Shenandoah seems closer to considering full membership as the ODAC has not been positive and USA South may expand to the south and west.

Football challenges with the PAC in 2010 and ODAC in 2009 are proceeding smoothly.

Ken Andrews reviewed aspects of our equity initiatives.

The presidents approved the following for advertised athletic department searches:

For a woman's sport, interview (phone) at least one woman for the position.

For basketball, football, baseball, and track & field interview (phone) at least one minority candidate.

In individual sports (cross country, track & field, golf, tennis, and swimming), interview (phone) at least one woman.

Apply same criteria to administrative vacancies.

Data collection will include EADA reports and staffing. The staffing component will need to be prepared by the schools for the conference office.

Ken Andrews reminded delegates about the decision to allow women to compete in an "individual" golf tournament in conjunction with the men's championships at Hershey.

This motion was approved 11-0: Unless otherwise determined, all sport committee meetings will occur via conference calls. Rankings and comments about players can take place by e-mail group distribution lists. The sport committee will determine the need to meet.

Ken Andrews explained the delay in 2008-10 schedules and apologized for the inconvenience.

The logo contest will be held early in year (2008) with a review of submissions at next meeting. These are the components:

- 1912
- MAC
- Freedom, Commonwealth, and Middle Atlantic Conferences
- Green and gold
- Academic and athletic prowess optional
- Tag line for scholar-athlete?

With a new logo, it will be the appropriate time to redesign certificates.

Ken Andrews reminded delegates of sportsmanship initiatives:

- Letter is to be sent prior to each season.

- Code of conduct signage for athletic venues – conference will pay expenses,

- End-of season tally of sportsmanship issues:

- The NCAA tracks soccer and football

- Directors of athletics are to submit problems in volleyball, women's tennis, field hockey, and cross country to Ken Andrews.

- T-shirts are to be tied to sportsmanship, not just handed out at a game.

Smaller gate receipts and added tennis expenses had a negative impact on the 2007 fall championships budget.

A special SID meeting will be held on December 11 to discuss all-conference voting and the conference web site.

The question of abuses in filming other teams should be referred to the coaches for feedback.

Coaches should be surveyed on giving a plaque to the regular season conference champion or tournament winner?

Ken Andrews reviewed Fact Book information on cut off dates and postponements.

Because of questions about vendors, the electronic football film exchange has been put on hold.

Julene Fisher highlighted several of the web-based programs Manhattanville employs.

Bill Klika described "Pajama game" technology that has been utilized at FDU.

With a 7-3-1 vote, the Freedom Conference will have five teams for tournaments where nine teams participate in the sport. Each sport group should determine the format.

Two major changes in the MASCAC budget were approved.

With a 10-1-1 vote, each school will be responsible for covering expenses for tournaments. They may keep 25% of the profits; the other 75% goes into a pool to compensate teams that travel for tournament games. Subsidies for tournaments are outlined in the budget.

With an 10-0-1 vote, the conference office will prepare a proposal to centralize officiating in the conference office.

The group strongly recommends that any “Cup” be delayed until membership issues are resolved. These were areas that should be addressed:

Differences in sport sponsorship.

Academic performance as well as athletic.

By corporation or conference?

Use of non-conference sports in tally.

The group was reminded that in football a first place tie results in co-champions. The AQ is determined by the tiebreaker.

In men’s and women’s soccer, standings will be determined with 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. Approved 10-0.

Motion approved 10-0: in volleyball, the all-conference team includes seven players as the libero is a distinct position.

Volleyball will use the approved NCAA ball. Approved 10-0.

Future meets in cross country will be at:

2008	Elizabethtown
2009	Messiah

Because no other facility is available, Susquehanna will be site of indoor track meet.

For track, each school may submit one entry for each track & field event – qualifying standards for everyone else.

Future outdoor track sites:

2009	Messiah
2010	Lebanon Valley
2011	Elizabethtown

Motion approved 10-0: in track and field, award an outstanding performer plaque to two athletes – the best runner and the best field event person.

Discussion ensued about starting date for baseball. Everyone agreed that the first Saturday in March makes sense.

Meeting adjourned at 3 PM.