

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CORPORATION

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

May 23-24, 2007

Port-O-Call Hotel
Ocean City, NJ

Wednesday, May 23

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Attendance: Ken Andrews, Steve George, Keith Levinthal, Julene Fisher, Addy Malatesta, J.P. Andrejko, Cheryl Ish, Frank Wolfgang, Laura Hogan, Scott Coval, Scott Kennell, Roger Kindel, Ann Petracco, Bill Klika, Kathy Tierney, Rick Beard, Amy Weaver, Jerry Chaplin, Laura Gingrich, Linda Detra, Shirley Liddle, Dave Martin, Nancy Latimore, Jack Shafer, Larissa Gillespie

Ken Andrews thanked Frank Wolfgang, Jen Rush, and Laura Hogan for coordinating social gathering and golf on Tuesday. He indicated that all financial transactions with the conference must be via check – he cannot accept any cash. The spring 2007 champions were recognized.

Sport additions:

Wilkes	men's and women's cross country
Lycoming	baseball
Messiah	men's and women's swimming
Delaware Valley	men's and women's lacrosse

The March 19, 2007 minutes were accepted 11-0.

These sportsmanship initiatives were approved 11-0:

MAC Office will track each sport for sportsmanship award.

All-MASCAC sportsmanship team.

The director of athletics, or his/her designee, is responsible for the site of competition.

A shortened version of the MASCAC Code of Conduct must be posted at every MASCAC athletic site of competition and in each game program.

Reports of sportsmanship violations must be submitted to the school's director of athletics within 24 hours of the incident. At the end of each season, the director of athletics will inform the MASCAC Executive Director of all violations. By school and sport, the Executive Director will provide an annual tally of sportsmanship violations to the presidents.

The director of athletics must inform other conference administrators of persons who could pose potential problems at their home contests.

Prior to each season, the director of athletics must send a conference letter (to be shortened) to all parents and boosters that outline sportsmanship expectations.

Retain a security person at conference baseball tournaments.

Consideration of conference membership issues ensued. Shenandoah as an affiliate in field hockey, track & field, and lacrosse met with mixed feelings. Despite little interest in affiliate members, extending this possibility might entice them into full membership. Issues surrounding lacrosse automatic qualification were discussed. Ken Andrews will continue to pursue a waiver of the two year waiting period with the NCAA. He also highlighted the main components of the “challenge” with the President’s Conference.

These schedule parameters for 2008-10 were reviewed:

- Balance in home/away
- Not more than two home/away in a row
- Travel partners to split up long trips
- Long trips on Saturdays
- At least two weeks between similar basketball opponents
- Individual sport hosts no other home contests
- Don’t end season with two away contests
- Maintain same home/away order
- Special dates – homecoming, parents, etc.

Jim Harris, Widener President, conducted a discussion of the future of Division III and sportsmanship issues at lunch. He indicated potential presidential concern about not enforcing automatic game suspensions for ejections.

The MASCAC Presidents have approved:

- Values, principles, and philosophy over data or quantified standards
- Presidential control
- Significant sport sponsorship (over 14)
- National championships
- Sportsmanship
- Equity
- Financial aid review
- Academic review
 - Admissions
 - First-year retention
 - Graduation rate

NCAA is considering these possibilities:

- Playing and practice seasons
 - Non-traditional seasons
 - Length of seasons
 - Dates of competition
 - Emphasis on regional play
- Coaches
 - Limitations on contacts
 - Dead periods
 - Off-campus recruiting
- Eligibility
 - Red shirts
 - Academic standards
- Finances
 - Increased dues
 - Pay to play
 - Cut back special initiatives

Thursday, May 24

Ken Andrews called meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Old Business

Although some are not happy about ending wrestling as a conference sport, no change seems warranted.

Ken Andrews will try to book the Lehigh field house for indoor track.

New certificate design is on hold until a new logo is designed.

The football media day will be at King's on August 7.

New Business

The 2007 spring championships budget experienced typical losses. Women's lacrosse official's expenses are out of control. Ken Andrews will try to get other conferences to collectively bargain over this issue, probably with the ECAC.

NCAA initiative grants are still available for special sessions. Ken Andrews will solicit interest in attending professional meetings in fall 2007.

As a follow up on the President Harris session, each AD should speak with their president about the ejection situation and highlight the need to view these on a case-by-case basis.

Athletic training:

Motion approved 11-0 to change *Fact Book* Section II, A4 from 'Supply a half-time refreshment' to 'Supply a half-time refreshment at the discretion of the host institution'. Water will still be provided.

Motion defeated 3-8 to change the wording of Section V, B of the *Fact Book* to read 'Championship compensation will be sent directly to the host ATC from the MASCAC office based on the championship fee schedule.' Ken Andrews will consult with the AD about the procedure to follow.

Baseball:

Motion approved 10-1 to have the Commonwealth tournament follow this format for one year:

The 4th and 5th place teams will play a one-game play-in game on Tuesday, April 29, at the home site of the 4th place team

The tournament would then be a four-team double-elimination tournament with the #2 seed playing the #3 seed at 4:00, followed by the #1 seed playing the winner of the 4/5 play in game at 7:30.

Motion approved 11-0 to sign a three-year agreement to keep the Commonwealth tournament at Owls Field.

Golf:

Motion approved 11-0 that the host institution has up to \$6,000 to sponsor a 36 or 54 hole tournament.

Motion approved 11-0 that in February the Executive Director will contact all directors of athletics to ascertain how many women will play in the individual tournament that runs concurrently with the men's team tournaments.

Sports Information:

Motion approved 10-0-1 to have SID's run Livestats for football starting in the 2007 season, and preferably for basketball in the 2007-08 season.

Motion approved 11-0 for the conference to encourage the NCAA to have golf and tennis results submitted via Statcrew rather than Golfstat or ITA site.

Motion approved 11-0 that unless other arrangements are made, the SID at each institution is responsible for reporting their tennis results to the ITA website and their golf scores to the Golfstat site.

Motion approved 7-3 that athletes should be eligible for scholar-athlete honors in more than one sport.

Swimming:

Motion approved 8-3 that teams must swim one another unless there is a mutual agreement between head coaches that this does not need to occur. When in disagreement, the Executive Director must be contacted for resolution.

Tennis:

Motion approved 9-0-2 to accept K3 tennis ball as the conference ball. Each school would purchase a minimum of six cases of the K3 ball for each tennis program (men and women) at \$46.14 per case. A cost of \$276.84 per program, or an institutional cost of \$553.68. The conference will receive 12 free cases of balls for our tournaments.

Motion approved 9-0-2 to hold the women's individual tournament on October 19-21, 2007 at the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (Landisville, PA) for \$2,500.

Motion approved 8-0-3 to hold the Freedom team championships (men and women) April 19-20, 2008 at Wilkes and King's (16 courts) regardless of the seeding. Indoor backup will be arranged at Kingston Club (no more than \$1,000).

Motion approved 7-1-3 to hold the Commonwealth team championships (men and women) April 19-20, 2008 at Hempfield for \$2,000.

Jennifer Myhre, Messiah College, has been elected 2007-08 MASCAC SAAC president. She will provide great leadership to this group.

Championship hosts and sites were determined for the next three years.

Based on a recommendation from Operations, 2007-08 meeting sites will be at central locations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.