

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CORPORATION**

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

March 19, 2007

M&M/Mars Room – Leffler Chapel  
Elizabethtown College

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Jerry Chaplin, Kathy Tierney, Rick Beard, Scott Coval, Scott Kennell, Steve George, Jack Shafer, Frank Girardi, Phil Wingert, Addy Malatesta, Sarah Fuller, Laura Hogan, Frank Wolfgang, Bill Klika, Cheryl Ish, J.P. Andrejko, Nancy Latimore, Shirley Liddle

May 24-25, 2006 minutes approved 11-0.

December 4, 2006 minutes approved 11-0.

Ken Andrews congratulated the winter champions.

Jerry Chaplin announced that Brian Engle will become head baseball coach in 2008, and Rob Pepper is resigning from women's lacrosse after the 2007 season.

Conference sport additions:

Wilkes will start cross country in 2008.

Messiah likely to start swimming in 2008-09

Lycoming will begin baseball competition in spring 2008.

**Old Business**

Ken Andrews reviewed recent conference changes:

Arcadia will move from the Freedom to the Commonwealth in 2008.

Alvernia and Misericordia will join the Freedom in 2008

**Motion: Misericordia track & field and swimming may join the Middle Atlantic Conference in spring 2008 to compete in championships.** Approved 11-0.

Shenandoah has been offered full membership in 2008 or affiliate status in field hockey, track, men's lacrosse if full membership is not feasible.

**Motion: If Shenandoah does not enter as a full member, don't allow them affiliate status.** Defeated 3-8.

Maritime has been offered affiliate membership in football in 2008.

**Motion: Shenandoah and Maritime should indicate their intentions by early June 2007 for member ship in 2008.** Approved: 11-0.

**Motion: Maintain conference protocol for NCAA automatic qualification if one conference has enough sponsors.** Approved 11-0.

**Motion: Effective 2008, offer affiliate membership to Cabrini in swimming.** Defeated 10-1.

**Motion: Effective 2008, offer affiliate membership to Cabrini and Gwynedd-Mercy in track & field.** Defeated 9-0-2.

New members should start attending meetings in May 2007 (Ocean City).

With all the conference changes, 2008-10 schedules will need to be developed in summer 2007. There was some question about having a double-round robin in men's soccer.

A conference call in lieu of an in-person meeting is warranted if the agenda does not exceed 15-20 minutes.

The electronic film exchange in football has been delayed another year because the coaches are unsure of the best vendor. Ken Andrews highlighted Ross Tucker and the recruiting service for film exchange that may soon become the standard.

The conference budget was reviewed.

**Motion: For the 2007-08 academic year, purchase \$8,775 of software from the NCAA Technology Grant (upgrades in several sports and Live stats).** Approved 11-0.

**Motion: For the 2007-08 academic year, appropriate \$4,000 to MASCAC SAAC for developing sportsmanship programs and \$9,250 for the women's coaching symposium from the NCAA Special Initiative Grant Program.** Approved 11-0.

A discussion about the Equity Report ensued. For the presidents meeting on May 29, the group wants to quantify many of the recommendations. The group felt the conference should sponsor a workshop on these issues for regional schools.

We should develop some statement about the future of Division III. At the Ocean City meeting, we could use the lunch to convey conference consensus to the NCAA Management and President's Council.

### **New Business**

The winter championship budget had slightly smaller gate receipts than 2006, but the net was better, probably because we did not hold the wrestling tournament.

**Motion: In 2007 start an all-sportsmanship team for each sport. Each school will pick one representative.** Approved 11-0.

A discussion about a motion to have students make the sportsmanship statement prior to the contest resulted in a vigorous debate. It was understood that schools could proceed in a manner that best addressed their needs.

**Motion: In 2007 sponsor an all-sport "cup" to recognize the school with the best athletic results in each conference.** Defeated 1-7-3.

**Motion: Addy Malatesta and JP Andrejko will serve as the class of 2010 on the Operations Committee.** Approved 11-0.

These motions emerged from the tennis coaches:

**Motion: In spring 2008, combine the men's and women's team championship tournaments.** Hold on the next to last weekend of April: in odd years, the top-seeded women's team would be the host, provided they can secure indoor court time; in even years, the men's top-seeded team would serve as host, assuming they can provide indoor back-up. If the top seed cannot find indoor courts, the next seed would then become the host. Minimally a warm-up period of one hour

between matches must be provided. Matches are over when one team wins five points. All matches are to be completed on the day scheduled. Approved 6-3-2.

**Motion: The SID at each tennis institution is responsible for submitting match scores to the ITA web site.** Approved 10-0-1.

**Motion: Decisions on whether to move conference (regular season and tournament) matches indoors due to inclement weather, darkness, or other unplayable situations will be made by the USTA official.** Reminder: an agreement to play indoors must be included in contract. Approved 10-0-1.

**Women's Basketball Motion: the home team is required to film every conference game, and, if requested, provide a copy of that game to the visitor. If the copy can't be made on site, the home team must have the tape postmarked within 48 hours of the game.** Approved 11-0.

Ken Andrews indicated that MASCAC SAAC should try to implement action plans that were discussed at Leadership Conference. Jennifer Myhre, soccer athlete at Messiah, is the new chair of group. She, and the other officers, are poised to exert more leadership on the agenda, conduct of meeting, and scope of the organization.

Other Business

Bill Klika conducted a session to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director and his goals.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.