



VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

December 8, 2008  
Albright College

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 11 AM.

**Attendance:** Shirley Liddle, Rick Ferry, Janice Luck, Nancy Latimore, Kathy Staib, Amy Weaver, Jerry Chaplin, Chuck Edkins, Dave Martin, Gracia Perilli, Scott Coval, Scott Kennell, Jerry Hammaker, Chris Ditzler, Rick Beard, Stacey Hollinger, Lauren Frankford, Julene Fisher, Laura Gingrich, Bill Klika, Ann Petracco, Larissa Gillespie, Joy Zazzera, Frank Wolfgang, Matt Levy, Heidi Birtwistle, Mark Wagner, Cheryl Ish, Addy Malatesta, Ken Andrews

Lee McKinney, NCAA Management Council, was unable to attend and will instead attend the meeting at the NCAA Convention in Washington, DC.

The **May 21-22 minutes** were approved 16-0.

Ken Andrews recognized the fall champions. Jerry Chaplin pointed out that Messiah's national championships in soccer were a result of being in a strong conference and thanked the membership for their efforts.

Ken Andrews reviewed the main points of emphasis in the "White Papers" and the key pieces of legislation for the 2009 NCAA legislation.

Presidential leadership, revising the Division III Philosophy statement, and financial aid policy in Division III are the short-term issues for the President's Council. Jim Harris, Widener, is Vice-Chair of the group and actively engaged in these issues.

The 2009 NCAA legislation of particular interest:

Access to NCAA data base for championship selection criteria

Standard August 15 start date for fall sports other than football

Required medical coverage at practices and contests

**Old Business:**

Membership and scheduling issues were discussed.

With the recently approved 8/8 conference split, Ken Andrews is redoing all the 2009-10 schedules. Since there are no byes in the new schedules, the home/away sequence can be reversed for 2010-11. The group voted 16-0 to have the Freedom return to the 9 inning/ 7 inning doubleheader sequence in baseball.

Because of the number of lacrosse schools, many of the coaches asked to consider going to divisional play with a crossover tournament (six schools) to determine the AQ. After much debate, the group agreed 15-0-1 to revert to the Middle Atlantic Conference schedule.

Ken Andrews highlighted scheduling problems in football. With changes in the Centennial and NJAC, our best scheduling opportunities are in the Empire 8.

Ken Andrews indicated presidential interest in required crossover contests to help build conference unity and reduce travel budgets.

The recommendations of the committee on hiring supervisors of officials were considered.

The group wanted these things included in each supervisor of official's contract:

Non-conference assignments may be left to the discretion of each Corporation member – they still have to pay full assigning fee.

Maintain and respond to an official's evaluation that is easy for coaches to access and complete.

Assure that no official works at a school where s/he has a direct connection.

Do not personally work as an official at any conference games.

Ensure that assigned officials arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the contest.

Inform official's that it is their responsibility to check with the host school (prior to departure for game site) about possible postponements due to inclement weather.

Participate in an end of season conference call or meeting with coaches and the MASCAC Executive Director to evaluate the season.

Communicate rules changes, points of emphasis, or other administrative details to coaches and/or the MASCAC Executive Director.

These supervisors of officials were approved for two year rolling contracts:

**Women's Basketball:** appointed Jim Hollister 16-0:

2009-10	\$145/game	\$290 assignment fee
2010-11	\$150/game	\$300 assignment fee

**Men's Basketball:** appointed Frank Majikes (ECAC) 16-0:

2009-10	\$160/game	\$300 assignment fee
2010-11	\$165/game	\$300 assignment fee

**Softball:** appointed Denny Mader 15-1:

2010	\$185/doubleheader	\$250 assignment fee
2011	\$195/doubleheader	\$250 assignment fee

**Baseball:** vote to appoint Nick Zibelli defeated 4-8-4. Offer Bob Gallagher a one year contract approved 14-2. Appointed Bob Gallagher 12-3-1:

2010	\$240 7/7 doubleheader	\$250 assignment fee
	\$165 9 inning game	

**Field Hockey:** appointed Lois Pinto and allow her to work games 14-2.  
 2009 \$150/game \$225 assignment fee  
 2010 \$155/game \$230 assignment fee

**Volleyball:** appointed Larry Fetterhoff 16-0:  
 2009 \$110/match \$150 assignment fee  
 2010 \$110/match \$150 assignment fee

**Soccer:** appointed Rich Kiernan 16-0:  
 2009 \$415/crew match \$400 assignment fee  
 2010 \$430/crew match \$400assignment fee

**Men's Lacrosse:** work with the USILA for a maximum cost of \$600 per game approved 15-0-1.

**Women's Lacrosse:** retain Bert Butler to assign all games for less than \$600 per game.

Bill Klika asked about women's tennis since FDU has to pay \$165 per match.

The group agreed to do all championship accounting at the end of year instead of sending lots of checks back and forth.

Ken Andrews reminded the group about the president's request that coaches report teams that display poor sportsmanship to him. The information is to remain anonymous, and he will work with directors of athletics when they have teams that have received a negative report.

Ken Andrews clarified confusion over live stats. We had voted to require live stats for basketball and football, but overturned that vote and left it as a recommended policy. He reiterated the sentiment that if you are not doing this, you are behind the vast majority of schools.

Discussion about all-conference voting changes ensued.

The group approved this ranking system for all-conference voting 15-0:

Number at position or on team:	Coaches rank:
1	2
2	3
3	5
4	6
5	8
6	9

After some debate, this change in voting was not considered: Rookie of the Year is awarded to player with the most all-conference votes. SID revised: Rookie of Year nominees must be nominated for all-conference.

With an 8-7 vote, the group approved a motion that each SID submit the coach's all-conference votes to the conference office.

**New Business:**

The 2008 fall championships budget did not have enough information to make a determination on the level of income.

Women's golf is likely to become a conference sport in the next couple of years. In a poll, this is the current position of MASCAC schools on sponsoring the sport:

Definite:	Manhattanville, Albright
Strong Consideration:	Alvernia, Lebanon Valley, Misericordia, Lycoming, FDU, Wilkes
Unlikely:	Arcadia, Elizabethtown, Messiah, Eastern, Delaware Valley, Widener, King's, DeSales

Many schools are not reporting individual sport "best performances" and results to the conference office.

The group approved this policy 11-3: if a school does not submit best performances to the conference office:

First time: Katie Imes will send a warning to the director of athletics

Each subsequent time: a \$50 fine will be levied on the school

If two weeks prior to the sport championship no results have been provided, that school becomes ineligible for championship entries.

A short discussion about the economy and possible program savings occurred. The competitive schedule is a prime driver in sport costs. Some possible actions include: limit the number of contests; despite longer time on road and some missed class time, soccer and basketball travel together; conference alignment concentrate on geographic proximity; and stagger schedules to accommodate schools who own their own transportation. The MASCAC SAAC identified food as the best place to save money. Ken Andrews indicated that the commissioners will be sharing ideas on cost saving strategies that he will synthesize those ideas for the conference.

This motion emerged from the soccer coaches and was approved for all sports 15-0: Coaches may not film contests when scouting opponents.

Ken Andrews indicated that the tennis meeting has been moved to January to discuss the championship format, particularly the timing of the women's season.

This field hockey motion was approved 15-0: If a school has a turf field, it must be used for MASCAC championship games. This is preferred field surface in the NCAA rules. Regular season contracts must stipulate the playing surface.

This soccer motion was revised as the men proposed it but the women didn't endorse. It was approved 15-0: soccer championship games may not start before 2 PM on weekdays.

A track & field motion to offer \$500 stipend to the meet director in cross country and indoor track and \$1,000 in outdoor track was defeated 0-14-1.

The group approved 13-0-2 a request to add the pentathlon for indoor track in 2009.

Input on the volleyball coach concern that matches should start at 7 PM appears to be too rigid. Schools need the flexibility to move the match start time a few minutes.

The group agreed that the sports information and volleyball committees should conduct a conference call to agree on the appropriate way to record statistics in home dual matches.

This volleyball motion was approved 12-3 to start in the 2010 season: On the first Saturday in October, based on their finish in the previous year (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), four schools (two

Freedom and two Commonwealth) will meet at the top seed's school and play cross over matches with the other conference (two matches each). The home site will rotate between conferences (Freedom in odd years; Commonwealth in even years).

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.