

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CORPORATION**

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

March 28, 2008

Bollman Center Meeting Room  
Albright College

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 11 AM.

Attendance: Heidi Birtwistle, Mark Wagner, Addy Malatesta, Lauren Frankford, Rick Beard, Jack Shafer, Shirley Liddle, Scott Kennell, John McCloskey, Dave Martin, Bill Klika, Frank Wolfgang, Nancy Latimore, Kathy Staib, Mike Sweger, Jerry Chaplin, Brad McCarty, Rick Ferry, Gracia Perilli, Julene Fisher, Cheryl Ish, JP Andrejko

The December 3, 2007 Minutes were accepted 16-0.

Ken Andrews recognized the winter champions.

Lycoming College will not be adding baseball until 2010 (previously 2009). They asked that teams consider scheduling JV contests against them in spring 2009.

Ken Andrews recognized Jim Miller and Al Weiner as responsible for a very successful indoor track meet and Cotton Mayer for his work with swimming championships.

Although about half the coaches wanted a regular season plaque in conjunction with the tournament winner, most preferred the current system if only one was to be presented.

With a few exceptions in basketball, coaches indicated little interest in a conference review of film policies.

Despite stable membership, Ken Andrews has not prepared a "President's "Cup" concept for review.

A proposal for conference-wide assignment of officials stimulated much discussion.

An initial concern about budgets resulted in 16-0 approval of a motion to delay any action on conference-wide assignment of officials until at least 2009-10.

Schools prefer the status quo (paying assigners and officials at the institutional level or through an on-line assigning service) to having the conference office reimburse officials and assigners.

A 10-6 vote in opposition to any conference-wide assigning occurred, but that was followed with a similar vote to create a committee to make recommendations on this matter at the May meeting. Nancy Latimore, Julene Fisher, Rick Beard, and Dave Martin agreed to serve on the committee.

Ken Andrews indicated that the Equity Report (EADA data) and staffing survey were not completed. Three schools did not submit staffing data.

Logo submissions were reviewed. Two received significant interest, but one was dismissed when it appeared to have a "60's look". Ken Andrews will have the designer produce three different options that reflect input from the group.

Because the sports information directors were almost unanimous in their support, and several schools have signed contracts, ICS will be retained to do conference web site

Ken Andrews indicated that Shenandoah will formally accept our offers in field hockey and track & field in early April.

Widener may reinstate tennis to ensure AQ's for all MASCAC sports. If that does not occur, a Freedom school could join the Commonwealth as an affiliate.

The PAC football challenge will be approved in early April by their presidents. The similar relationship with the ODAC is falling apart. Only 3-4 of their schools are still interested. That might still alleviate some of our scheduling problems, as 3-4 of our schools are not enthusiastic about committing to that week.

The 2007-08 winter championship budget was significantly lower because of smaller gate receipts and higher costs for indoor track.

The Capital Athletic Conference is interested in pursuing "challenges" in certain sports. The group indicated that we ought to have each sport group determine the desirability of such an arrangement.

With a 16-0 vote, Rick Beard and Shirley Liddle were approved as new members of the Operations Committee, replacing Steve George and Chris Ditzler.

Although half the women's lacrosse coaches would like to end the season a week earlier, the group voted 11-1-4 to maintain the current format.

Ken Andrews reviewed the NCAA Initiatives Grant process and encouraged members to submit proposals by May 1. Only six schools have used these funds in the last two years. The group concurred with Operation's assessment that the sportsmanship t-shirts should only be continued if funds remain after member schools submit their proposals.

A revision to the all-conference procedure garnished great debate. A motion to require all sports to vote by position for 1<sup>st</sup> team and have top vote recipients on 2<sup>nd</sup> team failed 5-11. Besides concern over naming teams by positions, some were concerned that by voting after the tournaments we were losing some media attention and deserving players in the regular season might be overlooked if their teams was not in tournament. Because many wanted to meet with their SID's about this, the motion was tabled 13-3.

The same format at Ocean City makes sense. Frank Wolfgang will coordinate the golf (1 PM) and post-golf social (5:30 PM). If President Harris or Phipps is available for the Wednesday lunch, we ought to continue with that session.

Ken Andrews reviewed the Annual Meeting schedule and some of the topics on the presidential agenda. Bill Klika will conduct the athletic administrators meeting.

In tennis, many of the coaches would like to have each conference set its own parameters for tennis seasons. The group did not like this precedent and instead will wait until May for the results of the tennis conference call on this matter.

With a 10-3-2 vote, the group approved 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards for the individual tennis tournaments.

With a 15-0 vote, the group approved a motion in men's and women's basketball that all film exchange in the sport will be on DVD with sound and continuous action. The host school will provide a copy before the visitors leave the site.

Ken Andrews reminded the group of the MASCAC SAAC conference call, election of officers, and report of cancer programs for the academic year.

The conference is working on a position piece about the future of Division III.

Ken Andrews departed and the delegates considered his performance review.