

## MASCAC SID Meeting Minutes

HUDD Room – DeSales University

Attendees:

Date: April 29, 2009

- I. Introductions
- II. Ken Andrews' Topics of Discussion
  - a. Composition of POTW committee and complaints
    - i. More complaints than usual. Do we need to expand the committee? A lot of email complaints from parents.
    - ii. Joy – when there are equal numbers with a sales pitch, the pitch usually outweighs a ballot with no information. Do we go to one SID per sport to do the voting?
    - iii. Craig – every SID voted for three people on a league wide ballot.
    - iv. Tim – Small numbers (2 or 3) voting on a sport and rotating week to week.
    - v. Matt – People are always going to complain.
    - vi. Bob – We need an additional focus on accuracy and use of supporting information. Also need to not nominate students who aren't deserving of consideration. (.250 batting average, etc.)
    - vii. Ken – If it is not broken we don't need to fix it.
    - viii. BJ – “You won't get any emails from me next year...I promise.”
    - ix. Dan – Is the ICS conference software able to handle Player of the Week voting. Can we move to Google Docs for sharing the process of voting.
    - x. VOTE – Majority votes to keep the voting the way it is.
    - xi. REPLACEMENTS to voting panel**
      - 1. Dave Walberg – Commonwealth all sports**
      - 2. Derek Crudele – Football**
  - b. All-Conference voting
    - i. Dave – Had to walk the new women's tennis coach through the process. The new process worked well with one walk through.
    - ii. BJ – Coaches will get used to the new process after a year or two.
    - iii. Bob – “My coaches [aren't very smart]”. Do we change the wording so people can understand it?
    - iv. Katie – The wording is pretty clear, not sure why people can't understand it.
    - v. Ken – SOFTBALL VOTING
      1. Coaches not thrilled about the timing of voting.
      2. BJ – Moving to after the championships was probably a bad idea. One coach said he voted for a rookie because what he did in the postseason.
      3. Matt – Priority is to be done before All-Region stuff. If that's the case for softball then we need to make the exception?
      - 4. Ken – I would rather keep it consistent with everything else. Even if it means we have to vote on a Sunday which is the case for Softball.**

- vi. Ken – PLAYER OF THE YEAR being ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
  - 1. If a rookie wins player of the year, then he shouldn't be the rookie of the year.
  - 2. Bob – To the victor go the spoils.
  - 3. Tim – If the player is the player of the year and is a rookie then he/she is clearly the best rookie.
  - 4. BJ – Support for a rookie getting both.
  - 5. Bob – Eastern had one rookie as the player of the year and a different rookie as the rookie of the year.
  - 6. Ken – We'll get a lot of push back from swimming.
  - 7. Tim – Is there a reason swimming can't be different. "Track is Track."
  - 8. Matt – If we want consistency then swimming will just have to change. If we go the other way.
  - 9. **VOTE – Player of the Year is a rookie then he/she is also rookie of the year. No push back from any SID to make it different.**
- vii. Ken – Timely Plaque Information
  - 1. It's best to do all the plaques together. We usually do a two-week period to get plaque information back.
  - 2. Tim – If someone misses the deadline can they just get bumped to next year.
  - 3. Ken – We tried that before without success.
  - 4. BJ – The reminder email is helpful from the conference office.
- viii. Ken – All-Tournament Teams
  - 1. Coaches thought maybe the host SID could put together the team.
  - 2. **SIDs – We can just go with an MVP and move on.**
- ix. Ken – Banners
  - 1. With the new logo the ADs approved new indoor banners for facilities (pool, gym) and one banner for all outdoor venues.
  - 2. Do we use the NCAA Grant money for banners or technology upgrades?
  - 3. Do we move to online film exchange?
    - a. Probably not due to price tag and economic climate. Schools will likely get \$175 to be able to give DVDs after games.
  - 4. Bob – I would like to support upgrades for Field Hockey/Soccer.
- x. Ken – Basketball pregame protocol
  - 1. Anthem before both games.
  - 2. **Both teams go to the foul lines for the anthem. Teams come together to shake hands. Introductions following midcourt handshake.**
  - 3. BJ – What is the purpose for this?
    - a. Ken – Different expectations at different gyms.
- xi. Ken – Basketball Senior Game
  - 1. Seniors will get together for a game. Freedom vs. Commonwealth
  - 2. Coach is Coach of the Year for each conference

3. Last weekend in March. Centrally located
    - a. Rotate between DeSales, Albright, and Alvernia.
  4. Matt – SIDs need to be completely uninvolved in this. Someone should keep the book and that's it.
  5. Ken – We need to iron out the details.
  6. Matt – “This will never come to fruition.”
  7. Jon – Have whoever came up with this put together the plan with all the details on how this is run.
  8. SIDs – We're not going to be able to help with this if we have ANY home spring events.
- xii. Ken – Cost Savings
1. Coaches meetings are going to mostly be conference calls.
  2. Most meetings will be held at DeSales since it's central.
  3. SIDs would like to keep an in-person meeting.
  4. Can we move to a different date? The ADs meeting is May 19 in Ocean City.
  5. Matt – it used to always be the Monday after conference championships.
- 6. VOTE - We're looking at the Second Monday after Conference Championships.**
- xiii. Ken – Football Media Day
1. With technology advancement we're better off tailoring all of our stuff and presenting a package to media instead of worrying about the media coming to our media day.
  2. Tim – What are the coaches' opinions?
    - a. Ken – Coaches and ADs are ready to get rid of it.
  3. Matt – How does the Centennial do it?
    - a. Each team is putting together packages to send to hometown papers.
  4. Craig – How many showed up last year.
    - a. Ken – the numbers were down last year.
  5. Matt – We still have a date when the poll comes out.
  6. Dave – The way technology has advances has essentially made media day obsolete. SID can send out hometown information.
  7. Bob – Wilkes and King's are lucky because media is willing to travel.
  8. Matt – There still are benefits of media day. Widener kid from Intelligencer got coverage from media day gathering.
  9. Tim – We have to consider the future of paper and TV coverage. Just because they came last year doesn't mean they will travel next year. The Patriot News is now just sitting at the desk and gathering information. The students are also inconvenienced for travel.

**10. MOTION – Tim motions to scrap media day as is and check how peer conferences are handling media day.**

- xiv. Ken – Conference discussion on publications, technology, and sports info.
  - 1. We need a conference wide sensitivity for publication, technology, and sports information.
  - 2. BJ – we had 10% budget cut so I volunteered to not do publications.
    - a. All the information is on my website.
  - 3. Ken – What about handing out something to recruits in the office.
  - 4. BJ – I said I can do a small version without all the extra bio information that can be handed out.
  - 5. Tim – Can we talk about what everyone is doing as far as who is responsible for paying for the guides.
  - 6. BJ – I agree that it is important to send stuff to kids in the mail.
  - 7. Derek – the information is absolutely a recruiting guide except for football and basketball which actually is used by the media.
  - 8. Tim – Admissions is increasing the push for publications since it's now all about bringing up enrollment.
  - 9. Ken – Live streaming as the future.
- xv. Ken – MASCAC Website
  - 1. Hoping for next year the conference will do a frequent “daily” blog that will release information on upcoming records, game previews, etc.
    - a. Tim – Twitter can take the RSS feed and send an update out to the list. The feed is a max of characters that would send people a link back to the school site.
  - 2. Schedules
    - a. What is ICS doing for importing information? Schedule import would be a priority.

III. SID Discussion

- a. Volleyball stats (Live In-game vs. Manual Entry, Matt Levy)
  - i. Bob – we should be able to decide where we choose to spend our time.
  - ii. Matt – We had a long email debate, so I wanted to see where we were.
  - iii. Craig – I never got a balanced box that was done manually. BJ and I are the only ones that are in favor of doing in-game. I would rather get a soccer manual box and an in-game volleyball stats.
  - iv. We don't all have assistants to send to other games to cover when we have volleyball plus others.
- b. Wireless Internet Cards (Matt Levy)
  - i. BJ – just got one this year and it's \$60 per month. We never run out of our bandwidth allowance. \$40 you might run out of usage.
  - ii. Most support Verizon as the provider. You have to sign up for a one-year plan.
  - iii. Tim – you can also get it to hook up through your IT to get network office.

- iv. Bob – King’s is set up to go through the King’s network. Administration needs to see that we’re all improving out technology and commit some budget money to keeping up.
    - v. Tim – Parents have even helped push to have wireless access at some sports.
- c. Media Email Lists (Matt Levy)
  - i. Can we share contacts that we have for some of the lesser known papers?
  - ii. John – We could share an excel sheet with the contact information.
  - iii. BJ – ECAC provides a hometown newspaper contact
  - iv. Katie – Conference office collected top three or four from everyone and could send that distribution list out to everyone.
- d. Archiving of past history on the MAC website (Bob Zaidie)
  - i. Ken – 1. Need to transfer stuff from the old site (Summer project). 2. There is research that was done that needs to be put in (Summer project). 3. Some stuff that was lost and needs to be entered (Summer project).
  - ii. Katie – We just got the new website last summer and I’m still learning how to use it. The archiving project will be one of the summer projects when I have the time to sit down and give attention to that.
  - iii. Craig – There are two different archives on the site. One on the left which goes to the story archives and in the sport page that goes to last few seasons’ results.
- e. Assigning of MAC Championships (Bob Zaidie)
  - i. Softball rotation – Wilkes, Del Val, Wilkes, Del Val next four years.
    - 1. DVC getting to host because they don’t do a lot of other things. King’s would like to get back into the rotation for hosting. Should it go to a school that wants to host?
    - 2. Ken – one of the biggest concerns is the athletic training. The athletic trainers feel they are being overworked hosting what they already do. Sometimes we end up hiring out when training staff is other places.
    - 3. Bob – when possible can we consider people who want to be involved?
    - 4. We will run into problems if people have to host things like baseball and men’s lacrosse where hosts aren’t determined until the following week of the season.
    - 5. Bob – how can trainers say they don’t want to host an event and we as SIDs have to be wherever we host.
    - 6. Matt – Is there talk of softball going back to campuses?
      - a. Ken – no, softball and baseball are apples and oranges since softball is over quicker.
    - 7. Ken – Tennis Individual tournament could go away. Softball could move losers game to first day so one team can go home.
- f. Consistent word rosters. (Craig)
  - i. We agreed on that before but it hasn’t been any consistent change on that.
- g. Universal File Naming (Dan)

- i. I know everyone has their system, but it might be helpful for the conference office to have them all the same.
  - ii. Katie – for the most part she can figure it out.
  - iii. Dan – it would be helpful for me if the files were unique to the date, sport, and team.
  - iv. Tim – Send scored somewhere in the email when sending a file.
  - v. **VOTE – For Universal file naming (8 for)**
    - 1. **Ken – what’s the argument against universal file naming.**
    - 2. **BJ – We’ll send universal out as a recommendation.**
    - 3. **Scott – regardless of the naming please include score in the email.**
- h. Courtesy contact (Derek)
  - i. Contact the opposing SID when you’re going to do something like pink zone or senior day.
  - ii. BJ, Tim, Craig – Sharing of information is good, but the coaches also need to be responsible for communication.
  - iii. Matt – We can share this information when sending the roster.
- i. Player of the Week after conference championship (Derek)
  - i. Pointless exercise after the championship.
  - ii. Tim – No. 6 players in tennis were both this last week and that was a highlight of their career.
  - iii. Katie – It’s a nice thing to add to the website.
  - iv. Bob – It’s a nice bulk to the website.
  - v. **VOTE – Majority in favor of keeping it.**
- j. Scheduling of multiple home events at the same school on same day (Jim Miller, Derek, Bob)
  - i. Ken – Cost savings is going to reign where schools will be making decisions on such things as transportation.
    - 1. Presidents would like to see as many events as possible at the same place at the same time. Volleyball and women’s soccer could travel together if the school chooses.
  - ii. Derek – Oct 10 will be home football, field hockey, women’s soccer, and men’s soccer.
  - iii. Bob – how am I supposed to get game files out to visitors if I’m bogged down with so many home games.
  - iv. Ken – Manipulation of start time for eliminating overnights
  - v. Matt – We want to do more live stats, etc., but now we’re doing more and more games at the same time.
  - vi. Dave – Every Saturday at Albright in the fall is football and soccer or field hockey and soccer games.
  - vii. Ken – multiple scheduling also allows for efficiencies in setup, etc.
- k. Standardization and enforcement of stat minimums for conference web site (Jim Miller)
  - i. Need to set the minimums which can be done through stat crew.

- I. Keeping MAC stat reports/standings updated (Jim Miller)
  - i. There needs to be some sort of cross checking for updating the conference schedule.
  - ii. Katie – I tried once to print the schedules and then check off games that came in. Then rescheduling occurred and it didn't work anymore.
  - iii. Scott – It's repetitious for me to go to home site, NCAA site, then conference site.
  - iv. Dan – when you log into ICS conference site can you be sent right to your own schedules?
  - v. Matt – postponements don't show up on the front page scoreboard.
- m. Timely submission to conference office (Katie)
  - i. Try to be timely with the game files.
  - ii. Photos for Player of the Week are slow in coming in.
  - iii. Bottom line is try to meet deadlines.
  - iv. I appreciate the help with tracking down coaches.
  - v. Bob – can we change the time of the winter academic team release since it usually coincides with entering spring break information?
- n. Lacrosse stats accuracy (John)
  - i. I think it came down to us making sure we're keeping NCAA stats. Some in favor of also keeping fouls for teams in women's lacrosse.
- o. Conference Office hosting championship individual events (Bob)
  - i. Katie can't possibly be at golf on Monday of that week.
  - ii. Bob – Golf and tennis might have conflicts with the host SID having other home events.
  - iii. Jon – just teach someone else to input golf and/or tennis results and send the file. It's not that difficult.
  - iv. Derek – It's not scheduling because I'm going to be at a men's lacrosse game if it coincides with the golf tournament.
  - v. Ken – In theory the conference office can handle the entry of golf and tennis.
- IV. New Membership
  - a. Bob – Can we be informed about new membership.
  - b. Ken – Nothing is official. There will be visits this week. There will still be decisions made with an eye on economy. We would consider moving the four Philly schools to the same conference. No reason for Widener for to drive by Eastern for all road conference games.
- V. New SID Chair
  - a. **BJ's two-year term is complete. Tim Flynn (LVC) is the new chair.**
- VI. Other news
  - a. Dan Mouw
    - i. How do we link box scores on the conference website.
      - 1. We will see what the ICS upgrade has this summer.
    - ii. Can we have Freedom and Commonwealth separated on the ballot.

1. Katie – it can be done, but it would be just as easy to print the appropriate pages.
- b. Ken
    - i. Thank you to all the people who step up and volunteer for helping out.
  - c. ICS Sites
    - i. Etown has signed with ICS and Albright *might* be in the works.
    - ii. Craig – Can ICS do updates on other client sites when the opponent is chosen from a live stats.