

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CORPORATION

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 17, 2009

Widener University
Schwartz Athletic Center
Room 206

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM

Attendance: Shirley Liddle, Bill Klika, Ken Andrews, JP Andrejko, Larissa Gillespie

The November 25, 2008 minutes were approved 3-0

Old Business

Ken Andrews will solicit EADA sport-by-sport information for annual equity review.

The 2008 fall championship budget indicates better gate receipts, but higher costs ending in about a \$4,500 deficit. Ken Andrews noted that Widener might be the only school in jeopardy of not covering their championship costs for the year.

Bill Klika proposed that we use the football model for schools that would like a preseason review of rules interpretations and points of emphasis. At a home scrimmage have the officials make a rules presentation prior to the competition.

Officiating:

The group agreed that the regional conferences should develop a fee structure for men's lacrosse and present it to the USILA for a vote at their annual meeting in December.

In women's lacrosse, Bert Butler's 2009 fee structure would indicate that she could book officials for less than the \$600 cap per game.

Ken Andrews indicated that the MASCAC will conduct START sessions at Albright and King's in April. Although we did not muster enough interest at DeSales, the other conferences certified about 85 students.

The proposed changes to the MAC/PAC football challenge were approved 3-0-1.

Ken Andrews indicated that football scheduling is becoming a greater problem with changes in Centennial, NJAC, and Empire 8. It may be tough to find games in week #1 as conferences save money on preseason with a week later start.

New Business

Winter championship budget is missing enough detail to predict the profit. By hosting indoor track at Lehigh, our expenses for that championship increased dramatically.

With a 4-0 vote, the group recommended that Brad McCarty and Gracia Perilli join Operations in the class of 2012.

Shirley Liddle discussed the NCAA review of Arcadia's ISSG report.

Ken Andrews reviewed some of the issues in wrestling, particularly for Delaware Valley. They may need the support of other conference members to get into a tournament closer than the Indiana regional.

Ken Andrews presented information on financial options for the conference that will be part of the president's April agenda. Three main themes of the report include recruiting and full rosters; schools shouldn't cut games until other avenues are explored; and, conference championships should be sustained in their present form. This document will be shared with directors of athletics prior to the April meeting.

The NCAA initiatives grant programs was discussed:

In Tier I the funding of NCAA rules seminars is the main issue. If a school hasn't attended in 2008 or 2009, they must go in 2010.

In Tier II we need to sponsor more programs in the diversity and gender equity component. Conducting the coaching symposium on the basketball all-star game date would allow a different group of presenters to participate. We will be able to fund searches for under-represented groups for athletic department openings. Ken Andrews will need to get a rough idea on what searches might be conducted in 2009-10.

In Tier III we will purchase MASCAC banners for the pool, gym, and one for outdoor venues. We need to fund a better way to conduct film exchange in football and basketball, and perhaps other sports. We have the annual need to upgrade Stat Crew software.

The group agreed that we maintain the Ocean City schedule and try to have President Phipps join us for lunch on Wednesday.

With a 3-0-1 vote, Operations concurred with the tennis coaches to move the women's tennis season to the fall.

A senior basketball all-star game the last week of March was approved 3-1-0. Besides the game, awards would be presented and coaches could meet. Two coaches would manage the game – the coach of the year and either the tournament or regular season winner. A possible rotation between DeSales, Albright, and Alvernia was proposed.

A motion to include five players as honorable mention on the basketball all-conference team was defeated 1-3.

With a 3-0-1 vote, the group endorsed looking at companies to provide an electronic film exchange for basketball and football, and maybe other sports. Ken Andrews will get a rough idea on costs and what technology schools would need. If we can't afford this program, then the purchase of DVD burners makes sense.

With a 4-0 vote, the group agreed to stay with the Anaconda ball for men's basketball for the next two years.

Although these protocols were proposed by the men, in the interest of consistency, the motion was approved 4-0 for the women also.

At the beginning of the game:

Play the anthem with both teams on foul lines

After anthem, both teams shake hands at mid-court

Introduce the visitors

Introduce the home team

Ken Andrews mentioned some issues with protocols for entertainment during breaks in basketball games. The group did not want to mandate any guidelines in this regard.

With a 4-0 vote, move all Commonwealth games (except last week of season) to Wednesday.

Operations want the coaches to conduct a conference call after the season. The in-person meeting could occur at the all-star game in March

Ken Andrews presented highlights from the February MASCAC SAAC meeting.

The students asked that home teams do a better job welcoming the visitors. Operations did not make any motions in this regard.

The meeting format is to be changed. Advisors and students will meet separately for the first half of the meeting and then meet jointly for the second half.

Attendance in February was weak. For those in attendance, this was an unfortunate situation. They did not have enough to conduct elections for 2009-10. We will do that on the conference call in late April.

Coverage of responsibilities at the Freedom baseball tournament concluded with these recommendations:

The #1 seed provides the site administrator unless a representative of another team is available.

Each school is responsible for their own athletic training.

The #1 seed SID will produce a program and post results.

Boyertown covers: field maintenance, tickets, concessions, and hopefully announcing.

The home team will keep the official score.

Larissa Gillespie coordinated the 2008-09 performance review and 2009-10 goals of the Executive Director with the group.

The meeting adjourned about 1 PM.