

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCES**

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

DeSales University Center

March 22, 2010

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

In attendance: Cheryl Ish, Heidi Birtwistle, Mark Wagner, Jenn Noon, Frank Wolfgang, Matt Levy, Scott Kennell, Jerry Hammaker, Scott Coval, Gracia Perilli, Addy Malatesta, Shirley Liddle, Janice Luck, Rick Ferry, Julene Fisher, Brad McCarty, Jerry Chaplin, Nancy Latimore, Rick Beard, Jack Shafer, Laura Gingrich, Bill Stiles, Chuck Edkins, Dave Martin

The December 7, 2009 minutes were accepted 16-0.

Ken Andrews recognized the winter conference champions and NCAA tournament participants.

**Old Business**

Ken Andrews indicated that the electronic film exchange committee will have their recommendations ready for the May meeting.

Ken Andrews indicated that Stevenson is not interested in full MAC membership, but might be interested in joining in football as an affiliate; Shenandoah wants to resolve their membership issues by spring 2010. They would like to have all sports under one umbrella, likely the ODAC.

The motion to have each lacrosse coaching group submit a conference structure proposal for the May meeting passed 16-0. Ken Andrews will provide them with the various scenarios with relevant pro's and con's for each. It was noted that what they propose may not be accepted by the athletic administrators.

With an 8-0-8 vote, the NJAC will replace the PAC as a football scheduling arrangement. It makes sense to base the pairings on geography to avoid any overnights.

The motion to accept the ECAC men's lacrosse official's proposal passed 13-0-3 with these fees:

	Game Fee + ECAC Mileage	Flat Fee (\$15 added for one-way over 100)
2011	\$155	\$180
2012	\$160	\$185
2013	\$160	\$185
2014	\$165	\$190
2015	\$170	\$195

ECAC one-way mileage chart:

0-49	\$0
50-74	\$25
75-99	\$35
100-149	\$45
150-199	\$55
200+	\$65

## New Business

The winter championship budget did not have enough information to draw any budget conclusions.

The group accepted 11-0-5 the CYC three-year contract for swimming championships at \$5,700 annually.

The slate of officers for the 2010-11 Operations Committee was approved 16-0. Dave Martin and Laura Gingrich will join the committee, and Addy Malatesta will serve an extra year to put terms of service back in sequence and offer balance to the Freedom Conference,

The motion to allow coaches to vote for their own team in preseason polls was defeated 0-16. A replacement motion passed 16-0 that if the voting ends 7-1, and the only missing vote is from the recognized team, the votes will be publicized as unanimous.

Ken Andrews reminded delegates of two points of emphasis:

The last Thursday in basketball is to reschedule games that are postponed in the last two weeks of the season.

Postponed conference games are to be rescheduled on the next available date.

Spurred by the disruptions caused by the winter 2010 snow storms, a discussion ensued about athletic competition when the school is officially closed. The group agreed that travel and competition cannot occur when college policy restricts such activity, but not being able to practice does not warrant postponement of contests.

The group reviewed the strategic planning document. The main points of contention included:

Does “independent colleges and universities” restrict possible need for public affiliate members?

Confusion over what Policy Council entails.

Is this a new group or simply a forum for the exchange of ideas?

More importantly, a relationship is needed between the Operations and the Executive Committees.

Conference-wide academic standards.

A dues matrix that would delineate a range of institutional dues.

To help prepare for a similar exercise at the annual meeting, the group conducted a quick priority ranking for the strategic plan goals. The annual meeting to include “round tables” (about 1 ½ hours) to discuss NCAA Identity Initiative and MAC Strategic Plan.

A review the gender equity assessment and EADA reports occurred. Two key points emerged: all our schools do not meet the proportionality gender equity prong and the identification of areas to be addressed at the end of the assessment are more important than the specific questions. The presidents will review this matter at the annual meeting.

MAC implementation of NCAA identity initiative ideas has a range of activity – some schools have a specific plan, others have not developed any strategy.

A brief discussion of non-traditional seasons centered on the cost of these programs and how they fit in with the Division III philosophy. For student retention (particularly for spring sports that met in the fall),

competitive advantage with the PSAC, and the educational process, little enthusiasm emerged for restricting the non-trationals.

Although there was some enthusiasm for a "hoops summit" (a basketball challenge between Freedom and Commonwealth Conferences), implementation prohibited serious consideration.

Several problems with women's basketball film exchange were mentioned. The electronic exchange will hopefully alleviate some of the difficulties.

With a 16-0 vote, the group authorized these expenditures of NCAA conference grant funds:

Tier I	\$20,250
	Rules seminar every three years
	\$3,200 for conference SAAC
Tier II	\$30,120
	Job searches for underrepresented groups
	\$500 to each campus SAAC budget
	\$5,000 for coaching symposium
Tier III	\$21,018
	\$1,200 for MAC flags
	Stat Crew upgrades

We will maintain the same agenda for Ocean City Meeting - Frank Wolfgang will coordinate the golf and the Tuesday evening gathering.

The MAC SAAC advisors made these recommendations:

Add responsibility to each coaching job description to ensure their athletes are active in SAAC.

Institutional budget to run the campus program.

Use of the FAR to help with missed class time and develop better rapport with faculty.

Ken Andrews asked the group to identify students this spring for the January 2011 NCAA Leadership Conference.

Rick Beard reviewed the performance assessment of Ken Andrews.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM