

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCES

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

May 25-26

Port-O-Call Hotel
Ocean City, NJ

Ken Andrews called the May 25 meeting to order at 10 AM.

In attendance: Bill Stiles, Laura Gingrich, Nancy Latimore, Jack Cole, Scott Kennell, Keith Levinthal, Jerry Hammaker, Rick Beard, Lauren Frankford, Gracia Perilli, Scott Coval, Jack Shafer, Shirley Liddle, Linda Detra, Dave Martin, Chuck Edkins, Robin Fedor, Ellen O'Brien, JP Andrejko, Katie Imes, Ken Andrews, Cheryl Ish, Addy Malatesta, Ryan Livingston, Brad Fields, Heidi Birtwistle, Adrienne Booth, Roger Kindel, Bill Klika, Jenn Noon, Janice Luck, Rick Ferry, Matt Levy, Frank Wolfgang

Ken Andrews noted that he was missing some information for staffing survey, and that he will collate the data early in the summer. He also reminded administrators of EADA reports and campus visits.

Use of the ISSG reports needs to be clarified with the presidents.

In order to complete NCAA Conference Grant report, he needs job search reimbursements immediately.

It was noted that you can add your bus company to the list of vendors employed by the NCAA.

Spring champions were recognized.

The March 22, 2011 minutes were accepted 16-0.

MAC 100 details and implementation, as proposed by committee, were approved 16-0.

A Hall of Fame committee, composed of three SID's, Jack Shafer, Scott Kennell, and Jenn Noon, will meet to determine the criteria and process for this award. Approved 16-0.

Bill Klika and the awards committee will formulate a plan to dedicate an award to an athletic administrator in memory of Lou Sorrentino. Approved 16-0.

Ken Andrews updated progress on the MAC Strategic Plan. These are the current priorities:

Operations Committee review championship accounting

Meeting the NCAA integration requirement

MAC 100 planning and implementation

Role of the FAR:

No financial compensation, but perhaps no other committee work or teaching credit relief

President needs to set the tone for expectations

Job guidelines for each position will be in place by January meeting

FAR participate in a few athletic functions each year – contests, job searches, SAAC, department meetings, etc.

Discussion about an all-sports award ensued. Based on the spreadsheets he developed, Ken Andrew's recommended:

Present four awards to each conference gender

Give a plaque for each winner annually (four total)

Only tally athletic results

Assign a point for each sponsor per sport - average the total earned points by the available points

The athletic administrators sustained their opposition to this recognition, but if it is approved by the presidents, have the SID's develop the criteria.

These tennis issues were reconsidered.

Motion approved 13-0-3: Only provide officials for conference tennis matches in 2011-12.

Last year the group approved officials for all matches.

Moving the women's tennis conference schedule from the spring back to the fall as it was not a quality experience for the women. It was noted that the weather impacted the schedule in a dramatic way, and that the next generation of athletes won't have the same preconceived notions that current players have. Action on this matter was tabled for at least another year.

Motion (approved 15-0-1): Conduct the Freedom baseball tournament at Quakertown.

Motion (approved 15-0-1): Baseball games that are tied on Friday should be completed on the Saturday prior to the doubleheader at the expense of the visitors (Friday host). Ties that have a bearing on tournament qualification (not seeding) must be completed at the end of the season.

Motion (approved 15-0-1): Starting in spring 2012, retain three umpires (instead of two) for championship games in baseball and softball.

Although the coaches voted to have a change in coordinator of umpires (Nick Zibelli), the athletic administrators voted 13-2-1 to retain Bob Gallagher for one year. It was noted that with Zibelli each school would only have to write one check for each season.

Motion (approved 10-0-6): Extend the football supervisor of officials to Milt Halstead for two more years.

2011	\$160 per official
2012	\$160 per official
2013	\$165 per official

Although a proposal from Golden Oaks was on the table, the group voted 14-2 to return to Hershey in 2012.

Motion (approved 7-2-7): Conduct the 2012 women's golf tournament at Mountain Laurel on same weekend as men.

Motion (approved 14-0-2): In men's lacrosse, starting in 2012, conduct electronic film exchange through EZ Exchange at \$310 per team.

This may decrease basketball film exchange costs.

Motion (approved 14-0-2): Retain Bert Butler as coordinator of officials for women's lacrosse at no more than \$650 per crew.

Motion (approved 16-0): Retain Denny Mader as supervisor of softball umpires for 2012-13 seasons.

Motion (defeated 0-16): Terminate the sportsmanship teams in each MAC sport.

Motion (approved 16-0): Voting for rookie of the year and all-conference will reflect the coach's vote and not be manipulated to account for other first year students on the all-conference teams.

Motion (approved 16-0): If a coach does not vote for all-conference by the deadline, the SID will vote within two hours.

Motion (approved 11-0-5): Extend the CYC contract for swimming contract to a rolling two-year deal.

Motion (defeated 0-13-3): Any swimmer who achieves a qualifying standard may be on the pool deck for the championship meets.

This motion replaced the one above and was approved 13-0-3: Any swimmer over the roster size who achieves a qualifying standard may be on the pool deck for the championship meets.

Motion (approved 13-0-3): Effective in 2012-13, Arcadia men's and women's tennis will move to the Freedom Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

The May 26 meeting was called to order at 9 AM – Nancy Latimore, Frank Wolfgang, and Keith Levinthal were not present.

Operations Committee changes were noted with thanks to Shirley Liddle, Addy Malatesta, and Rick Beard for their service; Janice Luck and Brad Fields will join the group in 2011-12.

Ken Andrews noted aspects of Hood/Stevenson admission to the MAC:

Commonwealth schedules will be redone for 2012-13. Ken Andrews will ask for school Spring Break schedules and Homecoming dates to accommodate those dates.

Coaching groups and athletic staff will be included in all communications for the next year.

Coaches and other staff should participate in end-of-season conference calls and are welcome at meetings.

The athletic administrators will be invited to all meetings, but should definitely attend Ocean City.

The presidents agreed to sustain the moratorium on realignment for the next four years.

The following financial matters were discussed.

Spring 2011 championship accounting is incomplete, but one concern is the outdoor track & field meet at Elizabethtown next year. Ken Andrews will work with Nancy Latimore to ensure gate receipts. The conference will purchase wrist bands for swimming, Freedom baseball, and indoor and outdoor track & field to help with ticket sales.

Because we were not granted NCAA funding for the intern, the coaching symposium, officiating improvement, and ball vest were scratched from the March budget.

The group reviewed the job description for the intern whose main responsibilities will be coordinating MAC 100 and new conference technology, and also oversee START and MAC SAAC. This person should be hired before the middle of June. There is the possibility of second-year funding through the NCAA grant process.

Ken Andrews hopes to have championship accounting completed by June 10.

To cover the MAC 100 expenses, each school will need to pick up a \$2,000 increase in dues. The presidents are voting on approval of budget and source of funds (maybe reserve account).

For 2011-12, Ken Andrews will purchase MAC championship t-shirts and banners.

Some other miscellaneous issues were considered.

For the *Fact Book*: in softball and baseball, coaches are to provide the SID with a line-up no later than 20 minutes prior to game time.

For baseball championship tournaments, don't start any game after 9:30 PM.

Manhattanville tennis officials will be assigned by Mark Raynes even though another assignor covers that region.

Liaisons for sport groups might contact directors of athletics who have a staff member not in sync with other members of their group. The minutes need to include staff members not on the call.

The athletic trainers will develop language for the *Fact Book* relative to the treatment of officials to offer consistency on this matter for the conference.

Upcoming MAC SAAC initiatives were presented:

MAC conference-wide fund raising for Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Participate in the NCAA Division III initiative for Special Olympics.

Plan for a conference-wide service project in spring 2013.

The group established locations and dates for:

2011-15 Championships

2011-12 Championships (note the women's golf change)

2011-12 Meeting sites and dates

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.