

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCES

VOTING DELEGATES MINUTES

March 22, 2011

Lebanon Valley College
Faust Lounge – Mund Campus Center

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:35.

In attendance: Ken Andrews, Steve MacDonald, Katie Imes, Dave Martin, Matt Levy, Janice Luck, Rick Ferry, Nancy Latimore, Ellen O'Brien, Bob Schlosser, Julene Fisher, Bill Klika, Bill Stiles, Jenn Noon, Chuck Edkins, Cheryl Ish, Gracia Perilli, Scott Coval, Rick Beard, Stacey Hollinger, Lauren Frankford, Addy Malatesta, Phil Wingert, Brad Fields, Heidi Birtwistle, Ryan Livingston, Jack Shafer, Shirley Liddle, Scott Kennell, Jack Cole, Brad McCarty

Steve MacDonald, Lebanon Valley President, indicated a desire on the part of the presidents to build a better relationship with the athletic administrators. The Stevenson and Hood membership applications provide an important opportunity to start this process. He added that a transparent exchange of ideas is critical to the process. He noted that the three main reasons for considering Hood and Stevenson was increasing exposure in the south to enhance student recruitment, offering a more competitive experience, and ensuring a stable conference arrangement. These schools were identified several years ago because they were the strongest available candidates.

The athletic administrators reinforced the need to follow through with the recently developed membership criteria and process. Their concern over conference expansion centered on these issues:

We are stable and do not need a cushion. If a school leaves, we can recruit a replacement.

8/8 is a good number for scheduling and AQ access.

With approval of the strategic plan, we agreed not to recruit new members.

We are in a different place now than a few years ago; our obligation to recruited members at that time is no longer relevant.

After the expansion discussion concluded, the athletic administrators agreed to hold campus workshops with coaches on financial aid procedures rather than a conference-wide meeting on the NCAA process.

The athletic directors expressed opposition to an all-sports cup to recognize conference athletic prowess, because it places too much emphasis on winning and might be used as part of the evaluation process for staff.

After Steve MacDonald departed, the December 7, 2010 minutes were accepted 16-0.

Ken Andrews recognized the winter champions.

Ken Andrews reviewed the FAR meeting in January. The group agreed to share their school's FAR role with conference members and discuss the information at the Ocean City meeting.

Ken Andrews described the program the regional commissioners have developed to recruit and train women's lacrosse and field hockey officials.

Concern over tennis officiating costs per the summer 2010 MSATO handbook drew many comments. Ken Andrews will meet with Mark Raynes and report on the fees for tennis officials and how they are determined.

Two motions for electronic film exchange ensued:

Motion approved 16-0: Accept the EZ Exchange contract with access for all officials for each basketball team at \$600 in 2011-12 and \$613 in 2012-13.

Motion approved 8-0-8: Accept the Game Tape Exchange contract for football at \$545 per team.

Motion approved 16-0: Accept the Anaconda basketball proposal.

Motion approved 16-0: Brad Fields and Janice Luck to serve on Operations Committee as Class of 2014.

Motion approved 16-0: Commencing in fall 2011, MAC Office to conduct t-shirt sales in all sports. Profits will go to the host school.

Ken Andrews was instructed to inform the track & field coaches that the MAC indoor meets continue as a one-day event.

The group reviewed the winter championship budget and there were no questions.

Discussion of the 2011-12 NCAA conference grant discretionary components occurred.

Continued program support of campus SAAC's (\$500), membership software and technology allocation (\$800), and search reimbursement for women and minorities (\$5,000) was approved.

The campus programs proposed by Alvernia, DeSales, Widener, and Lebanon Valley were approved as is, and Ken Andrews will work with Wilkes and Delaware Valley to decrease their request.

Because many think the women's coaching symposium is an important function, we ought to hold it in 2011 as the 2010 program didn't garnish enough interest. The coordinators will consult about the feasibility of doing the program this year.

The group liked the idea of purchasing ball person and chain gang vests with MAC logo.

Money has been allocated for officiating improvement (about \$3,500), but Ken Andrews does not share the view of other regional commissioners that soccer is a high priority.

The MAC Centennial funding is dependent on the results of the NCAA intern application. Ken Andrews will be discussing the budget with the presidents at their April meeting.

The 2011-12 MAC budget is in flux because of Centennial planning.

The group supported supports the NCAA reception, conference-wide service day, and identity pieces (uniform patches, floor marking, special logo, etc.)

Although operations questioned the viability of a summer golf tournament, the full group thought it could be successful as a pay as you go venture.

The MAC SID's will determine criteria for MAC hall of fame and Centennial teams.

The FAR's asked that we consider modifying the scholar-athlete award. Their motion was referred to Awards Committee: The scholar-athlete awards be presented to the top male and female student-athletes at each institution (50% athletics and 50% academics, with service as a tie breaking component).

This matter was tabled until Ken Andrews and Dave Martin are able to work with the ECAC to decrease the assigning fee of \$700 fee for non-ECAC members. The group supports the work of Frank Majikes, assignor, and would like to retain him.

Motion approved 16-0: Accept Jim Hollister officiating contract.

It was agreed to discuss these topics at Ocean City at the Wednesday morning meeting: MAC Centennial, FAR role, and strategic plan benchmarks.

Dave Martin conducted a review of Ken Andrew's performance in preparation for a report to the presidents.