

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE
VOTING DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES

May 22-24, 2012

Port-O-Call Hotel
Ocean City, New Jersey

PARTICIPANTS:

Brett Adams (Stevenson), J.P. Andrejko (King's), Ken Andrews (MAC), Rick Beard (Lebanon Valley), Heidi Birtwistle (Eastern), Adrienne Carr (Fairleigh Dickinson), Katie Cirilo (MAC), Mike Clark (Lycoming), Scott Coval (DeSales), Linda Detra (Arcadia), Chuck Edkins (Misericordia), Rick Ferry (Albright), Brad Fields (Eastern), Julene Fisher (Manhattanville), Lauren Frankford (Lebanon Valley), Larissa Gillespie (Widener), Laura Gingrich (Alvernia), Marie Godwin (MAC), Joe Guistina (Lycoming), Cheryl Ish (King's), David Jones (Eastern), Roger Kindel (Fairleigh Dickinson), Bill Klika (Fairleigh Dickinson), Matt Levy (Delaware Valley), Nancy Latimore (Elizabethtown), Shirley Liddle (Arcadia), Addy Malatesta (Wilkes), Dave Martin (Misericordia), Robin Stahovic (Misericordia), Brad McCarty (Messiah), Jenn Noon (Fairleigh Dickinson), Ellen O'Brien (Misericordia), Gracia Perilli (DeSales), Kathy Railey (Stevenson), Gib Romaine (Hood), Jack Shafer (Widener), Frank Wolfgang (Delaware Valley)

Ken Andrews called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1. Announcements.

Ken Andrews will provide timely (tentative) agendas and provide supplemental materials in a bundle as they become available for future meetings.

Any school providing job opportunities for women and/or minorities through conference funds should submit reimbursement before June.

The group will cease to discuss additional MAC academic recognition.

Ken Andrews noted the importance of hosting the annual meeting at varied campuses, including Fairleigh Dickinson in 2012.

The START program will continue in 2012-13. Suggestions for sports and/or locations should be directed to Marie Godwin.

2. Ken Andrews congratulated all the spring champions and thanked Roger Kindel for his service on the NCAA Golf Committee.

3. The March 28, 2012 meeting minutes were accepted 15-0.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

The committee split into small groups to discuss the following:

4. Student affairs topics for June 14, 2012 meeting and May 7, 2013.
5. Advancement issues for May 7, 2013.

Ken Andrews collected ideas for further development.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. The men's soccer coaches will formalize guidelines for film exchange in the upcoming season.
7. Eligible institutions will again be able to nominate unlimited candidates in the second year of the MAC Hall of Fame.
8. Ken Andrews reviewed the calendar of events related to the MAC 100. The tag line should be integrated into sport programs. Ken Andrews also reviewed the MAC 100 tool kit and uses for promotional items.
9. The group provided the following revisions for the document outlining the role of the FAR in the MAC.

MAC philosophy on role of FAR:

The FAR is an advocate for athletics and student-athlete welfare, ~~but isn't an apologist for things that are wrong or need to be changed.~~

The document was approved 15-0 as amended, noting that changing verbiage from "required" to "recommended" may be more realistic. The presidents will approve final outlined responsibilities of the FAR in October 2012.

10. The date/s for the Financial Aid webinar is still to be determined, however, the Executive Committee supports involvement of Athletic Directors, Financial Aid staff, and other related staff members.
11. Ken Andrews gave an overview of the sports information terminology document.
12. Technology.
 - A. Each school has been invoiced for the HUDL contract that Ken Andrews will pay in early July. Training needed for staff should be arranged with HUDL personnel or football staff on campus. Film exchange is mandated for the following sports in

2012-13: football, men's soccer, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse (conference only).

- B. Ken Andrews will send all schools the EZ Stream contract for possible involvement; it is up to each school to enroll in their video streaming contract. The conference price is \$1,795 and will be billed directly to the school.

- 13. The group provided the following revisions for the document outlining MAC program expectations. The document was approved 15-0 as amended.

AS REQUIRED BY THE FACT BOOK OR PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES STATEMENT:

STAFF: Retain enough security to ~~guarantee that~~ **provide a safe environment for** student-athletes, coaches, officials, and team representatives ~~are safe~~.

CONFERENCE REPORTS: Every three-~~five~~ years an outside group must visit campus to evaluate gender equity **unless an evaluation process is already built into institutional operations**.

ALTHOUGH NOT MANDATED, THESE FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE MET:
FAR ~~have a job description and~~ attend the MAC meeting in January.

- 14. Because a football player incurred a season-ending injury from an uncalled hit (unclear if intentional or not), the group discussed possible regulations surrounding football intent to injure, similar to professional leagues. Discussion led by Lycoming athletic director and football coach, Mike Clark noted this is not a football-only issue. Ken Andrews will solicit feedback from other conferences as to how they deal with the issue and the group promoted including an issue like this in a broader sportsmanship/ethics committee in the future.
- 15. **Coordinator of men's basketball officials for three years.**

Stay with the ECAC to assign or contract an independent assignor?

Donnie Eppley was preferred, Frank Majikes was second, and Jim Haney third

ECAC and CBOA may have restricted things Frank was able to do – ECAC is working to negotiate changes with CBOA – maybe table the issue until a contract is determined

4 coaches in favor of keeping ECAC while 10 opposed

If independent assignor, should institute a two-year contract to address possible issues

ECAC assigns officials in the area whereas an independent contractor can shuffle officials around

Will see the same officials no matter what

Motion approved 12-3: Stay with ECAC for men's basketball assigning for a three-year contract.

Motion approved 12-3: Have Donnie Eppley as assignor for a two-year contract.

16. Financials.

- A. 2012 spring championships accounting: adding a third ump in baseball and softball main reason for the bump
- B. T-shirts improvements for 2012-13: revise sizing, make sure to take inventory, send t-shirts along with winning team, do a pre-order of t-shirts
- C. Invoices for winter/spring championships out in early June
- D. NCAA conference grant: \$500 to SAAC, programming down to \$3000 or less at each school, \$800 technology grant to SID budget
- E. MAC budget: 3% in strategic plan, money taken from reserve account to cover MAC 100, working on office location with comparable rent

The committee adjourned at 1:02 pm and reconvened Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 9:02 am.

17. The committee revisited the selection of a coordinator of men's basketball officials.

18. **Motion defeated 0-13-2: Consider William Paterson as an affiliate in men's golf.**

19. **Motion approved 15-0: A school that has committed a violation and is not eligible for the NCAA tournament in that sport may not compete in the MAC championship tournament.**

20. Committee Reports

A. Athletic Trainers: EAP at neutral sites will be posted on MAC website in 2012-13 year

B. Baseball

Motion approved 15-0: Sponsor the Freedom tournament at Quakertown after clarifying grounds crew responsibilities.

Coordinator of baseball officials

Same conversation as a year ago as coaches not satisfied

Coaches haven't sent many evaluations so it's hard to address concerns

Nick Zibelli did not meet RFP deadline

Motion approved 13-1-1: Bob Gallagher to serve as coordinator of baseball officials for three years.

Ken will check on these questions:

If a double header is rained out, does the make-up game have to be nine innings?

If you can't start the next game within a half-hour, the game needs to be played to nine innings.

What if the second game is suspended in the second inning?

Motion approved 15-0: A team does not need to play more than two games a day at tournament (any game over five innings counts).

C. Men's Golf

Motion approved 15-0: Sponsor the 2013 championships at the Hershey Country Club.

The SID of the winning team will be assigned to enter stats into Golf Stat

D. Women's Golf

Motion approved 13-0-2: The Women's golf tournament will be at Golden Oaks at a cost of \$30 per player.

Sport must begin to meet NCAA minimums (six dates of competition with five players) in order to file for 2013 AQ

E. Men's Lacrosse

Motion approved 14-0-2: All games are to be filmed and exchanged. For spring break games, a 24 hour grace period after return to campus.

F. Women's Lacrosse

Coordinator of officials for 2013

Need to keep fees reasonable for next year

Schools are getting billed more than \$650 for mileage

Ken will pursue proposals with Bert Butler and Fran Trumbo

Motion approved 13-0-3: Required film exchange of conference games only.

G. Softball

Motion approved 9-0-7: Similar to baseball, sponsor a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Commonwealth championship tournament format.

A site evaluation form was produced circa 2004 - no reason it can't be utilized

H. Sports Information

Motion approved 16-0: Any athlete who receives two votes will be named honorable mention all-conference.

I. Swimming

Motion approved 9-1-6: Move the MAC swimming championships to Central York High School.

Motion approved 16-0: Compensate the Catholic Youth Center \$2,000 for breaking our agreement with them.

J. Tennis

Compensation of officials at locations with less than six courts is a problem.

Officials aren't vital to the competition

Experiences where officials don't even show up to competition

Does taking out officials make tennis a "second-class sport"

Set a flat fee of \$125

Motion approved 7-6-3: No longer retain tennis officials for any matches.

Several schools indicated they would still book officials for conference matches.

Motion approved 13-0-3: Allow extra players at the individual tournaments but do not present any awards.

K. Track & Field

Motion approved 11-1-4: In outdoor track & field hire a person to accept entries, seed, and score the meet for \$500.

L. MAC SAAC

MAC conference-wide project during Division III week

Wake-a-Wish and Special Olympics to continue in 2012-13

21. Sites and dates were discussed and set:
 - A. 2012-15 Championship hosts

SID's at football schools or who coach will not have individual tennis responsibilities
 - B. 2012-13 Championships dates and locations
 - C. The 2012-13 meeting sites and dates will vary in location with the addition of Hood and Stevenson, moving the geographic center of the conference.

OTHER BUSINESS:

22. Future Meetings. The committee will meet December 4, 2012 at Albright College.
23. The committee adjourned at approximately 10:55 am.