



MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2013

DeSales University
Center City, Pennsylvania

PARTICIPANTS:

Ken Andrews (MAC), Laura Gingrich (Alvernia), Rosie Kays (MAC), Janice Luck (Albright), Jenn Noon (Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham), Pat Ross (MAC), Jack Shafer (Widener), Marie Stroman (MAC)

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Ken Andrews.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The March 12, 2013 minutes were accepted **4-0**.
2. The committee reviewed ways to leverage outcomes of MAC 100. The compilation of records and archives will be distributed to former members to renew relationships. Former Division III colleagues will be sent MAC passes to be welcomed at MAC contests. The MAC Hall of Fame will continue to honor individuals from the conference while alumni will be encouraged to continue attending cross country, swimming, and outdoor track & field championship reunions.
3. The conference will again sign a one-year contract with HUDL to provide film exchange software for unlimited sports. Proposed contract costs for future years are outlined below:

2013-14	\$2,240 per school
2014-15	\$2,520 per school
2015-16	\$2,800 per school
4. The committee discussed next steps in utilizing discussions that happened at the May 2013 Forum. The meeting encouraged more dialogue amongst other professionals in the conference, including information sharing of best practices from others who are dealing with similar issues. The committee sees value in continuing this form once every 2-3 years. A review of the forum will be documented and addressed on the agenda of the fall presidents meeting.

5. Round table topics for further discussion at the coming athletic administrators meeting will revolve around the NCAA recruiting work group, class scheduling, food/nutrition options, risk management, a conference compliance webinar (to be held in August), and volleyball line judges.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. The committee reviewed conference financials highlighting the 2013 spring championships, future expenses for the 2013-14 championships, NCAA Conference Grant program allocations, and overall 2013-14 MAC budget. Future budget allocation will include funds (\$4,000) to continue the Senior All-Star basketball games.
7. Championships.
 - A. The last regular season games will start before 4:00 pm – with the exception of fall 2013.
 - B. The committee reviewed 2013-16 championship hosts/sites, making adjustments to softball, outdoor track & field, and men’s golf rotations. Sports information staff of the participating schools in the baseball tournaments will determine coverage.
 - C. The committee was reminded that there should only be one named MVP at championship events. Schools are also reminded to provide any championship plaque for the championship photo opportunity.
 - D. **Impartial announcing** at conference championship events was proposed by the SID’s and **supported (4-0)** by the committee with the rationale that hosts earned the right to a home game and should be able to treat it as such. The committee also **supported (4-0)** reverting to NCAA sport rules pertaining to the **use of noisemakers**.
8. The committee reviewed several conference awards. The plaques for Player of the Year (including Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year) awards will be produced in the green marble finish while the gold-plated plaque will maintain as token for the scholar-athlete awards. The committee **supported (4-0)** investigating and **realigning all-conference compositions** to align with regional teams by sport. Also discussed in great length was how to improve accountability of all-conference selections. The committee **supported (3-1) sending results of all-conference voting to Athletic Directors** so that coaches are aware that their voting is held accountable.
9. Arcadia, Hood, King’s, Misericordia and Wilkes are due to complete their Institutional Self Study Guide.
10. Committee reports.

- A. The athletic trainers most recent meeting report was not available at the time of meeting.
- B. Following a motion from the baseball coaches, the committee **supported (3-1) moving the conference championships** a week later in order to create less conflict between the start of conference play and spring break schedules. The Freedom Conference will then employ a Thursday-Friday-Saturday sequence.
- C. The men's golf championship will return to Hershey Country Club in 2014.
- D. The women's golf championship will return to Golden Oaks Golf Club in 2014 unless a viable site near the men's championship can be arranged. Coaches are strongly encouraged to meet NCAA minimum requirements (four golfers at six events of 5800 yards or more) for qualification to the NCAA women's golf championship.
- E. The committee **supported (4-0)** the motion that men's lacrosse designated **game management staff** – not any personnel working for the team – will **work the clock/penalty clock**.
- F. Film from women's lacrosse contests will be available to Bert Butler for review of officials. As Elizabethtown exits the conference early in women's lacrosse next spring, that game will act as a *bye* in conference scheduling. The conference office will work to include an overall ranking of players for all-conference voting.
- G. The committee **supported (4-0)** retaining **Denny Mader as coordinator of softball** officials for 2014 & 2015. Coaches are collecting information to create a cold weather policy to identify appropriate contest conditions – a formal proposal is expected in December 2013.
- H. Sports Information Directors proposed that honorable mention all-conference selections receive certificates but the committee agreed that they only needed to receive *mention*. The committee **supported (4-0)** the outline for **All-MAC Academic teams** constructed by Dan Mouw (Eastern). The award recipients should hold at least sophomore standing and the conference commissioner and school president should sign award certificates.
- I. The swimming coaches agreed to use parents to fill the 24 backup timer positions. The NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving committee has updated qualifying standards – this will hopefully help a few more individuals from the MAC qualify in the future.
- J. The tennis Freedom Conference is at risk of losing an NCAA AQ. The conference office will actively look for affiliate members (New Rochelle, Sarah Lawrence,

St. Joseph's [Long Island]), await any current members newly sponsoring the sport, and reevaluate the conference composition by the 2016 season.

- K. MAC SAAC will continue to emphasize student-athlete advocacy while maintaining community service initiatives. Adam Moore (Elizabethtown) was elected as MAC SAAC president for 2013-14 along with Taylor Kruter (Lebanon Valley), Molly Malloy (Stevenson), and Cody Schulte (Widener) elected as executive committee members.

- 11. The committee adjourned at approximately 11:53 am.

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