



Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
 Location: Conference Call
 Group: MAC W. Lacrosse

PRESENT

MAC Office: Ken Andrews, Jenn Noon, Pat Ross					
Albright:	Jen Willis	Elizabethtown:	Rob Brooks	Manhattanville:	Courtney Burhans
Alvernia:	Kelly McCloskey	FDU-Florham:	Rep for Adrienne Carr	Messiah:	Heather Greer
Arcadia:	Erin Livingston	Hood:	Molly Evans	Misericordia:	Chrissy Trescavage
Del Val:		King's:	Laura Patton	Stevenson:	
DeSales:		Lebanon Valley:	Jackie Dando	Widener:	Julie Mazer
Eastern:	Camrin Azzarano	Lycoming:	Lindsay Reese	Wilkes:	

Call to Order: Heather Greer called the meeting to order at 10:30 am

Commonwealth Regular Season Schedule	Proposed by: Ken Andrews
---	---------------------------------

Discussion: With Elizabethtown leaving, discussions need to be had for how the schedule will work for next year.

Heather Greer, Messiah, proposed the options to redo the schedule or keep it as is.

Ken Andrews, MAC Exec. Director, proposes that the coaches keep the same dates for their games. On the day you play Elizabethtown, coaches are to try to substitute someone from Landmark or Freedom Conference.

Motion: Heather from Messiah	Seconded by: Jen from Albright
Keep Schedule as is, with Elizabethtown becoming a bye.	

For	Opposed	Abstained	Result
[Schools]	[Schools]	[Schools]	18:0:0

Action Items	Assigned To	Deadline
Elizabethtown game becomes a bye.	Coaches	ASAP

Commonwealth Tournament	Proposed by: Ken Andrews
--------------------------------	---------------------------------

Discussion: The MAC Commonwealth tournament will have 4 schools for next season.

Sportsmanship vote	Proposed by: Ken Andrews
---------------------------	---------------------------------

Discussion: Each schools sportsmanship vote needs to go to Pat. It should be one person from each team.

Rules on Hardship	Proposed by: Ken Andrews
--------------------------	---------------------------------

Discussion: When you have a player who is injured in the first half of the season, and wants to come back for the second half, make sure they are able to come back. If they are shaky and aren't ready, playing will take away hardship. The player must be injured in the first third of the season.

Social Media	Proposed by: Ken Andrews
---------------------	---------------------------------

Discussion: Social media has forced things to become liberalized. In short, with social media, 1-on-1, there is nothing wrong with that.

Recruiting Group	Proposed by: Ken Andrews
------------------	--------------------------

Discussion: There is a recruiting group in DIII. There are fewer women coaching now because of time needed for recruiting, taking away from having families. Looking at recruiting calendars, there is an idea of loosening the tryout rule, where kids can come to campus to tryout. This would be good for DIII because half the battle is getting them to campus. This would get them to visit.

Sickle Cell	Proposed by: Ken Andrews
-------------	--------------------------

Discussion: Sickle cell testing has been approved, so new kids need to get tested and/or have a waiver. Make sure you have identified that they have gotten tested early in the fall.

Refs	Proposed by: Rob from Elizabethtown
------	-------------------------------------

Discussion: Officiating has been quite frustrating with the level of officiating having been my worst experience. It was embarrassing that level was out there. I have noticed a trend with afternoon games on Saturdays, officials were coming from HS games and then coming to NCAA games, and they are still officiating from HS rules.

Rob Brooks, Elizabethtown, suggests having film to show the officials the calls. It will have an impact because the officials will be able to see the mistakes.

Roberta will be told that we are setting up an account on Hudl for her and her officials. Coaches can send games and individual clips, so refs can see mistakes and learn from the games.

Motion: Cameron from Eastern	Seconded by: Jen from Albright
Use Hudl to provide film to officials	

For	Opposed	Abstained	Result
Albright Alvernia Arcadia Eastern Elizabethtown FDU-Florham Hood King's Lebanon Valley Lycoming Manhattanville Messiah Misericordia Widener			14:0:0

Action Items	Assigned To	Deadline
Set up Hudl account for Officials	Ken Andrews	ASAP

Ranking from each individual coach for all-conference players like All-American vote (position/overall)	Proposed by: Adrienne from FDU
---	--------------------------------

Discussion: The ranking system this year was difficult read. The All-American system, with coaches overall ranking and positional ranking will help the voting process for next year.

Pat Ross says that SideArm cannot rank both, so coaches will only be able to rank overall, and then need to vote by position.

Coaches will have flexibility to vote as they see fit, but the overall ranking will help coaches vote for each player.

Motion: Adrienne from FDU	Seconded by: Kelly from Alvernia
Put overall in the tab for the voting (still have to vote by position)	

For	Opposed	Abstained	Result
Albright Alvernia Arcadia Eastern Elizabethtown FDU-Florham Hood King's Lebanon Valley Lycoming Manhattanville Messiah Misericordia Widener			14:0:0

Action Items	Assigned To	Deadline
Add an overall ranking tab to All-Conference voting	Pat Ross	ASAP

Move up the nominations because of AA nominations being moved up	Proposed by: Heather from Messiah
--	-----------------------------------

Discussion: All-conference needs to be moved up a couple of days to help our athletes in the All-American voting process.

Ken Andrews, MAC Exec. Director, explains the voting will be moved up to Monday of that week to help with the new All-American deadline.

Film (list of guidelines)	Proposed by: Heather from Messiah
---------------------------	-----------------------------------

Discussion: For film next season, there needs to be an addition to the guidelines to require the film see the scoreboard for score and time after each goal. A tripod is also a necessary part of film.

Jackie Dando, Lebanon Valley, would like if there is a guideline stating how far is far enough, so the film is not too close to ball.

New Guidelines for film need to be written to add scoreboard, tripod, and distance requirements.

Action Items	Assigned To	Deadline
New Guidelines for Film	Ken Andrews	ASAP

Discussion: There is confusion on what we were looking at for Rookie of the Year. I was looking at the facts. But, I also know strength of schedule will be looked at. Looking at the stats, I don't get it. I would like some answers.

Jackie Dando, Lebanon Valley, what are the requirements that make a player eligible for Rookie of the Year.

Ken Andrews, MAC Exec. Director, answers that Rookie of the Year is for first year of NCAA eligibility athletes.

Heather Greer, Messiah, the comments are a huge part of the process. They need to be read and taken seriously by each coach. The national and regional voting also needs to be considered for both Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year.

Suggestions of transparent voting were brought to the table, but decided against. With the new voting system for next year, coaches will hopefully see a difference in both subjective and objective voting.

Big Congratulations to Elizabethtown and FDU on their championships and to Elizabethtown for making the NCAA Tournament.

Heather Greer adjourned meeting at 11:18am.