

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCES

Voting Delegates Minutes

May 22-23, 2013

Port-O-Call Hotel
Ocean City, NJ

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Call to order at 10:00 AM by Ken Andrews.

Announcements/comments

Job search, travel reimbursements due immediately

- Regional rules reimbursements

Championship/t-shirt accounting

- MAC office should be receiving championship and t-shirt invoices, as well as conference dues for next year.

Communication

Membership

- Discussion by Mr. Andrews regarding his communication between Presidents and the Athletic Directors.

Assumption about details

ISSG's (Arcadia, Hood, King's, Misericordia, and Wilkes)

2014-2016 Schedules

- The final schedules will be sent to both the coaches and the Athletic Directors simultaneously.

Spring Champions

- A review of the 2013 spring conference champions was given, and the Athletic Directors were congratulated.

Adjust Agenda

- An opportunity was provided for any adjustments to the agenda to be made.

March 17, 2013 minutes were accepted.

Discussion Topics:

- NCAA Recruiting Work Group
 - On-campus recruiting day
 - What are the legal repercussions of injuries during tryouts?
 - Possibly help with coach's work-life balance
 - Increased amount of involvement between the athletic department and admissions because of tryouts
 - Limit on the number of visits that student-athletes can make
 - Could lead to quick ineligibility of student-athletes
 - Student-athletes would need a medical exam and testing prior to attending the tryout

- MAC 100 – how to leverage?
 - Hall of Fame
 - Passes to games for Presidents
 - Archives and records communicated effectively

- May 7 Discussion:
 - Advancement Strategies
 - Enhancing student-athlete experience
 - Register team social media accounts with SIDs
 - Award for team with the most tweets
 - General policies for using common sense on social media
 - Each coach is responsible for drafting a code of conduct
 - Student-athletes are responsible for signing and upholding the contract

- May 7 Topics not Covered (4 Small Group Breakout Sessions):
 - Class Schedule
 - Misericordia
 - Priority scheduling for athletics and other campus groups
 - Traditional season only
 - Scheduling is completed the first week of advising period
 - Schedule is turned into coach
 - Coach turns it into the registrar's office
 - Groups with priority scheduling is growing every year
 - DeSales
 - Priority scheduling for athletes
 - Senior student-athletes register the same time as other senior students
 - Underclassmen student-athletes register before other students
 - Albright
 - No priority scheduling
 - Positive relationship with registrar

- Rosters are sent to him in the summer
 - Coordinates better schedules for most freshman student-athletes
- Mandatory evening study hall for student-athletes
- Professors are changing class meeting times
 - Causes athletes to miss study hall and practices
- FDU
 - No priority scheduling
 - Found that the best practice time is 7:00 AM
- Hood
 - Problem – time of offered classes
 - Late afternoon and evening
 - Interferes with practice and game schedules
 - High prevalence of adjunct faculty teaching evening classes
- Eastern
 - Biggest problem is dealing with adjuncts and night classes
- Messiah
 - Problem – adjuncts and night/evening classes
 - No full rosters three out of the five days at practices
 - “Sacred timeslot” between 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Time is reserved for practices - no class offerings
- LVC
 - Lack of classroom space
 - Causing an increased number of evening classes to be scheduled
 - Do not have priority class registration for student-athletes
 - Give registering student-athletes game schedules in advance to help them better plan class schedules
- Other Issues and Comments
 - Large amount of night classes that are offered by adjunct professors
 - Labs usually conflict with practices and games
 - Some labs have even been moved to Saturdays, which makes the conflict even worse
 - Many professors only offer their courses in the afternoon/evening
 - Some schools have employed a “testing period” separate from regular class periods
 - Not all of the schools have an established missed class policy because of the lack of faculty buy-in

- A split-season for baseball could alleviate issues with weather and missed class
- Many times the athletics department staff are not included in the schedule and policy-making
- Nutrition/Food Options
 - Albright
 - Open dining from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 - FDU
 - Open dining from 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
 - Flex money can be used at a grill that is open until 1:00 AM, as well as local downtown businesses
 - Stevenson
 - Problem – giving student-athletes breakfast on Saturday morning
 - Dining room is not open
 - Athletic department is being charged to provide a student-athlete with a breakfast (Saturday morning) that they already paid for
 - Negotiated with café to set the menu for preseason meals
 - Use the meals as education of proper nutrition for the rest of the season
 - Widener
 - Boxed lunches are poor quality
 - Preseason meals are not being purchased for 100% of the roster
 - Using swipes to pay for preseason meals would save thousands of dollars
 - Misericordia
 - Communicates to café staff that a team is coming to eat on a Saturday morning
 - Athletic department pays for labor, but does not pay for the food
 - Other Notes
 - Use of to-go meals
 - Student-athletes are able to use swipe cards in the cafeteria to get sandwiches or salads and a drink to take on the road
 - Pre-packaged meals for early morning trips
 - Complaints over the lack of nutritional value
 - Dining halls close over major breaks
 - Leaves student-athletes to purchase meals with low nutritional value from local businesses
 - Meetings run by trainers to educate student-athletes on proper nutrition

- Boxed lunches have allowed for student-athletes to remain in class longer
 - Some school pay per diems to student-athletes
 - \$8 a day per meal at Eastern
 - \$20 a day at King's
- August Compliance Webinar
 - Main issue is with part-time coaches and their lack of familiarity with and understanding of NCAA DIII compliance rule
 - NCAA rules testing must be taken seriously
 - Proposed setting a minimum score that coaches must attain on the testing to pass and be able to coach
 - Trainers must be kept updated on the NCAA requirements dealing with medical hardships and redshirts
 - Strength and conditioning coaches should be informed on compliance policies
 - Other issues that need to be addressed:
 - Full-time enrollment and its relationship to eligibility
 - Drop/Add periods
 - Strengthen relationship between registrar and the athletic advisor
 - Education related to what is permissible via social media and captain's practices
- Risk Management
 - Summer Camps
 - Student-workers and anyone who works with campers must have a background check
 - Coaches must take concussion awareness testing prior to working any camps
 - Suspension of overnight visits due to underage recruits (17 years old)
 - Certain schools have stopped weekend overnights
 - Outside rental of school's athletic facilities
 - Athletic department handles the insurance and liability during the school year
 - Run by the conference and events office during the summer months
 - Internal camps must pay all fees
 - Per camper
 - Meals
 - Lodging
 - Rental fee
 - Other Comments
 - Should have an affidavit for summer camp coaches
 - Should have a waiver that allows student-athletes to drive to practices and competitions

Old Business:

HUDL contract

2013-14	\$2,240 per school
2014-15	\$2,520 per school
2015-16	\$2,800 per school

Volleyball line judges

- Watch video and take 50-question test for certification
- Available for conference matches

Last day of season no later than 4:00 PM start

Only one tournament MVP

Financials

2013 spring championship accounting

- Average total cost of lacrosse officiating over schools in conference

NCAA conference grant

MAC budget

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): Although not budgeted, continue to sponsor senior basketball games at cost of \$3,500. (2014 site – Lebanon Valley).

Adjourn at 1:00 PM

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Call to order at 9:00 AM by Ken Andrews.

Revisited actions from Wednesday's meeting deemed necessary.

New Business

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): At championship contests, the home team may employ the same game management strategies (announcing, music, etc.) as they do for the regular season.

- Passes 15-2

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): With the exception of whistles, and within the sport rules, noisemakers are allowed when competition is not occurring.

-Amendment: With the exception of whistles, and within the NCAA sport rules, noisemakers are allowed when competition is not occurring
-Passes 17-0

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): To help ensure all-conference accountability, all voting will be shared with the directors of athletics. They are to keep this information confidential but should discuss unusual voting patterns with the appropriate coaches.

-Fails 16-1

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): The all-conference team will mirror the regional team in each sport.

-Passes 16-1

2013-16 Championship sites and hosts

Committee reports:

Athletic trainers

Heidi Birtwistle

Lightning policy stated prior to contest – gadget and criteria

Baseball coverage - #1 seed for EAP

The MAC Office will compensate athletic trainers for coverage of swimming, indoor track & field (when off-campus) and individual tennis at a rate of \$10/hour. If the host athletic trainer cannot cover the event, it is their responsibility to retain a non-MAC athletic trainer at not more than \$30/hour.

Baseball

Dave Martin

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): Commencing in 2015, the baseball season will be moved one week later. Each tournament will follow a Thursday, Friday, Saturday format.

-Fails 3-12-3

-Biggest concern is combating finals week

-Finals and graduation are major problems

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): The baseball tournament will be managed by the #1 seed in each conference. The four SID's from the competing schools will negotiate among each other to cover statistical duties.

-Passes 15-0-2

Men's golf

Jenn Noon

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): Sponsor the 2014 championships at the Hershey Country Club.

-Passes 17-0

-Conference Office will update golf Stat during Champ. weekend

-Coach of the Year will be the coach of the winning team

Women's golf

Jenn Noon

Sport must meet NCAA minimums

Return to Golden Oaks?

Men's lacrosse

Jack Shafer

Motion (approved 4-0 by Operations): The clock and penalty clock are to be staffed by game management, not members of the team.

-Amendment: The clock and penalty clock are to be staffed by game day personnel, not member of the team

-Passes 15-0-2

Women's lacrosse

Jenn Noon

Women's lacrosse to send film to Bert Butler for review.

Softball

Jack Shafer

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): Approve Denny Mader proposal to serve as Coordinator of Softball Officials.

-Passes 17-0

Approve softball cold weather criteria at December meeting.

-38 degrees (absolute), 28 degrees with wind chill

Sports information

Laura Gingrich

Motion (Operations approved 4-0): Sponsor an all-academic team in each sport modeled on the national program.

-Passes 17-0

\$800 conference grant to SID budget.

Swimming

Janice Luck

Parents (24 for each session) will serve as back up timers

Tennis

Jenn Noon

Freedom tennis AQ:

Immediately look for affiliates for women

After 2014, Stevenson move back to Commonwealth

If no affiliate can be identified, after 2016, run as a Middle Atlantic Conference sport

MAC SAAC

Marie Stroman

As advocacy group

MAC conference-wide project during Division III week

Wake-a-Wish

Special Olympics

September meeting on social media norms

Sites and dates

2013-14 Championships

2013-14 Meeting sites and dates

Other new business

Adjourn at 10:34 AM