

**2012 PSAC Sports Information Director Meeting (Spring 2012) – Monday, May 14, 2012
(Harrisburg, Pa.)**

12:49 p.m.

Roll Call: Matt Beltz (PSAC), Will Adair (PSAC), Bob McComas (SRU), Doug Spatafore (LHU), Bob Shreve (Edinboro), Rich Herman (Clarion), Chris Rossetti (Clarion), Ethan Hulsey (Mill), Matt Kifer (Cal), Jon Holtz (SRU), Greg Knowlden (ESU), Geoff Goyne (Kutz), Jim Zuhlke (WCU), Dan Teliski (Gan), Katie Bostis (Gan) Lenn Margolis (Cheyney), Bill Morgal (Ship), Ryan McNamara (Mans), Dave Leisering (Mercyhurst), Tyler Rumsey (LHU GA)

Welcome, congratulations and special guests introduction from McComas.

A. Presto Presentation: Mike Donlin & Rob Modica – Rob led an informative demonstration on Presto Stats and Presto's award platform.

1. Presto's Presentation led to an informative discussion among PSAC SIDs as the group looks to the future of how to keep stats and use the "cloud" like systems. Holtz and Goyne offered analysis of prior use with the systems and several members of the group expressed how important it would be to use a cloud like system for reporting stats (helping to maintain CONFERNCE stats).

MOTION made by Spatafore -- PSAC SIDs will use a centralized cloud like system to report statistics in selected sports (second by Hulsey) – **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

"CLOUD" COMMITTEE (Morgal/Holtz/Goyne/Rossetti & Beltz) established to explore stat and cloud options following summer conventions and discussions with various vendors – A JULY 15 DEADLINE was set to make a determination on which system to use.

B. Conference call from SIDEARM (Jeff Rubin and Joe DeBenedictis – Jeff led a discussion on several new features including Google aps and Mobile Updates. Also talked about how they are working on stat sharing entry and an awards platform (100 percent done by Fall).

1. Follow up to SIDEARM call -- the group was willing to hear back from cloud committee by JULY 15 DEADLINE following more detailed talks with various vendors.

C. No seat at the table when advisory committee meets – Confirmed interest in having SIDs representation on advisory committee. (ADDENDUM: upon recommendation by PSAC Commissioner Steve Murray, the Board of Directors subsequently added one SID and one Athletic Trainer to the PSAC Advisory Committee.)

D. Champion Scholar – Athlete / Evaluation – Tom McGuire (not present at meeting) encouraged league office to have employee present to hand out Champion Scholar Award. Adair noted the league office's awareness regarding the importance of the award and stressed that an effort was and will be made to get to all championships sites.

E. Ongoing problems with T&F results – The 2012 PSAC outdoor track & field championships again yielded issues with results because of timing service practices. As noted in previous meetings, The SIDs expressed importance to have a timing service capable of quick, thorough and accurate results. The SIDs discussed taking the issue to coaches and also discuss the options of exploring different vendors.

F. Linking to PSAC Championship Pages – McGuire asked that fellow SIDs use web site links for tournament/championship pages established by host SID.

G. PSAC Championships / not just a regular season game, but an EVENT – Discussion arose after our winter conference call, reiterating the desire to better promote the championships.

1. Advertising was discussed although Adair stressed the PSAC would most likely not buy advertising in the future.

2. Herman talked about PCN and television opportunities. Adair noted PSAC office is entertaining television opportunities from PCN and other networks.

H. Posting of PSAC teams' national ranking on PSAC site – Led to lengthy talk about posting rankings / releases on PSAC site. Discussed what is really newsworthy and what rankings to use. PSAC office will consider posting credible rankings, most likely in a weekly report format.

I. Timing of PSAC announcements – worked well this year

J. Daktronics All-Region etc.

K. Gene Upshaw DII Award Lineman of the Year – SIDs expressed gratitude to McComas for his role on Upshaw Committee. McComas, Herman encouraged other SIDs to remain involved in the process.

L. National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association

M. Football Media Day – the date was discussed ... Monday Aug. 6 was set as a tentative date, pending information regarding other conference's date selections. Slippery Rock will serve as the Western Division host, West Chester will host the Eastern Division.

N. Basketball Preseason announcement – SIDs agreed the last Thursday in Oct. remains as best option.

O. Heaslip Award – Discussion and Voting (selection will be announced at Football Media Day).

P. Conference Championships Programs – talked about the future of programs and what various schools are doing on campus ... discussed the possibility of maybe going to an electronic version like NCAA.

Q. PSAC Office Updates – Possibility of basketball going to 12-team tourney / FH one division / Dixon Trophy calculation (using averages / how to count wrestling) and other controversial items were discussed.

R. Update on ECAC-SIDA in Pittsburgh from Holtz, looks like PSAC will be well represented

S. CoSIDA update

T. Next meeting via conference call during PASSHE Finals week. Requested to continue meeting in person, in conjunction with annual Board of Directors meeting – Harrisburg.

MOTION to end meeting at 5:04 (Morgal, second by Shreve).

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