

PSAC Annual SID Meeting - Harrisburg, Pa. I May 19, 2014 I 11 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.

1. Attendance

- Representatives in attendance from: Bloomsburg, California (Pa.), Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Gannon, Kutztown, Mansfield, Mercyhurst, Millersville, Pitt-Johnstown, Slippery Rock, PSAC (Will Adair, Caley Glasgow).
- Schools unable to attend due to postseason play: Indiana (Pa.), Lock Haven, Seton Hill, Shippensburg, West Chester

2. Review of minutes from December

- MOTION: (Shreve) That the minutes of the December conference call be approved.
- SECONDED: (McGuire)

MOTION PASSED

3. PSAC Championships - Use of outside vendors

- Discussion regarding the use of advertising by outside vendors in PSAC championship programs.
- No motion.

4. PSAC FTP Site

- Discussion regarding the use of a FTP site to share materials with the PSAC office and the amount of data allowed by SIDEARM.
- No motion.

5. PSAC Weekly Awards and SIDEARM

- Discussion regarding the Athlete of the Week nominating process and potential updates for the 2014-15 academic year.
- No motion.

6. PA SPORTSfever contracts for football

- Discussion regarding schools that have contracted/are currently contracting with PA SPORTSfever as part of their television package.
- No motion.

7. Swimming Athlete of the Week

- Discussion regarding the timing of PSAC Swimming Athlete of the Week awards
- MOTION: (Shreve) That the Swimmer of the Week award begins two weeks into the season (mid-October) and another two weeks after that, then continuing the awards on a weekly basis.
- SECOND: (Herman)

MOTION PASSED

8. PSAC Tournament Stats at neutral site events

- Discussion regarding staffing for the PSAC's neutral site championships, specifically baseball and softball
- MOTION: (Herman) That the PSAC office hire via a stipend a non-participating official scorekeeper to handle statistics at a neutral site championship, whereas non-participating is described as an individual that does not work for a school that is playing in that specific game.
- SECOND: (Leisering)

MOTION PASSED

Further it was acknowledged that the workspace at the PSAC Softball Championship at Quakertown was not adequate for SID's to handle postgame duties - particularly with clutter in the area where SID's were assigned to work.

- RECOMMENDATION: That the PSAC office coordinate in advance an adequate workspace at each neutral site championship for SID's and other media that may be covering the championship. This includes tables, chairs, electrical outlets and the availability of Internet and phone line access.

9. Volleyball Statistics - balancing box scores

- Discussion regarding the accuracy and method of creating box scores in the sport of volleyball. The motion passed by the Board of Directors in May 2013 was reviewed, with no further action taken at this time.

No motion.

10. Lacrosse Statistics

- Discussion regarding the accuracy of lacrosse box scores, particularly in tracking caused turnovers and ground balls.

No motion.

11. Review of PSAC Controversial Items

- Intra-conference transfer policy requiring 1-year residency for student-athletes who received athletic financial aid: SID's have no direct input on this item.

- Football 90-player squad size eliminated: SID's have no direct input on this item, but would revisit the plan to address Stat Crew rosters for duplicate numbers if necessary.

- Mandated conference games counting in PSAC/Divisional standings: Policies in some sports create confusion in explaining to media which games count towards the conference standings, and why.

- Good academic standing proposal: SID's have no direct input on this item.

- NCAA-mandated concussion management plan: SID's have no direct input on this item.

- 8-team PSAC quarterfinal on a single campus site, playing Friday and Saturday, beginning in 2015: SID's are concerned with staffing issues, the likelihood of removing home games from all but one institution and subsequent lost revenue, and the possibility for the live television broadcast of the championship being negatively impacted due to on-site attendance if the host team is not participating in the championship.

12. Heaslip Award

- SID's presented information on the four nominees and voted via paper ballot. The 2014 Heaslip Award recipient is John Enrietto of the Butler Eagle. He will be presented with the award at the PSAC West Football Media Day on August 11, 2014 at Slippery Rock University.

13. PSAC Football Media Day

- Sites will remain the same as 2013 - the PSAC West at Slippery Rock, and PSAC East at Kutztown - on Monday, August 11 at 12 p.m.

14. Football Requests

- PSAC office will distribute a form requesting the information needed for its preseason publication.

- RECOMMENDATION: SID's agree to share quick facts among their offices by Friday, June 13.

15. Time schedules for postseason awards

- Discussion regarding the release date for PSAC postseason awards in relation to regional athletic and academic nomination deadlines.
- RECOMMENDATION: The PSAC set its all-conference release dates for the week following the last regular season contest, to allow SID's to include their selections in other awards programs and promote their selections entering the conference tournament. All SID's at the meeting agree with the recommendation.

16. Roster Uniformity

- PSAC style guide and roster guidelines that were generated after the December 2013 conference call will be re-distributed as a reminder prior to fall 2014.
- No motion.

17. Daktronics Awards Program review

- Discussion of the spring semester programs by regional coordinators.
- No motion.

18. Stats and XML discussion

- Discussion regarding the reporting of tennis scores and statistics to the NCAA. This matter will be brought to the D2SIDA organization regarding coaches organizations getting scores from the coaches instead of the SID's, and the issue that SID's have providing tennis scores to the NCAA.
- No motion.

19. Volleyball Crossovers

- These events remain a major issue for SID's in terms of staffing. It was suggested that PSAC crossovers are scheduled for sites where home football games are not being played that day.
- No motion.

20. Stat Crew

- Discussion regarding advancements with Stat Crew. This is a national issue and D2SIDA will continue to monitor.

21. Adjournment

MOTION: (Hulsey) That the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: (Margolis)

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.