

# PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

## PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Rizzo's, Windber

January 20, 2010

### PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber-Chairman
2. Joe Kimmel, Ch. Ridge-Vice Chr., Wres.
3. Larry Palmer, Retired-Treasurer, Adv.
4. Richard Fisher, Retired-Secretary, Adv.
5. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg-Softball
6. George Knisely, Ch. Ridge-Baseball
7. Jonathan Donelson, Everett-Tennis
8. Wayne Sherlock, Nor.Bed.-Cr.Country
9. Dawn Maluchnick, No.Star-Girls Vball.
10. Tom Vent, Berlin Brothers.-Football
11. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale-Girls Soccer
12. Brown Cutchall, Forbes Road-Golf, Girls Bb.
13. Lori Seth, J. Christian-Private Schools Rep.
14. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bedford-Track, A.D. Rep
15. Ralph DeMarco, Windber-Boys Bb., A.D. Rep.
16. Chris Cronrath, Nor. Bedford-School Board
17. Audrey Hall, Retired-Female Officials Rep.
18. Joe Hollenshead, Fulton Co.-Male Parents
19. Joe Renzi, Retired-Advisor
20. Paul Leonard, Shade Twp.-Tech.Chr., Website

### Guests

1. Dr. Mark Gross, Somerset Principal
2. Scott Close, Somerset A.D.
3. Brian Koontz, Everett A.D.
4. Rod Brumbaugh, Tussey Mt. A.D.
5. Max Shoemaker, Chestnut Ridge M.S. Prin.
6. Bill Creps, Bedford, Retired

1. Chairman Palumbo opened the meeting at 2:10.
2. Approval of the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting. Motion-Hall, Sherlock.
3. Approval of Treasurer's report and payment of bills. Motion-Beatty, Cronrath.
  - a. Mr. Palmer discussed fall championship game reports with the committee. Receipts are down and expenses are up. A discussion of cost cutting methods was held. It was decided that Mr. Palmer will issue game reports and game expense sheets to district sport directors. They are to come back to the April meeting with suggestions of cost cutting procedures.
  - b. Mr. Palmer gave an audit report status. We have to be audited by Boyer and Ritter. We will be billed by the state.
  - c. Mr. Palmer must have a laptop computer to do state audit and business forms. The committee authorized Mr. Palmer to purchase a laptop computer and not to exceed \$1000.00. Motion-Hall, Batzel.
  - d. Mr. Palmer announced 1099 Tax info forms sent to the PIAA. We had 8 sent in 2006. We had 44 for 2009 for district workers over \$800.00.
4. Correspondence To.
  - a. Mr. Palumbo has ordered all basketball and wrestling awards from Action Awards.
  - b. A form is in the packet of PIAA official ball adoption requests. Mr. Palumbo will receive the official for the next meeting.
  - c. Mr. Palumbo provided a summary of PIAA Board of Director actions at its meetings of December 17 and 18, 2009.
5. Correspondence From.
  - a. District 5 received a request from the Somerset Area School District to return to membership in PIAA District 5, effective July 1, 2010. PIAA District 6 released them to seek membership. Dr. Mark Gross, Principal, and Scott Close, A.D. gave a presentation to the committee. After the presentation, the committee voted 15-0, ( 15 of 19 voting members present), to accept Somerset into District 5, effective July 1, 2010. Motion-Vent, Maluchnick. Somerset will compete in District 5 in some sports due to enrollments and will compete in District 6 in other sports as schools in District 5 have been doing for some time.

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### 5. Correspondence From ( Cont. )

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- b. Mr. Palumbo asked to enter an executive session to discuss a matter. The committee entered executive session. Motion-Cronrath, Sherlock. Information not in minutes.
- c. Mr. Palumbo has sent PIAA wrestling official recommendations to the state.

### 6. Foreign Exchange Students

- a. The following foreign exchange students were approved: Motion-Cronrath, Cutchall
  - 1. Omar Khedre, Egypt - Fannett Metal H.S.
  - 2. Soniya Munkad, India - Chestnut Ridge H.S.

### 7 New Business

- a. The Basketball and Wrestling seeding meetings will be held at Chestnut Ridge H.S. on Sunday, Feb. 21, Basketball at 12:00, Wrestling at 1:00.
- b. The Basketball official recommendations meeting will be Jan. 24 at the Arena, 1:00.
- c. A discussion of the District 5 Football Officials was held concerning the recent fall football championships. A lot of written complaints have been received and videos sent in. The committee will give the complaints and videos to the official's reps., Audrey Hall and Terry Diehl, to take back to the officials chapters. Our purpose is not to evaluate the officials, but we want the official's chapters to report back to the committee by the May meeting with the following:
  - 1. What is being done to improve training, mechanics, and professionalism for the officials?
  - 2. A process for selection of crews for district and inter-district games. In the past we had evaluations and last cycle we rotated between chapters. This will not be anymore.
  - 3. Ideas to recruit new members or crews into our district games.
- d. Approval of administrative action for student transfers.
  - 1. Ryan Stoeckle, Grade 10 - Forbes Road H.S. - Motion-Hall, Beatty
  - 2. Joseph Lascari, Grade 12 - North Star H.S. - Motion- Cronrath, Wiltrout
- e. The committee discussed new PIAA Enrollment Classes and Sports Brackets for the school years of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Mr. Palumbo gave packets to all the committee members.
- f. Salisbury has new lights on it's baseball field and would like to have night playoff games. Mr Knisely is to keep the playoff format as is and Salisbury may have night games, but the District Committee will set the starting time at 7:00 P.M.
- g. Track and Field medals and trophies are ordered.
- h. Mr. Mike Fahy is starting a District 5 Sports History website at [www.d5sports.com](http://www.d5sports.com). He is starting with basketball. He will be e-mailing district athletic directors.

### 8. Sports Reports

- a. Golf - District golf will stay at Great Cove. Motion-Cronrath, Sherlock.
- b. Cross Country - Are exploring moving the meet up 4 days to a Saturday.
- c. Volleyball - Now have 4 AA schools. We can have our own districts.
- d. Football - Single A, cap at 8 schools in playoffs.
- e. Basketball and Wrestling - Everything progressing well toward the districts.
- f. Baseball and Softball - There will be 3 officials for the championship games and 2 for all other games. Motion-Beatty, Hollenshead

### 9. Other Items

- a. The committee, with the loss in sports revenue, discussed the possibility of an increase in winter and spring ticket prices for district events. It was decided that ticket prices for adults would rise immediately for the entire school year, fall, winter, and, spring. They will increase \$1.00. Motion- Sherlock, Maluchnick.

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### 9. Other Items. (cont.)

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- b. Paying of school dues for the 2010-2011 school year was discussed. With the loss of revenue, it was thought that we may not be able to continue paying the PIAA dues for all the District 5 schools. It was decided to continue paying the dues for next school year, then re-evaluate after we see what effect the above ticket increase has on district revenue. Motion-Cronrath, Beatty.
  - c. The meeting for Feb. 27 will be cancelled at the District Wrestling Tournament. If we need a meeting before April 14, we will schedule it at a high school at another date in February or in early March. Motion-Beatty, Hollenshead.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35. Motion-Beatty, Knisely.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Fisher, District 5 Secretary