



## PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – 1pm**

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1pm.

**Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, John Allen, Janet Columbro, Jason Sherlock, Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Robert Kurzweg, William Ziegler, Eric Greiner, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, John Reading, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derickson, Dave Baun, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Matt Heiland, Maureen Gregory, Mike Lalli, Reggie Parks, Rap Curry, John Creighton, Jennifer Wilson, Dee Cross, Tom Brady

**Absent from the meeting:** Holly Farnese, Daniel Bradley, Seth Bruner, Denis Gray

### **Minutes**

Upon a motion by Derickson / 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandt the Committee approved the Minutes from October 26, 2020. **Unanimous (21-0).**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report was presented by D1 Treasurer, Danielle Turner. Upon a motion by Reading / 2<sup>nd</sup> Heiland the Committee approved the report for October 31, 2020.

#### **Unanimous (21-0)**

Operation Balance	\$582,190.17
Net Change	\$ -3,403.18

***Copy of complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of Danielle Turner, District One Treasurer***

### **Transfer Student**

Upon a motion by Cornelius / 2<sup>nd</sup> Derickson the Committee approved the November 2020 list of Transfer Student requests provided to Committee members.

#### **Unanimous (25-0).**

- ***N.b. Baun, Parks, Cross, Sherlock joined the meeting***

**Foreign Exchange Student** – No students for approval this month

**Public Comment** – No public comment presented.

### **Executive Secretary Report - Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly**

Presented updates and review of the Fall Post-Season. The D1 Office expressed their thanks and gratitude to the D1 Committee, Sport Chairpersons, Tabulators and Assignors for their help and assistance in organizing the D1 Post-Season.

The D1 Office requests that Post-Season Waiver Requests be submitted in a timely manner. School Administrators are also asked to review the PIAA criteria and provide the necessary paperwork that is required for the D1 Committee to approve the post-season waiver.

### **PIAA BOD Report - Dr. Barber**

No new information to report this month. Next PIAA BOD meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020 via zoom.

### **New Business**

- Approval of D1 Swimming Co-Chairs. Upon a motion Reading / 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornelius the Committee approved Ken McCormick / Jeff Bott as the D1 Swimming Co-Chairs. **(Unanimous, 27-0)**.
  - D1 Office again expressed its thanks and gratitude to Bill Bartle and Selma Robinson for their years of hard work and dedication as D1 Swim Chairs.
  - Swimming survey will be sent to all members schools. Schools are asked to fill in the data so we can share information.
  - D1 Swim Steering Committee will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the post-season and the need to revise the 2021 qualifying standards.
  
- The D1 Committee reviewed and approved the alternate schedules for the “UNITED 10” schools who will be playing a fall sports season in the Spring of 2021. Upon a motion by Sherlock / 2<sup>nd</sup> Turner, the Committee approved the schedule. **(Unanimous 27-0)**. The D1 Office will send the draft of the schedule to the PIAA for review.
  
- The [PIAA Winter Return to Play Considerations](#) were discussed and shared. The PIAA has posted these considerations to the PIAA Website for use and review by member schools.
  
- Indoor / Outdoor Track and Field considerations were discussed and the NHFS Indoor Track Guidelines were shared. The PIAA will host a Track Steering Committee meeting on 11/16 to discuss Indoor Track rules and guidelines. There is concern from member schools about students running “unattached”. Additional concerns were shared regarding schools participating in events that are not within the Indoor Track rules and regulations. Schools are reminded to follow In-Season and Out of Season rules and regulations. Minutes from the PIAA Track meeting will be shared with member school when available.

- Discussion occurred regarding growing concern of many schools in D1 who do not have pools available for practice or meets. The D1 Office shared the NHFS Virtual Meet Considerations. Schools are encouraged to review the virtual meet considerations and regulations.  
Member schools are reminded that Preseason practices must be with the school team. Practices with club teams do not fulfill the minimum number of PIAA required practices.  
Note: Swim team practice do not have to be in the pool.
- A District One Sub-Committee will meet on 11/19 to review and discuss concerns about the Winter Post-Season. The Sub-Committee will offer suggestions and a report to the Committee at the next D1 meeting.
  - Concerns about available championship sites and the number of qualifiers for each sport.
  - Leagues will be asked to provide an update of winter sport start times, delays, cancellations.
- Mrs. Turner, D1 Competitive Spirit Chairperson, discussed several ideas and concerns about conducting the D1 Cheer Championships. Top priority is to secure a location to host the Cheer competition. A formal request to host the event will be sent to all member schools. Mrs. Turner will also begin to develop criteria for a potential virtual championship meet.
- During the Fall season concerns were brought to the District One office regarding the adding / dropping contests before the playoffs. The D1 office will continue to monitor the adjustment of scheduled games before the playoffs in all sports that use the Power Ranking system. Reports of schools violating league rules or scheduling agreements will be referred to leagues for their review and consideration. Leagues are encouraged to formally vote on agreements and any by-law changes.

**Old Business** - No Old Business reviewed this month

**Officials Report** – Mr. Brady, Mrs. Gregory. No items for discussion this month

**Middle School Report** – Mr. Heiland. No items for discussion this month

### **Eligibility Hearings**

- The District One Committee conducted an eligibility hearing at the request of Dock Mennonite Academy. Dock Mennonite was requesting a waiver of Article VIII, Section B, for additional semesters. Upon a motion by Gregory / 2<sup>nd</sup> Baun, the Committee denied the request to grant a waiver of additional semesters of eligibility to the student based on criteria #5 and #8. **(19 votes. 18 yes – 1 no)**
  - *N.b. Ziegler, Flynn-Hensel, Sherlock, Wilson left the meeting*

### **Eligibility Hearings (cont.)**

- On October 31, 2020, a District One Sub Committee conducted a hearing at the request of Villa Joseph Marie HS. VJM requested a waiver of Article VI, Section 2C - Postseason eligibility for the sport of soccer. Upon a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sub Committee denied the request **(Unanimous, 8-0)**.
  - Note: An appeal of the D1 decision was brought to a PIAA appeal board on 11/10. The appeal to the PIAA was denied and the D1 decision was upheld.
- On October 31, 2020, a District One Sub Committee conducted a hearing at the request of Dock Mennonite Academy. Dock Mennonite requested a waiver of Article VI, Section 2C - Postseason eligibility for the sport of soccer. Upon a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sub Committee denied the request **(Unanimous, 8-0)**.
  - Note: A request for an appeal to the PIAA BOD was withdrawn by Dock Mennonite after the team was eliminated from the PIAA playoffs.

### **Eligibility Hearing - Document Review**

- The District One Sub Committee conducted a document review at the request of Haverford HS. Haverford HS requested a waiver of Article VI, Section 2C - Postseason eligibility for the sport of Basketball. Upon a motion by Derickson / 2<sup>nd</sup> Price, the Sub Committee approved the request. **(Unanimous, 8-0)**
- On October 31, 2020, a District One Sub Committee conducted a document review at the request of Upper Moreland HS. Upper Moreland requested for a waiver of Article VI, Section 2C - Postseason eligibility for the sport of football. Upon a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sub Committee approved the request. **(Unanimous, 8-0)**

### **Adjournment**

- Upon a motion by Reading / 2<sup>nd</sup> Heiland, the Committee adjourned at 3:05 **(Unanimous, 19-0)**

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held on December 16, 2020 @ 1PM. – via Zoom

*Respectfully submitted, HF/SK*