

B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Minutes
March 6, 2019
9:00 AM – BCIU George Room

Present	School	Present	School
x	Antietam	x	Kutztown
x	Berks Catholic	x	Muhlenberg
x	Brandywine Heights	x	Oley Valley
x	Conrad Weiser	x	Reading
x	Daniel Boone	x	Schuylkill Valley
x	Exeter	x	Tulpehocken
x	Fleetwood	x	Twin Valley
x	Governor Mifflin	x	Wilson
x	Hamburg	x	Wyomissing

1. Opening Remarks & Welcome – Mike Mitchell, Vice President
 - Approval of November/Fall General Membership Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Wyomissing, Second Reading – unanimously approved

2. District III/PIAA Report & Update
 - No update, District III has a meeting today.

3. Administrative Reports, Old Business & Board Approval Items – Kerry Ciatto
 - 3.1 - Treasury Report
 - M&T Bank - \$139,055.38
 - LPL Financial - \$26,502.99
 - Winter playoff financial reports were distributed and reviewed
 - Motion by Dave Cummings, Second Wyomissing – unanimously approved.
 - 3.2 – Winter Sport Chair Reports
 - Wrestling – both the individual and team tournament went very well. There is some concern from a few coaches about the timing of the BCIAA team tournament and when the District III team tournament starts.
 - Bowling – both the team and individual tournaments went very well. Special thank you to Dana Brown of Governor Mifflin, for all of his work with the tournaments and promoting bowling in the league and state.
 - Basketball – no concerns, weather did force some changes again this year but the league was able to make the necessary adjustments. A special thanks to Kerry Ciatto for all that he does behind the scenes, especially with the coordination of using the Santander Center.
 - 3.3 – Winter Assignors – All re-approved for 2019-20
 - Information item from the BCIAA Board Meeting

3.4 – BCIAA Board of Directors Terms

-At May meeting we will vote on 1 principal and 2 female representatives for a new 3-year term. If anyone is interested in running for the BCIAA Board of Directors they should submit a letter to Kerry by April 1st.

3.5 – BCIAA Secretary Stipend

-Additional duties have been added over the years to the BCIAA secretary position including maintaining the Blue Book and master league scheduling documents, with no adjustment to the stipend for the position.

3.6 – Media Relations

-Kerry attempted to schedule a press meeting on Thursday, 3/7 to discuss the proposed league changes that are on the agenda for today's meeting but the Reading Eagle declined having the meeting.

-In lieu then of having a press conference, the league will issue a press release using the league website and Twitter account.

-In the future the league will do press releases for important information including: initial playoff brackets, league all-star teams, and any major changes to the league structure and post them on the BCIAA website and BCIAA Twitter account.

4. New Business & Action Items approved by the BCIAA Board

4.1 – To approve the 2020-2022 DIVISION ALIGNMENT for the following sports: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball.

BCIAA 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 - Each Sports Classified by Specific GENDER, including Co-Op (exception for same sport of both genders that travel and play together at the same site often with the same head coach)									
(18 schools) Baseball	(18 schools) Softball	(18 schools) Boys Basketball	(18 schools) Girls Basketball	(18 schools) Boys Soccer	(17 schools) Girls Soccer	(17 schools) Field Hockey	(17 schools) Boys Tennis	(17 schools) Girls Tennis	(16 schools) Boys/Girls Track
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BLUE shade = co-op

-Motion by Tulpehocken, Second Schuylkill Valley – motion passes 16-2.

4.2 – To approve the SELECTION of playoff teams starting in the 2020-2022 scheduling cycle when the sports listed in 4.1 move to 4 divisions (note, wrestling team playoff selection will remain the same as the current 2018-2020 scheduling cycle). Sports listed in 4.1 will have the following **Blue Book updates** under the specific sport pages:

- The top team (division champion) from each division qualify for play-offs (4 teams).
- The Division 1 and Division 2 runner-ups will be compared and the winner of that head-to-head game will receive an automatic bid (1 team). (In Soccer and FH, if the division runner-ups tie, the automatic bid will be awarded to the team with the higher power rating)
- The Division 3 and Division 4 runner-ups will be compared and the winner of that head-to-head game will receive an automatic bid (1 team). (In Soccer and FH, if the division runner-ups tie, the automatic bid will be awarded to the team with the higher power rating)
- The next best two power-rated teams qualify for play-offs (2) – only the top 4 teams in each division will be considered to determine the 2 wild card teams.

-Motion by Wyomissing, Second Dave Cummings – motion passes 17-1.

4.3 – To approve the SEEDING of playoff teams starting in the 2020-2022 scheduling cycle when the sports listed in 4.1 move to 4 divisions (note, wrestling team playoff seeding will remain the same as the current 2018-2020 scheduling cycle). Sports listed in 4.1 will have the following **Blue Book updates** under the specific sport pages

- An initial 8-team bracket will be pre-seeded by using the District 3 power rating of all 8 teams.
- A seeding committee will be formed and run by the sport chair and meet one (1) day after the BCIAA cutoff date at 7:00PM to create the final bracket. This committee will consist of all 8 head coaches of the teams qualifying for playoffs (or another school-appointed representative if the head coach is not available) as well as an optional one (1) or three (3) additional members who have significant knowledge of all of the playoff teams and approved by the Sport Chair and Executive Director. Athletic Directors who have nominations of qualified individuals should submit those names to the Sport Chair and Executive Director in advance of the pre-season coaches meeting so that the Sport Chair can inform the coaches before

the season starts who will be represented on the seeding committee.

- Each team representative will have the opportunity to present their case to the seeding committee on if their seed should be moved up based on factual information.
 - Initial seeding will be done by power ranking.
 - Challenges will start with the #1 seed. If there are no challenges - the #1 seed is closed and no one can challenge later.
 - Proceed to the #2 seed and follow through all seeds.
 - There is no limit to the number of places (seeds) you may move
 - If a challenge occurs, ask the coach of the challenged seed if he concedes the seed or accepts the challenge, if he concedes the seed, the challenger will fill that seed and all seeds will move down one position. If he accepts the challenge, allow the two coaches 30 seconds to state their rationale for the challenged seed.
 - Both coaches will be excused from the room for a vote.
 - Remaining seeding committee members will vote, whether to grant or refuse the challenge considering the information presented.
 - In the event there is an even vote (5-5, 4-4, etc.), the highest seeded team will remain in their seeded position and the challenge will be defeated.
- The seeding committee will consider the following criteria when voting on any seed changes
 - Head to head results
 - Results vs common opponents
 - Injuries/absences of key players during the regular season which may have affected the outcome of games.
 - When possible, trying to avoid first round matchups of teams from the same division.

-Motion by Governor Mifflin, Second Reading – motion passes 16-2.

4.4 - To approve the QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLAYOFFS in the Blue Book to clarify tie-breaking procedures for division and division runner-up ties (which will be updated for the 2020-2022 scheduling cycle from what is currently in place). **Blue Book Update** to state:

- Ties for division championships and runner-ups will be broken in the following manner:
 - a. Head to Head Record;

- b. District III Power-Rating (confirmed at the Conference power-rating deadline for each sport, using as many decimal points as needed)
- c. In the event of a 3-way tie, if one team is eliminated by head-to-head results (record vs the teams involved in the tie), then the remaining 2 teams will use the tie-breaking criteria listed above to determine the final placements.
 - Wild cards into the BCIAA playoffs will be based off of District 3 power ratings and only the top 4 teams in each division will be considered to determine the 2 wild card teams.

**Reference Blue Book Update document circulated with General Membership Agenda to show Blue Book language redactions under QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLAYOFFS for the 2020-2022 scheduling cycle.*

-Motion by Tulpehocken, Second Daniel Boone – motion passes 18-0.

4.5 – To approve the membership request letter from Fleetwood Area School District to be added to the Junior High Girls Volleyball and Junior High Track & Field schedules starting in the 2019-2020 school year. (**Note there is a bye in the current schedule for both of these sports, so Fleetwood would assume the bye spot for all schools that did not already fill that league-scheduled bye. They then would be included in the league scheduling for the 2020-22 scheduling cycle*).

-Motion by Oley Valley, Second Brandywine Heights – motion passes 18-0.

4.6 – Motion to adjust the BCIAA Secretary stipend to \$1400/year.

-Motion by Governor Mifflin, Second by Hamburg – motion passes 17-0.

4.7 – Motion to release all important league information, including initial playoff brackets, league all-star teams and all major changes to the league format on the BCIAA website and BCIAA Twitter account.

-Sport chairs should send playoff brackets and all-star voting to the technology director to post on the website. Coaches will be informed to tell their kids who were selected as all-stars immediately following the voting meeting. All-star information will be posted on the BCIAA website in a timely manner at the completion of the all-star voting meeting.

-Motion by Twin Valley, Second Conrad Weiser – motion passes 18-0.

4.8 – Motion to use 4 umpires for the Baseball & Softball BCIAA Semi-

Finals.

-The baseball and softball chapter would like to have 4-person crews for the semi-finals. The league currently pays for 3 umpires for the semi-finals. Both the baseball and softball chapters will pay for the additional umpire for the semi-final games.

-Motion by Twin Valley, Second Fleetwood – motion passes 18-0.

5. Additional Discussion/Information Items

5.1 – Official Recruitment Fair – Will be held on March 12, 2019 at Alvernia University Gym from 6:00-8:00PM.

-Everything is ready for this event.

5.2 – Girls Tennis Team Tournament Dates

-Proposal from coaches to change the dates of the Girls Team Tennis Tournament due to weather postponements that usually occur.

Suggested to move to Thursday or Friday, Saturday and Monday (with Tuesday and Wednesday being rain dates).

-AD's should discuss this with their coaches and will discuss further at the April BCADA meeting.

5.3 – Individual School Announcements & Spring Sport Chair Information Items (in lieu of the March 2019 BCADA Meeting).

-Lacrosse coaches have asked schools to inform them in advance when there is a track meet being hosted before a lacrosse game.

Schools should communicate this to their opponents and possibly push back the start time of the lacrosse game.

-Boys Volleyball coaches are concerned about not having Junior High teams and a feeder program for the High School teams. Coaches were told that they should be promoting club volleyball at this point to get kids interested at an earlier age since most schools are not able to financially add more teams.

-Mid-Penn will soon be releasing their football schedule for the 2020-2022 scheduling cycle so if you are looking to fill football byes stay tuned for their schedule being released.

-Tim will send the spring team report out to all members so that we know who has JV teams for both High School and Junior High spring sports.

6. Adjournment

-Motion to adjourn by Schuylkill Valley, Second Kutztown – meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Information Items –

-Next B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Meeting Date:

May 6, 2019 – 9AM BCIU

-Next BCIAA Board Meeting has been moved to Thursday, April 25th at 9:00 at the BCIU (schedule change).