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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 2020 MEETING
VIDEOCONFERENCING FORMAT**

Meeting was convened at 6 p.m. by Chairman Majikes

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Absent, but accounted for: Joe Farrell, Brian Durkin, and John Coyle
Media Present: Joby Fawcett and Tom Robinson

ITEM 2 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting. **All Ayes**

ITEM 3 Pat Patte reviewed the Treasurer's Report as of December 22, 2020. Currently, there is a checking account balance of \$148,671; a money market account balance of \$67,082; and, a Certificate of Deposit totaling \$12,870. The total fund balance as of December 22, 2020 is \$228,624. The balance includes a final account from the 2020 District II Fall Championships. Total revenue for the Fall Championships was \$39,860 while total expenditures were \$51,560; a net deficit of \$10,790. The sharp decline in revenue was as a result of the current requirements on the limitation of spectators at indoor and outdoor events as a result of the pandemic.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jim Costello, seconded by Bill King, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 SPORTS REPORTS

- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel explained that due to the current pandemic circumstances, the 2020 District II Competitive Spirit Championships will be conducted in a virtual format. The format has been distributed to all athletic directors and is also available on the website. Chairman Majikes explained that the current dates for the Championships were revised by the PIAA State Office and the Championships will now be held on

either April 9th or 10th. That date will be finalized and communicated to member schools in the near future.

- **Cross Country (Bill King):** Bill King thanked the Committee for the November approval of the Wyoming County Fairgrounds as the site for the District II Cross Country Championships in the upcoming two year cycle. He felt the site worked very well this year and will provide spectators with an excellent venue in the next two years.
- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes reported that the PIAA will maintain the current dates of March 25-27 for the PIAA State Championships at the GIANT Center in Hershey. As was the case in the fall sports, the Basketball Championship brackets will be limited to District Champions. That limitation in the state brackets has allowed for a moving of the District Deadline to Saturday, March 13th and provides Districts with additional time for the completion of league schedules and district playoffs. The District format has not yet been set. Chairman Majikes will be meeting with representatives of the Arena to determine the availability of that site for this year's District Championship Finals.
- **Swimming and Diving (Fred Barletta):** The PIAA will be limiting the number of State Qualifiers per event to 5 rather than the usual number of 15. The PIAA will be meeting with Bucknell University in the near future to discuss the feasibility of the State Championships at that location for this year.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** The PIAA will conduct the PIAA Individual Championships at the GIANT Center on March 11-13 as previously scheduled. The PIAA State Team Wrestling Championships will be pushed back and held following the Individual Championships with details to be announced. That will provide Districts additional playing time for league dual meets and their district dual meet championships. The District II Wrestling Committee will announce details for their championships following the announcement of the State details. Jay Starnes explained that our District formats in wrestling may require additional venues for the District Championships in order to comply with Pandemic requirements. If member schools would like to serve as a site please contact Frank Majikes or Jay Starnes to let them know of your interest.
- **Awards (Bill Schoen):** Bill Schoen has met with Honor Awards and the plaques and medals for both the Winter and Spring Championships have been ordered and will be available for those championships.
- **Advertising (Bill Schoen):** With the increased traffic on the District Webpage, Bill Schoen emphasized the heightened opportunities available for advertisement. Chairman Majikes

asked media present to highlight that in their report on today's meeting.

ITEM 5 The following motions were made granting the following students **IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY IN BOTH THE REGULAR SEASON AND POST-SEASON** in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section VI of the PIAA By-Laws, Principal to Principal Sign off:

- A motion was made by Jim Costello, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Andrew Fleming, Wilkes-Barre Area to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jim Costello, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Melikah Gonzalez, Wilkes-Barre Area to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tucker McDaniel, Shawnee High School (NY) to Wallenpaupack. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Abdiel Torre, Whittier Tech (Mass) to Hazleton Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Bill King, seconded by Jim Costello, to approve the immediate eligibility of Andrew Zimmerman, Cocalico to Lake-Lehman. **All Ayes**

ITEM 6 The District II Committee would like to congratulate our 2 PIAA State Champions from the recently completed Fall Championships:

2020 PIAA Boys Golf Team AA	Scranton Prep
2020 PIAA Field Hockey A	Wyoming Seminary

ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes reviewed the PIAA Board of Directors' Meeting that was held earlier today via Zoom. The State Board has revised the number of mandatory practices for winter sports' teams prior to competition from 15 to 10. If member schools have started practices prior to the December 8th shut down, they need to complete a combination of 10 practices before a Contest is played. Those schools that completed a pre-season, including those that have already played a contest on December 7th, must get minimally 4 practices to resume play. That would allow some member schools to be eligible to play a contest as early as Friday, January 8th. A complete text of the "Return to Play Winter Sports" press release issued by the PIAA is available on the Minutes page of the website and will be distributed to all District II schools.

ITEM 8 Chairman Majikes led a discussion regarding the start dates for the winter sports season. Ron Collins explained that the LIAA Superintendents had

determined a start date for league play in all winter sports of January 21st. Based on today's State Committee action of reducing the required practice dates from 15 to 10, Ron will revisit that group to determine if they would like to revise that return to play date. Fred Barletta explained that the WVC has tentative schedules that call for the start of WVC play in Girls Basketball on January 14th and Boys Basketball on January 15th. Chairman Maikes will be conducting a Joint Zoom meeting with representatives of both the LIAA and WVC in the very near future in order to coordinate the process of resuming winter sports.

- ITEM 9 Chairman Majikes led a discussion regarding the current "Right to Know" request brought before the PIAA recently. He explained that the State Committee approved the attorney's recommendation to move forward with litigation.
- ITEM 10 The next PIAA State Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 6, 2021 and should provide additional information regarding the Winter Championships.
- ITEM 11 A discussion was held regarding the minimum number of games to be played by District II schools in the various winter sports in order to be eligible for District competition in that sport. Prior to today's PIAA State meeting, the WVC has established that a school play at least a third of the PIAA maximum allowed in that sport in order to be eligible. For example, 22 maximum games are allowed in Basketball – a school must have played at least 8 to be eligible for Districts. Chairman Majikes has asked each conference to revisit this question and provide recommendations. The District Committee will establish minimum contest requirements as soon as possible based on those recommendations.
- ITEM 12 A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by Jon Pollard, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – TIME AND SITE TO BE DETERMINED

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky

District II Secretary