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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Meeting was convened at 4:15 p.m. by Chairman Majikes

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Absent, but accounted for: Jim Costello, John Coyle, Brian Durkin, John Haas, Pat Patte, Jon Pollard, Mary Ruth Tanner, Maureen Williams and Mike Ognosky

ITEM 2 A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting. **All Ayes**

ITEM 3 Frank Majikes presented the Treasurer's Reports for November, 2019. As of the November 2019 Board Meeting the Total Fund Balance was \$314,834.58, including \$235,003.48 in the Checking Account and a total of \$79,831.10 in Money Market and CD accounts. Following the report, a motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the report as presented. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 SPORTS REPORTS

- **Baseball (Frank Majikes):** Chairman Majikes informed the Committee that Bill Schoen has been added as a member of the Baseball Committee. That committee now includes Chairman Majikes, Eric Emmerich, Tim Hopkins, and Bill Schoen.
- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Chairman Majikes informed the Committee that he recently met with officials from the Mohegan Sun Arena and preparations are now being made for the 2020 Basketball Championships to be held at the Arena. There will be an additional meeting to finalize the arrangements.
- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel presented a summary of the recently conducted Spirit Championships. He explained to the committee that there had been an initial computational error that had been corrected and communicated to all of the participating schools that were affected.

- **Field Hockey (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel presented the financial statement from the recently completed Field Hockey Championships. The gross receipts for the Championships were \$5,111 and total expenses were \$1809, resulting in a net profit of \$3,302. A motion was made by Bill Schoen, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the report as submitted. **All Ayes**
- **Soccer (Brian Durkin):** A discussion was held regarding the selection of sites for championship games. The Committee will revisit this item as we move forward in planning the next two year cycle of championships.
- **Lacrosse (Tim Hopkins):** Tim Hopkins discussed the plans for the Spring Championships and will have a format ready for presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- **Track and Field (John Coyle):** The Track Committee is currently reviewing the current set up for the District XI Championships as requested by the District II Committee. Discussion regarding their recommendations will be held at a future meeting.
- **Swimming and Diving (Fred Barletta):** Fred Barletta informed the committee that the Swimming and Diving Committee will be meeting shortly after the New Year with officials from the Wyoming Valley CYC in order to finalize plans for the 2020 Championships.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes discussed the current structure of weight classes and informed the committee that the PIAA is discussing the potential of requesting a pilot program through the National Federation to reduce from 14 weight classes to 12, more details will be reported as they are received. Also, there was a communication from a wrestling official regarding the payment for working the Wrestling District Championships. The matter was referred to the Wrestling Steering Committee.
- **Officials (Bill Schoen):** Bill Schoen inquired about the status of the new officials' fee schedules in both the Lackawanna League and Wyoming Valley Conference. Each league is in the process of developing a new scale for officials. A discussion about developing a pathway for uniformity in all sports was referred for future consideration.
- **Corporate Sponsors (Bill Schoen):** Bill Schoen informed the committee that he is in communications with Market Street Publications, the current advisor to the PIAA regarding Corporate Sponsorships, in regard to potential sponsorship opportunities available to District II. A conference call with Mr. Majikes, Mr. Schoen, and Mr. Collins with representatives from Market Street will be scheduled in the near future.
- **Leagues/Conferences (Brian Durkin & Fred Barletta):** Fred Barletta reported that Northwest Area will only be a WVC

member in Track & Field and Cross Country in the next two year cycle.

- **Awards (Bill Schoen):** Bill Schoen asked that the Chairs of the Fall Sports please return any remaining medals to Honor Awards. The Committee also had a discussion regarding sub regional champions and the awarding of District II medals to those champions. A minimum winning percentage was one of the options being discussed in regard to declaring a member school as a District II Champion in a sub-regional format. Further discussion will be held prior to the development of championship formats for the next two year cycle.
- **Sportsmanship (Chad Vinansky):** Chad Vinansky presented a summary of all District II disqualifications (both players and coaches) for the Fall 2019 sports seasons. There were 38 total ejections of District II disqualifications – 10 coaches and 28 players. All schools are reminded that they must complete and submit the PIAA Ejection Response Form following every ejection.

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 Fred Barletta, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Daquan Bush, Port Jervis (NY) to Lakeland. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Joseph Farrell, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jayden Crandall, Montrose to Blue Ridge. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made Tim Hopkins, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jamir Garcia, Carbondale to Wilkes-Barre Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Hunter Lomonico-Jones, Longwood (NJ) to Delaware Valley. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Bill King, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kayla Mease, Pittston Area to Holy Cross. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Bill Schoen, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Vianna Hindmarsh, Wyoming Area to Holy Redeemer. **All Ayes**

ITEM 6

The following Foreign Exchange eligibility request was acted upon by the District II Committee:

- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Miriam Pipiro, Italy to Wyoming Valley West, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**

ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes discussed items from the December 4, 2019 PIAA Board of Directors Meeting held in conjunction with the PIAA Football Championships. A complete summary of the meeting can be found on the District II Website.

- Chairman Majikes informed the Committee that the following District II schools have voluntarily upgraded their classification in the following sports for the next two year cycle: Berwick (Field Hockey to AA, Boys Tennis to AAA); Honesdale (Field Hockey to AAA); and, Tunkhannock (Girls Swimming/Diving to AAA).
- Chairman Majikes reviewed the newly implemented “Competition Formula” which may affect the classification in the sports of Football and Basketball (Boys & Girls) in the next two year cycle. The formula is based upon your school’s classification with additional consideration given to the number of success points achieved in your sport classification the previous two years and the number of transfer students added to your teams in the past two year cycle. If your school is affected you will receive a detailed correspondence outlining the reasons for the upgrade as well as an explanation of the appeal process.

ITEM 8 Chairman Majikes reviewed a letter received from Northwest Area regarding their changing membership in the Wyoming Valley Conference for the next two year cycle. Northwest Area will be leaving the WVC in all sports with the exception of Track and Field and Cross Country.

ITEM 9 Chairman Majikes reviewed correspondence from the Scranton High School Athletic Department regarding the location of sites for the recently conducted Soccer Championships. The letter explains that Scranton High School played back to back games (Doubleheader) at Hazleton Area High School with a starting time of 6 p.m. for the first game as a result of football practice being scheduled earlier in the day making the field unavailable until 6 p.m. He requested that the scheduling of site doubleheaders have an earlier start time for the first game due to travel, etc.

ITEM 10 A motion was made by Bill King, seconded by Tm Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky

District II Secretary

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 @ TBA