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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2024 MEETING  
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA C & TC**

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.
- ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: Fred Barletta, David Elliott, Eric Emmerich, Peter Jordan, Pat Patte, and Chad Vinansky
- ITEM 3 A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 4 Frank Majikes presented the monthly Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 2023. There is currently \$201,466.14 in our checking account and a total of \$309,429.89 in various money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts. The total fund balance as of December 31, 2023 is \$510,959.03. A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the report as presented. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 5 Frank Majikes updated the committee on the PIAA Junior Officials Program. A high school student is eligible to officiate junior high (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade) contests after completion of the requirements to be eligible as a sports' official. After reaching the age of 18, they can officiate at any level. Brian Durkin, Junior High Basketball Assigner for the LIAA, currently has 5 junior officials working junior high basketball contests.
- ITEM 6 SPORTS REPORTS
- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel informed the committee that four District II schools – Wallenpaupack, Hazleton Area, Delaware Valley, and Wyoming Area – will be participating in the Competitive Spirit Championships this weekend at the Giant Center in Hershey. All four are scheduled for their preliminary round appearances on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Championship rounds are then scheduled for Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes updated the committee regarding the status of the team dual championships scheduled for next week. The quarterfinal and semifinal rounds are scheduled

for Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the top two seeds in both AA and AAA. The championship and consolation finals will be held on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pittston Area High School. The last day for dual matches to count in the power rankings will be Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes reviewed the schedule for the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Championships scheduled for February. Last meeting the schedule for the Arena Championship games were announced. The schedule for the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds is as follows (reminder that all games will be played on the home court of the higher seed) –

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (Quarterfinals) & Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> (Semifinals)**

Boys' 1A (pending), 4A, and 5A

Girls 2A, 3A, and 6A

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (Quarterfinals) & Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> (Semifinals)**

Girls 1A (pending), 4A, 5A

Boys 2A, 3A, and 6A

- **Football:** Mike Ognosky reviewed three points of interest from the recent Football Steering Committee – all have been approved by the PIAA State Board of Directors. (1) Make permanent the modification of timing and playing rules for sub-varsity play, which includes that sub-varsity contests do not include overtime; (2) Revert back to having the team box be within the 25 yard lines on the sideline; (3) During a contest with running game clock, that there will be no official's time out and the clock will not stop on a first down.
- **Swimming and Diving:** Fred Barletta provided the committee with copies of the proposed Swimming and Diving Championships. After review, a motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the format as presented. **All Ayes.** It will now be placed on the webpage and provided to all Athletic Directors.

ITEM 7

Chairman Majikes updated the committee regarding actions taken at the most recent PIAA Board of Directors meeting. He updated the committee on three current concerns –

- (1) Competition Formula – The Competition Formula identifies potential transfers by comparing school eligibility lists for each respective sport in the two year cycle. To move up in classification a PIAA member school must have the following

two characteristics – 6 or more success points and 3 or more athletic transfers. This is the third classification cycle the Competition Formula has been in effect. Currently, 10 PIAA sports are governed by the formula. This fall, 56 PIAA member schools were identified. Of those 56, 45 schools provided documentation to support staying in the current classification. Eleven schools are slated to go up in classification, with 6 appealing the decision to the Board of Directors.

- (2) PA Office of Attorney General and PIAA Public Service Announcement Contest – PIAA and the Attorney General’s Office are teaming up to fight opioid abuse. School TV production studios and students are encouraged to create a public service announcement that raises awareness of opioid abuse in our communities. The winning spots will be played during the 2024-25 state telecasts of selected PIAA Championship broadcasts. Two cash prizes will be awarded to chosen schools to be used as they see fit to enhance their TV production departments. Further information is available on the PIAA State Website.
- (3) Passed on a third reading – A student in grades 9-12 in considered representing the student’s school during a particular season in a sport only if the student has participated in a practice, inter-school practice, scrimmage or a contest in that sport. It is emphasized that a “try out” is considered as participation as it must be held as part of the regular in-season practice schedule.

ITEM 8            A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the eligibility of Alaina Kelly, following the mandatory 21 day sit out as an in-season transfer. Alaina will be ineligible for the 2023-2024 post season in the sport of Swimming.

ITEM 9            Chairman Majikes informed the committee that he had received an anonymous report from a concerned citizen regarding allegations of impropriety by a member school. As is the case with all anonymous reports that are received, the matter was referred to the named school for their own review and investigation.

ITEM 10           Committee members are asked to please contact Pat Patte regarding their ability to assist with the 2024 Basketball Championships at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Games are scheduled on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1,3, 5, and 7 p.m. They are also scheduled on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 2, 4, 6, and 8 p.m.

ITEM 11      A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by John Haas, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Ognosky*

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