



MINUTES
5A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 17, 2011

Conference Chair Reynaldo Peru called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Attendance:

Reynaldo Peru, Conference Chair
Matt Kuffel, Northwest
Mike Sivertson, Desert West
Steve Hogen, East Valley
Corey Newland, Desert Valley

Dan Nero, Central
Mark Cisterna, Fiesta
Kevin Gettings, Gila
Herman House, Southern
Dan Serrano, 5A Rep Executive Board

Guest:

Steve Harris, Desert Valley
Joe Paddock, Amphitheater USD
Clif McKenzie, Scottsdale USD
John Carlson, Chandler USD
Nora Gutierrez, Phoenix USD

AIA Staff present:

David Hines, AIA Tournament Coordinator
Dean Visser, AIA Tournament Coordinator
Dr. Harold Slemmer, AIA Executive Director
Michele Staples, AIA Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the 5A committee meeting held on September 8, 2011 were approved.

AIA REPORT (Dan Serrano)

- The next Executive Board meeting is Monday, 11/21/11, and Hardship Appeals will be held on Tuesday, 11/22/11.
- Sand Volleyball was presented at the last Executive Board meeting.
- The Executive Board has asked for recommendations in regards to the AIA Bylaw relating to negative comments to the media.

AIA TOURNAMENT STAFF UPDATE:

- Winter brackets will be posted soon.
- Basketball and soccer brackets are posted online.
- Tournament Guides for all Winter sports are posted online.
- Wrestling – Divisions III & IV will be held Thursday (Feb. 8th) and Friday (Feb. 9th) and Divisions I & II will be held Friday (Feb. 9th) and Saturday (Feb. 10th). Sectionals will be held Feb. 3rd and 4th.
- Soccer high seeds (1-4) will host first two rounds. Teams ranked (8-16) will be placed geographically for hosting.
- Dr. Slemmer mentioned the current issue that took place last Saturday and the new signage that will be effective immediately in regards to videotaping.

- Steve Harris said that swimming and soccer went well. Mark Cisterna mentioned a concern with wrestling being held in Prescott. Hotels were charging a school a hotel room when they didn't stay due to not continuing on in the tournament. Dr. Slemmer said that the AIA has discussed this issue with the Prescott Chamber of Commerce and will readdress it.
- Mike Sivertson mentioned a concern with the student ticket prices. Dr. Slemmer said that this issue was discussed at great length at the October Executive Board meeting. Dan Serrano recommended to have someone with the expertise attend the next 5A Conference meeting to explain the proforma.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

- Girls Basketball Administrator – Steve McDowell (Gilbert)

SPORT ADVISORY REPORTS:

- Football SAC Meeting (Mike Sivertson)
 - Next meeting is December 7th.
- Cross Country SAC Meeting (Dan Nero)
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, November 22nd.
 - Please forward any ideas to Dan Nero.
- Basketball SAC Meeting (Reynaldo Peru)
 - The 6-quarter rule was discussed mainly with Division VI. Waivers have been sent in from schools and have been approved.
- Badminton SAC Meeting (Steve Harris)
 - Met last night, November 16th.
 - Discussed changing the scheduling from playing everyone twice to playing everyone once. (48/53) would like to see this changed.
- Swim SAC Meeting (David Hines)
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, November 22nd, at Xavier due to a conflict with the AIA board room.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sand Volleyball – Some schools will participate next year. Dr. Slemmer clarified that it is a pilot program and not a requirement for schools to participate.
- The committee had a discussion in regards to the communication of items and it was explained that items are posted on the website and emailed to the schools. Matt Kuffel made a suggestion to have a mobile app that would give an alert when an important item is emailed out or posted. Steve Hogen requested for Dan Serrano to request an additional meeting on December 15th by the Executive Board.
- Cross Country Sectionals (Reynaldo Peru) – There was a conflict with some students who couldn't compete because the students were also involved in a school project.
- Awards/Recognition Awards (Corey Newland) – Recommended to split the Sectionals into two sections for the recognition awards. Dr. Slemmer clarified that the Football SAC brought the guidelines for the recognition awards and if they want to change it then they can make a recommendation. All coaches have the opportunity to nominate and vote for All-Section and All-Division. Matt Kuffel recommended that a screen shot, video, etc. to explain the procedures besides a list of instructions.
- Scheduling Schools without Lower Levels (Matt Kuffel) – Discussed accountability for schools to commit to the lower level schedules. Dr. Slemmer explained that the committee could propose a bylaw reflecting the concern.

- Dean Visser handed out wrestling schedule information.
- David Hines discussed soccer scheduling and the shortage of officials. David will email dates of concern soon.
- John Carlson handed out minutes from the AIA Competitive Equity Committee. John suggested forwarding any items the committee would like addressed to him.

REGION CHAIR REPORTS:

- Central – (Dan Nero) Mountain Pointe baseball needs a game to fill their schedule. Gilbert needs a game as well.
- Desert Valley – (Corey Newland) No Report
- Desert West – (Mike Sivertson) No Report
- East Valley – (Steve Hogen) David Hines was selected into the Mesa HS Hall of Fame. Gene Boyd, Academic Advisor at ASU, will discuss NCAA requirements at an upcoming meeting. A date will be set for Gene to meet with school counselors in regards to the clearinghouse.
- Fiesta – (Mark Cisterna) ESPN company has been calling schools. Why? It was recommended not to participate.
- Gila Valley – (Kevin Gettings) Gila Ridge needs a baseball and softball game and will travel.
- Metro – (Reynaldo Peru) Betty Fairfax needs two JV and two Varsity baseball and softball games due to South Pointe dropping.
- Northwest – (Matt Kuffel) Asked if four schools in a region can play four other schools in the region and then play each other in a region championship? Not sure but will check on it.
- Southern – (Herman House) No Report. Joe Paddock asked if consolation finals for swimming were necessary. David Hines said that he will bring it up at the next SAC meeting as this is the only sport that has consolation finals. It was also suggested to have schedules as soon as possible. Baseball and softball JV and Varsity travels together so please confirm which levels are playing at the sites.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, December 15, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.**, the AIA Offices, 7007 N. 18th ST, Phoenix