



MINUTES
5A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 16, 2012

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

Members Attendance:

Reynaldo Peru, Conference Chair
Dan Serrano, AIA Executive Board 5A Rep
Mark Cisterna, Fiesta
Dan Nero, Central
Mike Sivertson, Desert West
Matt Kuffel, Northwest
Corey Newland, Desert Valley
Steve Hogen, East Valley
Will Kreamer, Southern

Guests:

Marie Baca, US Lacrosse AZ Chapter
Laraine Pizzi, US Lacrosse AZ Chapter
Sister Lynn Winsor, AIAAA
Michael Warren, Desert West
Steve Harris, Desert Valley
Clif McKenzie, Scottsdale USD
John Carlson, Chandler USD
Nora Gutierrez, Phoenix USD

AIA Staff present:

Dr. Harold Slemmer, AIA Executive Director
Dean Visser, AIA Tournament Coordinator
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media
Michele Staples, AIA Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the 5A committee meeting held on December 14, 2011 were approved.

AIA REPORT (Dan Serrano)

- Full contact summer football camps a concern (John Carlson).
 - Dan Serrano mentioned that All-Star games, 3 point shootouts, Homerun Derby, etc. will be discussed at the next board meeting.
 - Biggest issue is with the use of football equipment being rented out (Dan Nero).
 - This would have a significant effect on the Catastrophic Insurance (Dr. Slemmer).
 - Showcases are a concern as well (Mike Warren).

- Power ranking formula, computer scheduling and ticket prices will be discussed at next Tuesday's AIA Executive Board meeting.
- Dan suggested another conference meeting after the February Executive Board meeting.
- Child Abuse Reporting: If someone calls the AIA to report abuse, should the AIA call the police or CPS and school administration? After legal advice and input from the Superintendent Advisory Committee, it was recommended for the AIA Executive Director to take the same action as a school administrator and contact CPS or the police and school when abuse is reported to the AIA.
- (John Carlson) Requested for Dan Serrano to bring concerns about the wrestling coaches' attire to the Executive Board. Recommendation was made for them to wear a collar shirt with their school logo and no inappropriate hats. It was recommended for this to apply to coaches in all sports.

AIA TOURNAMENT UPDATES

- (Dan Nero) Basketball sectionals went well. Concerns with travel and hotel costs with wrestling.

SPORT ADVISORY REPORTS

- (Mike Sivertson) Football SAC: Met January 25th and discussed the selection process for All-Section and All-Division teams. The committee has a better understanding of the process. Dr. Slemmer was present at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lacrosse – Marie Baca and Laraine Pizzi presented paperwork to the committee requesting for Girls Lacrosse to be a sanctioned AIA Spring sport. There are currently approximately sixteen Girls Lacrosse teams in the state (JV and Varsity).
- Wrestling Ticket Prices (Brian Bolitho and Denise Doser) – Presented a Power Point presentation showing details of the ticket increase, rationale, State Tournament expenses, low dues, etc.
 - Rental fees for AIA games/tournaments for facility use effects the disbursement back to all the schools at the end of the year. Utilities and custodial fees is understandable and reasonable.
 - Mark Cisterna recommended getting feedback from site staff at the end of each season.
 - AIA ticket prices are in the middle of the NFHS state association ticket prices.
 - Concluded with the “Where Does the Money Go” video on www.aia365.com.
- Golf Qualifications (Dean Visser) – Dean handed out information for qualifying for State Golf. Any concerns should come through the Golf SAC and their next meeting is in May.
- 2012 Golf Schedule (Dean Visser) – Regular season schedule.
 - Sister Lynn suggested that Girls Golf schedule's home and away be flipped but keep the same teams that played this year.
- Team Computer Schedules / Schedule Changes (Matt Kuffel) – Concerned that schedule changes for his school has gone from approximately sixty to one hundred sixty because of blackout dates, region scheduling and tournaments.
 - Steve Hogen stated that these issues would exist with our without computer scheduling.
 - Discussion about possibly having a hybrid solution.
 - Steve Hogen stated that it has caused more work for school Ads and less time for him at the district level. He would like to have Mesa rival schools play other Mesa schools.
 - Dr. Slemmer and Brian Bolitho mentioned that variables can be put into the computer (ie: playing within Division or Section). If traveling is no longer a concern then the

- membership needs to let the AIA Executive Board know. Competitive Equity Committee will be calling for an emergency Legislative Council meeting.
- Mike Sivertson mentioned that he appreciates the AIA staff reviewing the computer scheduling for ways to improve it. He also stated that he would like to see a hybrid as Dr. Slemmer had suggested.
 - Mike Warren mentioned that there have been a lot of changes this year. He said that tournaments have been sporadic which causes scheduling issues. He suggested to continue with computer scheduling but see what needs improved and work on improving it.
 - Dan Nero recommended a hybrid system with a base computer schedule and then have district Ads review the schedules to finalize them.
 - Matt Kuffel agreed with Dan Nero's recommendation but based on per sport instead of per season.
 - Brian Bolitho explained that the only reason that Saturday became an issue was because of the blackout dates and the length of the season.
 - Mike Sivertson mentioned that if there was a hybrid then the membership couldn't deny that they had a part in the process.
 - Brian Bolitho mentioned that in mid-March the Fall schedules will be released. Whatever day a game was on this year then it will be the same next year with home and away flipped.
- 2012 Fall Playoff Formats: (Dan Nero) Soccer and volleyball are expanding to twenty-four teams for next year.
 - Dr. Slemmer said that it can be adjusted but competitively and economically the structure is working well. The recommendation would need to come through the Sports Advisory Committees.
 - Steve Hogen mentioned that this is a great reminder to utilize the SAC process.
 - Westwind Prep Forfeitures: The AIA Bylaws provide the option to either forfeit games or voluntarily withdraw from post season tournament under Article 16.
 - Basketball 6 Quarter Bylaw: (Reynaldo Peru) Concern with the bylaw not being followed.
 - Dr. Slemmer stated that when a player is playing in the 7th quarter in a night then that player is now ineligible. This can be found because there are books that are kept by each school. It is the responsibility of the schools to self report.
 - AIA Subcommittee Reports: Dr. Slemmer mentioned that the AIA staff does not determine eligibility on 520 forms.
 - Revenue Committee: Discussed officials mileage proposal for Legislative Council
 - Diversity Committee: Meeting has been rescheduled for March. Recommendation to curtail foul language.
 - Competitive Equity Committee: Reviewing specific proposals including one for appealing up and down a level per sport. Next meeting is February 27th.
 - Dr. Slemmer briefly reviewed the Legislative Council agenda and answered questions.

REGION CHAIR REPORTS

- Central – Corona del Sol needs Frosh baseball and softball and JV volleyball.
- Desert Valley – No Report
- Desert West – No Report
- East Valley – Sister Lynn is resigning from the Girls Golf SAC. Steve Hogen nominated and committee approved recommending Scott Schmidt (Mesa HS) to replace Sister Lynn on the Girls Golf SAC. Steve Hogen requested using CalPreps for power rankings. Dr. Slemmer mentioned that the power ranking formula was developed by the committee which Corey Newland served on. The AIA Executive Board will review a comparison from the current formula and an

outside entity recommendation. The current formula design was developed by the committee representing AIA member schools. There would be a cost for an outside vendor to do the power rankings. Corey Newland mentioned that the committee's focus was on victory points and opponent's victory points. They also looked at the financial piece of having it done in house versus by an outside organization. Mike Warren mentioned that Sectionals has caused some controversy with the Power Points but he doesn't see an issue.

- Fiesta – No Report
- Gila Valley – No Report
- Metro – No Report
- Northwest – No Report
- Southern – No Report

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 11, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.**, the AIA Offices, 7007 N. 18th ST, Phoenix