

60TH DIAA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
February 10, 2005  
WILD QUAIL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

I. Call to Order

The 60th DIAA Annual Membership meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by DIAA Chairperson Gerald Kobasa.

II. Roll Call

The following member schools were represented: Middletown High School, Archmere Academy, Brandywine High School, Concord High School, Mt. Pleasant High School, Caesar Rodney High School, Fifer Middle School, Dover AFB Middle School, Cape Henlopen High School, Beacon Middle School, Mariner Middle School, Dover High School, Dover Central Middle School, Campus Community School, Glasgow High School, Christiana High School, Newark High School, William Penn High School, Gunning Bedford Middle School, Sussex Central High School, Sussex Central Middle School, Polytech High School, Lake Forest High School, W. T. Chipman Middle School, Laurel High School, Laurel Middle School, Milford High School, Milford Middle School, Delcastle Technical High School, Hodgson Vo-Tech High School, Howard High School, Padua Academy, A. I. DuPont High School, John Dickinson High School, Thomas McKean High School, Charter School of Wilmington, Cab Calloway School of the Arts, Skyline Middle School, St. Elizabeth High School, St. Mark's High School, St. Thomas More Academy, Salesianum School, Seaford High School, Seaford Middle School, Smyrna High School, Smyrna Middle School, Sussex Technical High School, Woodbridge Jr./Sr. High School, Ursuline Academy, Sanford School, Red Lion Christian Academy, Wilmington Friends School, Delmarva Christian High School, Delaware Military Academy, and Wilmington Christian School. DIAA Board members in attendance were: Jerry Kobasa, Mark Holodick, Kathleen Wilbur, Robert Reed, Ted Williams, Dr. Jeffrey Hawtof, Gerald Allen, Dr. Kevin Carson, William Passwaters, and DIAA Executive Director Jack Holloway.

Mr. Kobasa introduced the DIAA Board members present and made opening remarks. Jack Holloway greeted everyone and announced that Jerry Kobasa accepted the position of Head Coach at Wesley College and would be resigning as the Athletic Director in Sussex County. He congratulated Mr. Kobasa on behalf of the DIAA Board and wished him well. Mr. Holloway explained that positions on the board were appointed by the Governor and until the Legislature appoints a replacement, the member in the position will stay until someone is appointed.

Mr. Holloway mentioned several things that were not on the Agenda the first being the table set up for the Delaware's Sports Hall of Fame Museum. John Rafael and Dave Holler were there to show members what they have to offer at the Hall of Fame. It is located at Frawley Stadium and they would like to see more coaches bring their teams and take advantage of this beautiful facility and the history of Delaware sports.

Mr. Holloway brought attention to sports information in the back of their packets regarding ticket sales, etc. He also mentioned the information from Dr. Matthew Robinson, University of Delaware, about starting a sports information director's camp at UD this summer. A student interested in the field of sports information could be chosen

to attend the camp and receive training in this field. This student could become the athletic director's assistant to help deal with the media and other issues. There is no connection to DIAA, but Mr. Holloway commented that he thought this was an excellent career opportunity for students and for the athletic directors.

Mr. Holloway commented on Indoor Track. He met with the University of Delaware's Track people and the Track date has been changed to Saturday, February 26, 2005. Meet will start at noon with doors opening at 10:30 a.m. The meet should be over by 7:45 p.m. Mr. Holloway was asked to mention there will be an extra meet on February 19 at Tower Hill with no extra charge. He reminded everyone when DIAA signs a contract with UD, it is agreed that UD's events take precedence.

Mr. Holloway commented that over the past two years we have been working to get a new ball contract deal. He plans to present five potential contracts to the Board of Directors at their afternoon meeting and will recommend accepting Nike's offer. He anticipates they will approve a new ball contract for the State of Delaware for next year with Nike as Delaware's new ball sponsor for all sports except field hockey, lacrosse and softball. The contract does include volleyball basketball, football, soccer, baseball, and golf. Mr. Holloway told the members there is information in their packets on the five ball contracts he's been working on.

Mr. Holloway reviewed the new DIAA Physical Form with the membership. He commented that the new form is five pages long and can be downloaded from the DIAA website. Mr. Holloway explained to the members that this form has been approved by the DIAA Board of Directors and will be used for the 2005-06 school year. Mr. Malseed reviewed a survey that the athletic directors should have received regarding athletic training.

Mr. Holloway commented on the second annual Student Leadership Conference which will be held this year August 5 – 7, 2005 at the University of Delaware Virden Center in Lewes, Delaware. Mr. Holloway asked that if anyone was interested in chaperoning to let him know. Mr. Holloway commented that 40 students went last year and recommends that all the athletic directors take the time to nominate one of their students.

Mr. Charles presented a power point presentation on a new scheduling software from a company called Rundeep. Mr. Charles explained the program to the membership and stated that the company Rundeep would set this up for the Delaware schools at no cost for the first two years. Mr. Charles also reviewed an assigning program for officials.

Mr. Holloway reviewed the sanctioning procedures with the membership and asked that the athletic directors review it with their coaches.

Mr. Charles commented on sportsmanship and stated that he feels there is improvement and that the coaches, athletic directors, and students are making a concerted effort.

Mr. Charles commented on the fall sportsmanship incident reports and stated that there were 96 total incident reports in the fall with the majority of reports coming from boys' soccer. Mr. Charles stated that there were 23 reports in football and one in field hockey and one in volleyball. Mr. Charles commented briefly on the winter sports incident reports.

Mr. Charles then reviewed the Officials Game Fee Proposal for the 2005-06 school year. Mr. Charles explained that the girls and boys fees at all competition levels have been leveled. Mr. Charles also explained that the future officials' fee increases will be based on the state salary increases. Mr. Charles stated that delaying the officiating fee increase for one fiscal year allows the school administration and athletic directors to prepare for the increase in the budget. Mr. Charles stated that a sub-committee will conduct a survey of surrounding states' officiating fees every three years. Mr. Holloway commented that this fee schedule has been adopted by the DIAA Board of Directors. Mr. Holloway also commented that Mr. Oxford is stepping down as chairperson for the Officials Committee after many years of outstanding leadership in a difficult position.

#### I. Rules Revisions

Mr. Holloway reviewed the proposed change to 1006.7.2.1 Protest and Complaints. The membership felt that the Tournament Committee Chairperson should also have the authority to act on protests involving game competition.

Mr. Holloway reviewed the proposed change to 1006.7.2.2, which allows protests other than those involving game competition to be brought before the DIAA. The membership was unanimously in favor of this change.

Mr. Holloway reviewed the proposed addition to 1006.10.1. The intent of this was to make this change if the change was made in 1006.7.2.1. Mr. Holloway stated that Ms. Cooke will have to look at this before the afternoon meeting.

Mr. Holloway commented that the proposed addition to 1009.2.2.1.7 came from the DIAA Board of Directors with the intent of clarifying the rule.

Mr. Holloway reviewed the proposed change for 1009.4.3.1 and commented that they were proposing to take the chart itself out of regulation but still have the rule in regulation.

Mr. Holloway reviewed a chart listing all the sites for the state tournaments in each sport.

Mr. Holloway commented on the specific duties of the site managers and expressed his that in many cases proper procedures were not being followed.

Mr. Holloway commented that Open Gyms seem to still be a problem and suggests that the athletic directors review the rule.

Mr. Holloway commented that Tina would be attending the National High School Cheerleading Championship competition to observe the procedures of the event. Mr. Holloway commented that we are still looking at bringing in cheerleading as a sport in Delaware.

Mr. Holloway explained that the Coaching Education Requirements for 2006-07 is still under study and hopes to have something for the Board later this summer.

#### IV. Other Business

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None.

The 60th DIAA Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 10, 2005 – 11:30 a.m.  
Wild Quail Golf and Country Club

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Jerry Kobasa, DIAA Chairperson.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Gerald Kobasa, Mark Holodick, Gerald Allen, Robert Andrzejewski, Phyllis Kohel, Kathleen Wilbur, Sue Spilecki, Joan Samonisky, Kevin Carson, Ted C. Williams, Garrett Lyons, Robert Reed, Zane Robinson, Ed Kee, Jeffrey Hawtof, Jack Holloway, Executive Director, and Mary Cooke, Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance. Sister Ann Michele, William Passwaters, and Dr. Atkinson were unable to attend the meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kobasa requested approval of the agenda. Mr. Kee made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2005 Board of Directors' Meeting

Ms. Wilbur made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2005 Board of Directors' meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

E. Financial Report

Mr. Holloway commented the report was in order except that it did not reflect withdrawals necessary for the Coordinator of Officials salary.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Delaware Wrestling Alliance Blue/Gold Classic and Delaware/New Jersey Classic

Mr. Kee made a motion to approve the DWA Blue/Gold Classic and the Delaware/New Jersey Classic. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kohel and carried unanimously.

B. DBCA's All-Star Baseball Game – June 9, 2005

Mr. Holloway commented on a letter from Robert M. Colburn, President of DBCA, requesting DIAA approval for the Delaware Baseball All-Star Game to be played on Thursday, June 9, 2005 at Frawley Stadium at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made to approve the All-Star game by Mr. Williams. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

C. Caravel Academy's PTC Harlem Wizards Fundraiser – March 20, 2005

Mr. Holloway commented on a letter from Nancy Clifton, Family Day Coordinator, requesting permission to host a Family Day Event on March 20, 2005, which will showcase the Harlem Wizards basketball team. The Harlem Wizards perform a choreographed entertainment show. A motion was made by Mr. Kee to approve the Harlem Wizards Fundraiser basketball game. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carson and was carried unanimously.

D. DIAA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Leadership Conference – August 5-7, 2005

Mr. Holloway commented on the DIAA Student Leadership Conference to be held on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 7, 2005 at the Virden Conference Center in Lewes, DE.

A motion was made by Dr. Carson to approve the Student Leadership Conference. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

E. St. Elizabeth's Request for a Waiver of the 6 Tournament Limit in Wrestling

Mr. Holloway commented on a letter from Joseph Hemphill, Athletic Director, St. Elizabeth High School requesting a waiver of the 6 tournament limit for their Wrestling program. Archmere Academy said they would welcome St. Elizabeth to compete in their tournament on February 5<sup>th</sup>, but that would put them over the limit of 6 tournaments per season.

Ms. Wilbur asked if the school can't support the team, how long they have before they should cancel. Mr. Holloway said this is more likely to happen at the freshman level and it is a problem, but they are trying to encourage schools to have teams. There is no rule that says the same school can't come back next year and the same thing could happen again. Mr. Reed questioned if the Board should address this problem. Mr. Holloway said the Board should address the issue of athlete's eligibility should their school drop a sport. A Motion was made by Dr. Hawtof to approve St. Elizabeth's request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

F. New rules Proposals for the 2005-06 Handbook

Mr. Holloway commented on proposed change number one and stated that the current rule is good and it is the way it should be. The Proposed Change : 14 DE Admin 1006.7.2.1 will stay the same with the addition of a three party decision making team consisting of the Executive Director of DIAA, DIAA Chair and the Tournament Committee Chair. Mr. Kee made a motion to accept the change. Mr. Holloway would request input from the membership before making decision.

Mr. Holloway moved to proposed change number two, 14 DE Admin 1006.7.2.1., and the membership approved as is.

Mr. Holloway commented on proposed change number 3, 14 DE Admin 1006.10.1. Because of the change in number one, this proposed change was withdrawn.

The membership recommended approval of proposed change number four, 14 DE Admin 1009.2.2.1.7.

A motion was made by Dr. Hawtof to approve the above changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

Mr. Holloway commented on proposed change to 14 DE Admin. 1009.4.3.1 and stated that the change was to take the chart out of regulation but still have the rule in regulation.

A motion was made by Dr. Andrzejewski to approve the change. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

G. Boys and Girls Soccer Overtime Procedure Proposal

First Part: The State Tournament Committee is recommending that DIAA change the overtime procedure. Currently if a game ends in a tie, the teams then play two complete 10 minute overtimes in both directions. If still tied they go to two 10 minute sudden victory overtimes. Instead of the current procedure, if the game ends in a tie after playing two 40 minute halves, the committee is proposing the teams move into four 10 minute overtimes each being sudden victory. This is used in the soccer at the World Cup, the Olympics and most State Associations around the country.

Second Part: What happens if the game continues to be tied? Currently, if the teams are going forward in the tournament after they play the first two 10 minute overtimes and the game is still tied, they go to penalty kicks and whoever makes the most, wins. Soccer Committee believes a team shouldn't win the State Championship with penalty kicks. The Committee is recommending we go to the new procedure of four 10 minute overtimes and at the conclusion if the game is still tied, and it is the State Championship, then Co-Champions would be declared. Mr. Holloway said this has been tried in other states with good and bad comments.

Ted Williams commented that neither were good choices. Dr. Hawtof supports the decision of the Tournament Committee. Mr. Holloway said he thought it would be very controversial. He is suggesting a one year trial basis. Mr. Kobsa agreed with Mr. Williams. The Board agreed to vote on III. G. A with Mr. Williams making a motion to approve part A and defer part C back to the State Tournament Committee for further discussion with input from the Board's discussion. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof. Dr. Carson not in favor of co-champions and requested a non-binding show of hands to see who is in favor of the new proposal. It was unanimous that no one is in favor of co-champions. Mr. Hollodick commented that there should be consistent protocol through the entire tournament. Again it was unanimous. Mr. Williams suggested amending the motion that the second part is not going to be co-champions and the decision on determining the State Champion will be consistent throughout the tournament. No one would second the motion and returned to the original motion made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Jack commented that we will go forward with the current rules that exist until we hear back from the Tournament Committee and he will pass on to them the results of the two straw votes.

H. Nomination for Chairperson of DIAA Girls' Soccer Committee.

Mr. Holloway commented that Avis Vaught, Chairperson of the Girls' Soccer Committee and a long time soccer coach at Tatnall School retired and moved to Florida. She did an outstanding job. Mr. Holloway is recommending Heather Iverson, a coach at Hodgson Vocational School to be her replacement. Heather filled in for Avis last year during the tournament and did a great job. Mr. Kee made a motion to appoint Heather Iverson as Chairperson of the Girls' Soccer Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carson and carried unanimously.

I. Spring Tournament Venue Proposals

Mr. Holloway commented there is a correction under Boys' Lacrosse on their copy of Tournament Venues. There was a conflict with Girls' Soccer quarter finals and the Boys' Lacrosse finals. They are suggesting moving the Boys' Lacrosse final to Dover HS and have semi-finals at Wesley College, and have the entire Girls' Soccer tournament, outside the first

round, at Wesley College.

The Tournament Committees have looked at these venues and are recommending this proposal for your approval. It is in keeping with DIAA's goal of placing our state tournaments at the best venues. They are recommending Frawley Stadium for baseball because it is available and is the perfect venue. Last year it increased the crowd capacity and is a great place to play. Mr. Holloway recommends Tournament Venue for the member's consideration and passage. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Garrett Lyons. The motion was seconded by Ted Williams and carried unanimously.

J. SMAC Proposals for Medical Kits and Continuous Competition Conditions

Mr. Holloway said the State Medical committee made a recommendation which he does not necessarily agree with. He is going to propose something he thinks will satisfy what they want. This recommendation is a result of an incident that happened last year at a tennis tournament. They are suggesting language in the book that the DIAA Tournament Committee should attempt to secure athletic trainer services for all state tournament championships. Site directors contact teams involved to see if they are bringing their own team doctor or trainer if not DIAA will hire one. If they are not, DIAA hires one or if a team brings a trainer and another is not, they hire the trainer to service both teams. The only sports DIAA has not hired a trainer for is tennis and golf. Mr. Holloway does not think DIAA needs to mandate the procedure of hiring trainers although it is the current practice for most sports. They are suggesting continuous competition of up to two hours in length should require a 45 minute break. He believes it only occurs in tennis and golf. He is in agreement with this recommendation for tennis only. Discussion followed about having a trainer and should it be required. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the recommendation with the suggestion that on the trainer's side that it eliminate golf and tennis from that suggestion and that the second part would apply to tennis only. Mary Cook mentioned that when you use the language "should attempt" it opens up some issues as to what is acceptable and how far one has to go to attempt a satisfactory result. Ms. Samonisky questioned would the language have to include a warm up period after the 45 minute break. Mr. Williams was asked to repeat the motion. Dr. Hawtof made an amendment to the motion to just deal with the first part and hopefully pass it and then do the second part as two separate motions. Dr. Hawtof's suggestion was the Tournament Committee should attempt to secure positions or athletic trainers for all DIAA state committee tournaments except tennis and golf. Mr. Kobasa asked for a motion on part A with the amendment. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve part A with amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously carried.

Dr. Hawtof has a problem with the second part. It suggests language that says continuous competition of up to two hours in length should require a 15 minute break before activity is resumed. After further discussion about the language, a motion was made by Dr. Hawtof to send the report back to the State Medical Association for further review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

K. Tournament Sanctions

A motion was made by Dr. Carson to accept the sanctioned events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

L. DIAA Official Tournament Ball Contract

Mr. Holloway said that Nike offered an aggressive five year contract plus products. Mr. Holloway recommends signing the five year contract. Teams participating in tournaments must use the balls we are providing in DIAA's tournaments. A motion was made by Ms. Kohel to accept Mr. Holloway's recommendation using Nike for all team sports except



softball and using Baden for softball. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed. Mr. Kobasa asked if there was any further discussion. Dr. Carson asked if the provider would be providing any benefits to the schools in terms of pricing. Mr. Holloway said yes they would. After some further discussion Ms. Cook wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the fact that DIAA is outside the State Bid Laws. Mr. Kobasa assured the membership there will be benefits in terms of pricing for the schools. Mr. Kobasa said there is a motion on the floor made by Ms. Kohel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Friends School Quaker Classic Tournament – American Christian Academy Forfeiture

Friends School had a problem which solidifies our sanctioning procedures. They had a Quaker Classic over the Christmas holidays and invited some non-member schools from out of state. The Athletic Director had the schools fill out DIAA's eligibility verification form stating they would abide by the rules and regulations of the local state association of no 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors, no post graduates, etc. One young man turned out to be a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior. The school was penalized. Mr. Holloway said the sanctioning process does work and protects our schools.

B. DIAA Sportsmanship Committee Meeting – January 19, 2005

Mr. Holloway discussed two issues involving four different schools. The first was a basketball game that turned into a fight. One team did a good job of controlling the situation. The other team did not. Certain players were identified. One player caused a very serious problem and was brought before the Sportsmanship Committee. He presented himself very well; however, he was at fault. The Committee adopted the stance that all assaults are the same. The student was suspended for four basketball games and put on probation. DIAA wrote appropriate letters to both schools.

Mr. Holloway discussed the second issue which occurred between two schools playing a football game in which 13 personal fouls were called. The Committee thought this was unacceptable. They brought both coaches and athletic directors in to discuss the game and plans for next year when the two rivals meet again. In the context of that game, there was an ejection. Two outside players decided that because of the way the game had gotten out of hand they were going to go after another player. The Committee told the two players they had assaulted the third player. They received the same punishment as in the first incident, a 10 day suspension of game eligibility. The Committee talked to the AD's and coaches and told them to expect similar outcomes regarding sportsmanship in the games.

Mr. Holloway wanted the Board to know that they intend to follow up on these incidents. He commented the Kevin Charles has done a great job of communicating with the incident chair people encouraging people to report what is going on and then following up. He feels that things are going well and they will continue to strive to do better. Mr. Robinson said he was pleased with Mr. Charles' report but thinks these outcomes should be publicized. Mr. Holloway said they are not allowed to report the results of sportsmanship committee hearings because of privacy matters. Ms. Cook will look at the issue. She said there may be a way to report actions without citing names.

V. Other

Ms. Cook updated the Board on two appeals that are pending:

Fist is The Delaware Military Academy appeal that has been pending for about six months and

there is still no Hearing Officer decision. She believes it will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks and hopefully be on the State Board March Agenda. She will notify the Board when this happens.

The second appeal is the one dealing with a student from McKean who went to Delaware Military Academy and went public school and repeated 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Cook said it is her understanding the Hearing Officer signed their decision and she heard they are recommending affirming the Board's decision to the State Board. Once she has read the decision she will notify the Board. It will most likely be on the State Board March Agenda.

Mr. Holloway commented on a letter he received from Dr. Harry Roberts, Caesar Rodney School District that the young man who appeared before the Board at the last meeting was assigned by the Caesar Rodney School District to that school and, therefore, will be allowed to participate. It is now a moot issue and no longer before the Board.

Mr. Holloway referred to another situation regarding a letter from R. K. whose son was in First State School. He asked Dr. Andrzejewski to explain the situation to the Board. The First State School is a state school for medically fragile students that his district operates. The student is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader who is medically well enough to return to Newark High School this Fall. Under the DOE regulations, Dr. Andrzejewski has to designate a school for this child. This is the first time this has happened so it doesn't occur very often. Knowing he lives in Newark, they designated Dickinson, which is the closest to Newark. The Mom is single with a difficult family situation and no way to pick up her son. The student is going to return to Newark in the Fall and Dr. Andrzejewski has no problem making the paperwork transfer to Newark High School, Christina School District, so that he is eligible to play baseball this Spring for Newark. Mr. Holloway expressed the Board's appreciation to Dr. Andrzejewski for handling this matter.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Reed made a motion for the Board to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

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Mary Rose D'Annunzio