

61ST DIAA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 9, 2006
WILD QUAIL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

I. Call to Order

The 61st DIAA Annual Membership meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by DIAA Executive Director Kevin Charles.

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, Ferris School, Providence Creek Academy, Red Lion Christian Academy, Wilmington Friends School, Delmarva Christian High School, Delaware Military Academy, and Wilmington Christian School.

The members of DIAA had a moment of silence for Richard McKinnon, a past athletic director at Mt. Pleasant High School, who recently passed away.

Andy Dick, President of the Delaware Association of Athletic Directors, commented that the DAAD is trying to restructure the whole organization and that the dues may be increased in the future. Mr. Dick stated that the Section 2 meeting for the NIAAA is being hosted by Delaware this year and will be held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Delaware June 23 – 25, 2006. Mr. Dick explained that they are looking for someone to take the position of President Elect. Mr. Dick commented that Eric Torbert has been named as the state coordinator to the NIAAA for leadership training. Mr. Dick explained that Mr. Torbert will be working with the Executive Director in setting up the leadership training programs that are held in the fall.

Mr. Charles commented on the 3rd Annual Student Leadership Conference which will be held in Lewes, Delaware on August 11 -13, 2006. Mr. Charles commented that the deadline for applications is May 14. Mr. Charles then commented on the Scholar-Athlete Award and encouraged the athletic directors to get students to apply. Mr. Charles stated that there was an increase in applications for the Sportsmanship Award and encouraged the schools to continue the process. Mr. Charles commented on the 2006-07 Officials' Fee Structure and explained that there was a \$1.00 increase.

Mr. Charles recognized the chairpersons of all the DIAA Committees.

Mr. Charles then commented on the Rules and Regulations Committee and stated that in the past it was known as the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Mr. Charles informed the membership that the chairperson of this Committee is now Mr. Ted Williams.

I. Rules Revisions

Mr. Charles reviewed the changes to the FAQ's that was being proposed. Mr. Charles explained that the first FAQ deals with the penalty for an ejection for an athlete that plays two sports in one season. Mr. Charles stated that proposal states that the one-game suspension would be served in the next game in the sport which the penalty was incurred. Mr. Charles explained the next FAQ's which deals with the minimum academic requirements for incoming ninth graders to be eligible to participate in fall sports. Mr. Charles stated that this is not a change but an addition to the FAQ's.

Mr. Charles then reviewed the proposed amendments to the DIAA regulations. Mr. Charles explained that Regulation 1008.2.7.5 was a new regulation dealing with middle school eligibility and years of participation which will not allow a student to represent a school in athletics after six consecutive semesters from the date of the student's first entrance into sixth grade.

Mr. Charles stated that Reg 1008.2.1 and 1009.2.1 just added language to clarify the rule.

Mr. Charles stated that Regulation 1009.4.1.1 added the date August 15 to simplify this rule.

Mr. Charles then reviewed the changes made to 1009.6.1 regarding Athletic Camps and Clinics and stated that the changes were made to the heading of this regulation to make this easier to understand and that the intent of this regulation was not changed.

Mr. Charles then reviewed the changes made to the regulation regarding Officials' Associations. Mr. Charles explained that the addition to the regulation places new officials' organizations on a probationary period for the first two years of operation under DIAA recognition.

Julie Moyer-Knowles, DIAA Sports Medicine Committee, commented on several issues including the medical emergency card, DIAA mouth guard rule, skin lesion protocols, the fall pre-season practice program and the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

Dr. Jane Crowley, AI DuPont Hospital; Thomas Kaminski, University of Delaware; and Linda Heller, DSAAPD made a presentation on the Delaware Brain Injury Project.

Tommie Neubauer, DIAA Coordinator of Officials/Events reviewed with the membership some DIAA concerns. Mr. Neubauer commented on site management and safety, sanctioning procedures, deadlines for DIAA forms and the DIAA Handbook.

Mr. Neubauer also reviewed regulations regarding open gym, and coaching out-of-season. Mr. Neubauer also discussed coaching education requirements with the

membership.

Joe Mackley, head cheerleading coach at the University of Delaware; Debi Bartell, NFHS State Spirit Director; Jeff Martino, President of DCCA; and Jack Speakman, DCCA Board Member were in attendance to make a presentation on moving cheerleading from sideline cheer to a more competitive cheer and regulate cheerleading. Mr. Mackley explained the importance of safety in cheerleading and that safety is the main reason for their proposal. Debi Bartell commented that they are planning to have a fall program for cheerleading and then a winter program. Ms. Bartell explained that during the winter season cheerleading would also include a competitive team. Ms. Bartell stated that the season for the competitive team would run from late December to March and that the state championship would be held in March. Jeff Martino explained to the membership how they propose the tournament to run and how to qualify for the tournament. After some discussion, Mr. Charles suggested meeting with the DCCA and talk through some of the issues that were brought up today.

IV. Other Business

None.

The 61st DIAA Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Tina Hurley

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.
Wild Quail Golf and Country Club

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mark Holodick, DIAA Chairperson.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Mark Holodick, Ted Williams, Gerald Allen, Phyllis Kohel, Kathleen Wilbur, Debbie Corrado, Dr. Dianne Sole, Michael Wagner, Joan Samonisky, Sister Ann Michele, Robert Reed, Zane Robinson, Dr. Jeffrey Hawtof, Kevin Charles, Executive Director, and Paula Fontello, Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance. Dr. Robert Andrzejewski, John Oliver, Dr. Garrett Lyons, Dr. Lewis Atkinson, and Ed Kee were unable to attend the meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holodick requested approval of the agenda. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting

Ms. Wilbur made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2006 Board of Directors' meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kohel and carried unanimously.

E. Financial Report

Mr. Charles commented that the report was in order and that the miscellaneous expense account was still being reviewed. Mr. Wagner made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. DWA Blue/Gold Classic and DE/NJ Classic

Mr. Charles commented that this would have to be deferred to the March meeting as he has not received information regarding the Classics.

B. DBCA's All-Star baseball Game – June 8, 2006

Mr. Charles 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 8, 2006 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 Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

C. DIAA State Tennis Committee proposal to Amend Tournament

Ms. Corrado, Tennis Chairperson, explained that the Tennis Committee met with the Sports Medicine Committee and have made recommendations to modify the DIAA State Tennis Tournament. Ms. Corrado explained that the change is to help reduce the amount of time the players are on the court. Ms. Corrado then explained that in the first round all matches that go to the third set will play a mandatory 10 point tie break to determine the winner of the match. In the second round if the sum of the temperature and relative humidity reach 155 +/-5 a 10 point tie break will be played to determine a winner. Ms. Corrado also explained that any round in which the temperature is 95 degrees or higher the play will be postponed and that decision will be made by the tournament chair and/or committee designee. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sole and carried unanimously.

D. NFHS Proposal to Create Videos Promoting Sportsmanship and Educational Mission of Interscholastic Athletics

Mr. Charles explained that the NFHS was producing videos on Sportsmanship and Promoting the Educational Mission and Purpose of Interscholastic Athletics and Activities. Mr. Charles further explained that the NFHS was asking each state to support this project with \$1,000.00. Ms. Kohel made a motion to accept this proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Nominations to NFHS Rules Committees

Mr. Charles explained that every state in Section II can nominate an individual to serve on rules committees with the NFHS. Mr. Charles stated that he was nominating Ross Thomas who is our state rules interpreter for wrestling and is a highly regarded official in this state to serve on the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee. Mr. Charles stated that Fran Kulas who is the athletic director at Archmere Academy and has a rich history in soccer was being nominated to serve on the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee. Mr. Charles then stated that Fred Killian who is our state rules interpreter for swimming was being nominated to serve on the NFHS Swimming Rules Committee.

F. Proposal to Move Spring Track meet of Champions to DSU

Mr. Charles commented that he was deferring this back to the Executive Director's report because he did not receive the information from Delaware State that he had hoped to receive.

G. Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Charles commented that the sanction request are in order and recommends approval. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the sanction requests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the additional sanction requests. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

H. New Rules Proposals for 2006-07 Handbook.

Mr. Williams reviewed the proposed new FAQ's to the DIAA Handbook. Mr. Williams then reviewed the proposed amendments to the DIAA Regulations. Mr. Charles reviewed regulation 1009.6.2 in regards to Camps and Clinics and stated that the change was to clarify the rule. Mr. Charles then reviewed the regulation regarding Recognition of Officials Associations. After some discussion ensued regarding this regulation Mr. Williams suggested separating the regulation regarding the Recognition of Officials from the other proposed regulation changes. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the changes to the FAQ's

1007.2.3.1.1 and 1009.2.6 and that they be adopted into our 2006-07 Handbook. The motion was seconded Ms. Kohel and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the change to 1008.2.7.1, 1008.2.1, 1009.2.1, and 1009.4.1.1 and the draft be brought before the Rules and Regulations Committee for endorsement before our March meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the change to the regulation regarding Camps and Clinics. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sole and carried unanimously.

I. DISC Request to Use Golden Goal In Varsity Soccer

Mr. Charles explained that he received a request from the DISC for the overtime procedure in regular season varsity soccer games in the DISC to include a “golden goal” or “sudden victory”. After some discussion it was suggested that Mr. Charles send a letter out regarding this change. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Winter Tournament Update

Mr. Charles updated the Board members on the winter tournaments.

B. Spring Tournament Venue Update

Mr. Charles reviewed the spring venues with Board members.

C. Milford HS Boys Basketball Forfeiture

Mr. Charles reviewed a letter he received from the athletic director at Milford High School regarding an inadvertent use of an ineligible basketball player. Mr. Charles stated that the school forfeited all the necessary games and that the opponents were notified.

D. Cross Country Meeting with DNREC

Mr. Charles commented that he meet with the Department of Parks and Recreation and stated that they will be meeting on a yearly basis to discuss the use of their facilities.

E. Dover HS Request for Interim Swim Coach

Mr. Charles commented that Dover asked permission to use a recreational coach because the swim coach had to leave town due to a death in the family. Mr. Charles explained that this coach was an individual who coached some of the swimmers out-of-season. Mr. Charles stated that he did grant him permission to do that since it was an interim basis.

F. Dover HS Baseball Coach – Coaching Out-of-Season

Mr. Neubauer explained that Dover HS self-reported a conflict regarding their baseball coach. Mr. Neubauer commented that he felt there was no intent to violate the rule.

G. IAABO #11 Appeal Update

Ms. Fonatello explained that the deadline for IAABO #11 to appeal the hearing officers

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decision is February 27, 2006 and as of today she has not received anything.

H. 2005 Appeals

Mr. Charles passed out a list of waiver requests for 2005. He commented the list was just for information purposes.

V. Presentations

A. DCCA – Status of Proposal to Add Cheerleading

Mr. Holodick commented that this presentation was made earlier at the annual meeting.

VI. Other

Mr. Robinson commented that he would like to see on a future agenda a discussion on current committees and their terms. Mr. Robinson also commented on school choice for athletic purposes and stated that he would like to see this Board address that issue. Mr. Robinson also commented that the Beast of the East tournament was very successful and that \$60,000.00 of scholarship money went to Delaware wrestlers.

Dr. Hawtof commented to the Board about MRSA and its potential impact on the athletic community.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Wilbur made a motion for the Board to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously.

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