

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 13, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.  
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Terre Taylor.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Terre Taylor, Gerald Kobasa, Joe Thomson, Edna Cale, Craig Eliassen, Artie Uhlich, Dr. Susan Haberstroh, Catherine Marvel, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Mark Holodick, Laura Leone and Ron Eby. Kevin Charles, Executive Director, and Paula Fontello, Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance. Board members Dave Thomas, Curt Bedford, and Susan Coffing were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Eby made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cale and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA May 9, 2013 Board Meeting

Mr. Thomson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2013 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eby and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles provided updates on the reporting period of May 2, 2013 to June 6, 2013. Mr. Charles stated that the revenue to date was \$694,500.00 which was 95% of the projected revenue. Mr. Charles reported that income for the reporting period was \$81,000.00 which was primarily from tournament income. Mr. Charles explained that the expenditures to date are \$641,000.00 which was 88% of the projected expenditures. Mr. Charles reported that expenditures for this period were \$43,700.00. Mr. Charles reported that the expenditures were primarily from tournaments, publications, and salary and OEC's. Mr. Charles reported that DIAA is in the black at this time which is normal for this time of year. Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cale and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None

III. A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Charles reported that there are 7 events to be considered for sanctioning. Mr. Charles reported that 5 are for cross country, 1 for indoor track, and 1 for spring track. Mr. Charles reported that all have been held in the past and appear to comply with NFHS and DIAA regulations. Mr. Eby made a motion to approve the sanction events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eliassen and carried unanimously.

B. Request for Associate Membership by DISC Schools

Mr. Charles advised that this was the annual application for associate membership by the Delaware Independent Conference Schools, which include St. Andrews, Tower Hill, Sanford, Tatnall, and Wilmington Friends. Mr. Neubauer stated that the DISC makes their annual request because their students need to be eligible to participate in athletics as the schools use participation in sports as their physical education requirement. Mr. Neubauer explained that the two key request involved the transfer rule (1009.2.4) and years of eligibility (1009.2.7). Mr. Neubauer reported that because St. Andrews now plays girls soccer in the spring this year's associate membership application does not include a request to play girls soccer in the fall.

Mr. Eliassen made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eby and carried unanimously.

C. Consideration of FAQ Concerning 1009.4.3.1 Multiple Sports in One Season

Mr. Charles reminded the Board that at last month's meeting he shared the Rules and Regulations Committee's interpretation regarding playing two different sports in one season. Mr. Charles reminded the Board that the Rules and Regulations Committee felt that if a student wanted to participate in two sports in the same sports season they could do this but were limited to the maximum competition dates per week for either sport. Mr. Charles explained that essentially the student could participate in a maximum of three competitions in a week. Mr. Charles reminded the Board that they felt this was too restrictive. Mr. Charles reviewed the three FAQ's intended to address this issue and was asking the Board for consideration and feedback. Mr. Charles stated that he shared this with a sub-committee of the Rules and Regulations and he reviewed their concerns. Ms. Fontello explained the flexibility is because regulation 4.3 indicates that the maximum number of regular scheduled contests or dates for each team shall be designated by the Board of Directors which is done annually. Ms. Fontello stated this is why this doesn't have to go through the regulatory process. After some discussion Mr. Charles stated that he would like to contact bordering states to see how they handle this issue.

Mr. Eby made a motion to table this request to give the Executive Director time to do more research. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eliassen.

D. Request by DAAD to Fund Travel for LTC Coordinator

Mr. Charles stated that last year the DAAD asked that DIAA set aside \$10,000.00 for LTC courses offered by the NIAAA. Mr. Charles explained the Leadership Training Coordinator is the states liaison for DAAD regarding NIAAA courses offered in Delaware. Mr. Charles stated that the NIAAA holds a conference each year for the Coordinators. Mr. Charles stated that DAAD was asking for the money to send the LTC Coordinator to Indianapolis.

Mr. Eby made a motion to approve the funding to send the coordinator and the money should come out of the original \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kobasa and carried unanimously.

E. Request to Amend Spring Sports Schedule for Softball and Boys' Lacrosse

Mr. Charles explained that the first request is for boys' lacrosse. Mr. Charles explained that boys' lacrosse has a difficult time getting their regular season completed without playing three games a week every week and that the athletic directors are asking to move the state tournament a week later. Mr. Charles stated that the problem moving it a week later is that they run into graduation week. Mr. Charles reported that the softball committee met and have resolved their issue and has withdrawn their request. Mr. Neubauer reviewed a chart showing the tournaments and the dates.

Mr. Eby made a motion to move the boys' lacrosse tournament a week later. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

F. Approval of FY 14 Budget

Mr. Charles reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. Mr. Charles reviewed the fund balance and reported that DIAA will show a profit again this year. Mr. Charles then reviewed the income by sport and specifically discussed the sports that showed a loss. Mr. Charles reported that this year we had more sports show a loss than ever before. Mr. Charles then reviewed the proposed income and expenses and stated that he is still waiting on income from spring tournaments and several invoices. Mr. Charles reviewed several of the categories and explained the adjustments in projected revenue and expenses. Mr. Charles also discussed several proposed projects and sources of revenue that could impact next year's budget.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to table the budget till the July meeting so that

the Board will have final budget numbers for review. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cale and carried unanimously.

G. Election of 2013-14 Board Officers

Mr. Kobasa made a motion to elect Ms. Taylor as chairperson and Mr. Bedford as vice chairperson for 2013-14. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Legal Report

Ms. Fontello stated that she needs to review the NFHS Network.

B. Update on Concussion Summit

Mr. Charles stated that on May 21, 2013 he attended the Governor's Advisory Council and Exception Citizens Youth Concussion Summit. Mr. Charles reported that DIAA received favorable feedback on their concussion protocol. Among other recommendations attendees identified a need to reach out in other youth sports, improve training of physicians on how to deal with concussions, and improve return to school protocol. Mr. Charles stated that the next summit is scheduled in six months.

C. Update on Proposed SCA Legislation

Mr. Charles gave an update on the SCA Legislation Senate Bill 108 AKA Grace Firestone's Law. Mr. Charles reminded the Board of the focus of the Bill. He reported that Senator Hall-Long planned to run a resolution instead and table the bill until such time as a work group has had an opportunity to evaluate the legislation.

D. Spring Tournament Report

Mr. Neubauer reviewed the spring tournaments. Mr. Neubauer thanked Caesar Rodney for hosting the track and field events. Mr. Neubauer stated that there were three state records set. Mr. Neubauer reported that unified sports events were introduced in the 100 meter and shot put events for boys and girls. Mr. Neubauer reviewed the tennis tournament and stated that the University of Delaware are now charging fees for this event. Mr. Neubauer stated that girls lacrosse had the second best attendance. Mr. Neubauer thanked all the sites that hosted neutral sites. Mr. Neubauer reported that baseball had a one day delay because of weather but was a great tournament. Mr. Neubauer stated that the golf tournament was played at Rock Manor in Wilmington and for the first time DIAA awarded a medal to the top female golfer. Mr. Neubauer stated for the first time in four years Caravel was not in the

finals. Both schools in the finals were from the Henlopen Conference. Mr. Neubauer also stated that the winning pitcher pitched a perfect game in the finals. Mr. Neubauer reported on the girls soccer tournament and stated that the attendance was down a little in the first round and thanked Dover, Smyrna, and Caravel who hosted the entire tournament.

E. 2012-13 Attendance Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the attendance report with the Board members and reported that the attendance was the highest for the past five years.

F. Status of Ball Contract Renewals

Mr. Neubauer reported that there are three ball sponsorships that expired the end of this school year. Mr. Neubauer reported that Wilson renewed their sponsorship and will now fully supply all the tennis balls needed and will donate 15 Wilson logo shirts.

G. 2013 May DIAA SMAC Report

Mr. Charles shared the minutes of the last DIAA Sports Medicine Committee meeting.

H. Update on Board Appointments

Mr. Charles reported that Bradley Layfield of Sussex Central High School was appointed to replace Woody Long and Willie Savage was appointed of the Woodbridge School District Board was appointed to be replacing Harvey Hyland. Mr. Charles also reported that Artie Uhlich replaced Joe Thomson as a Henlopen Conference Athletic Director. Mr. Charles stated that he has a phone call into the Governor's office to find out where we stand with the Sussex County public member and the two year old vacancy for the New Castle County public member.

V. Other

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Holodick made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

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Tina Hurley