

**MINUTES**  
**PSAC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS' SPRING MEETING**  
**Hilton Garden Inn, State College, PA**  
**October 4, 2017**

Prior to the formal start of the meeting the Administrators heard a presentation from Tim Yount from USA Triathlon.

I. The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, Wednesday, October 4 by chairperson Mike McFarland (Bloom). Those present included: Steve Murray, Will Adair, Carlin Chesick, Chris Parker, Vaughn Dalzell (PSAC); Kathy Heitzman (Bloom); Karen Hjerpe, Jenni Morrison (Cal); Wendy Snodgrass, DJ Bevevino (Clarion); Kevin Forde, Jo Greenawalt (E. Stroud); Bruce Baumgartner (Edin); Lisa Goddard McGuirk, Randy Zimmerman (Gannon); Steve Roach, Samantha Traver (IUP); Greg Bamberger, Michelle Gober (Kutz); Danielle Barney, Tom Gioglio (LHU); Kris Decker (Mans); Lauren Packer Webster (Mercy); Miles Gallagher, Larry Earnesty (Mill); Pat Pecora, Katrin Wolfe (UPJ) Bruce Ivory, Chris Snyder, Renee Kania (Seton Hill); Carrie Michaels, Jeff Michaels, Ashley Grimm (Ship); Paul Lueken, (SRU); Terry Beattie, Kelli Milliner (WCU)

II. Requests for Reordering Agenda – NONE

III. Announcements  
Commissioner Murray provided the group with a brief overview of the institutional grants process through the Strategic Initiative Grant program; the recently held Basketball Officiating Summits and upcoming NCAA Regional SAAC Convention.

IV. Minutes  
MOTION (Lueken): To approve the Minutes of the April 2017 meeting as presented  
SECOND (Gioglio)  
MOTION PASSES

V. Reports

A. Sports Information/Awards – Adair

**MOTION (Gioglio) That the following individuals be presented with Service Awards by the PSAC: Tom McGuire (SID Bloomsburg) and Chad Derck (ass't baseball Kutztown)**  
**SECOND (Lueken)**  
**MOTION PASSES**

B. Officiating Committee – Jay  
Heard a report from the previous day's Summit between the Officiating Committee and the Coordinators of Officials.

C. PSAC Championships Committee – C. Michaels  
Heard a report from the Championships Committee on discussions of moving to a requirement that sports with sponsorship of 12 or more programs would be required to schedule in some form of Divisional format.

*The Administrators asked the conference office and sport liaisons to ensure that discussion and feedback on this topic occur during the upcoming round of coaches meetings with a final proposal ready for consideration for the full group at its April 2018 meeting.*

D. NCAA Division II Management Council – Murray  
No Report – Management Council Meeting upcoming

E. NCAA Championships Committee – Bamberger  
Heard a report regarding recent actions by the Championships Committee regarding ground transportation reimbursement at NCAA championships, baseball super-regional formatting, regional alignments in men's soccer and a pilot program for alcohol sales at select championships.

- F. NCAA Nominating Committee – Heitzman  
Reminded the group to contact Kathy Heitzman when they were submitting nominations for committee service.
- G. Division II Athletics Directors Association – Lueken  
Updated group on membership in D2ADA.
- H. PSAC Advisory Council – Murray  
Reminder that Jeff Michaels and Wendy Snodgrass represented the AAs on the Advisory Council.

VI. New Business – Conference Office Items

- A. Mental Health Checklist
- B. Media Rights Policy
- C. Concussion Policy
- D. Transgender Policy

Commissioner Murray distributed current policies adopted for Concussion and Mental Health and draft proposals for Media Rights and Transgender to allow for feedback on these topics in the coming months with updates and final drafts to be presented during the Spring legislative calendar for the league.

VII. Sport Committee Reports

1. Baseball – Packer Webster

**MOTION (Packer Webster) To move the PSAC Baseball Championship Round (when only 2 teams are remaining) to a single elimination format regardless of the number of losses each team has throughout the tournament**

**SECOND (C. Michaels)**

**MOTION PASSES (25-7-2)**

**MOTION (Packer Webster) To institute a 10-run rule for the PSAC Baseball Championship under NCAA Rule 8.4 (after 7 innings of play).**

**SECOND (Gioglio)**

**MOTION PASSES (27-5-2)**

2. Cross-Country/Track & Field – Barney and Roberts

There was a discussion regarding the future management of the PSAC Indoor Track & Field Championship and member institutions providing assistance to Edinboro in staffing and medical support.

**MOTION (Barney) To designate on a rotating basis two “host” institutions to support the PSAC Indoor Track & Field Championship at Edinboro, including providing Athletic Training Support Coverage for the event (1 per institution)**

**SECOND (C. Michaels)**

**MOTION PASSES (27-0-6)**

*Slippery Rock volunteered for the 2018 championship as one of the institutions. The conference will develop a rotation keeping in mind a similar process is in place for the Swimming Championships the same month.*

3. Men's & Women's Tennis - Heitzman

**MOTION: (Heitzman) That for the sport of Tennis, beginning with the 2018-19 season, one ITA certified official be assigned to every PSAC mandated match.**

**SECOND (Roach)**

**MOTION PASSES (16-10-8)**

**MOTION: (Heitzman) That for the sport of Tennis, the conference office develop a weekly lineup submission process and review in order to manage roster lineup protests in advance of competition rather than post-competition.**

**SECOND (Roach)**

**MOTION PASSES (26-0-8)**

4. Lacrosse – Gober

NO REPORT

5. Softball – Traver

MOTION: (Traver) That in the sport of Softball, the PSAC Championship be conducted in a Thursday-Sunday format

SECOND (C. Michaels)

MOTION FAILS (0-34)

MOTION: (Traver) That in the sport of Softball, the conference office develop an RFP for a championship site for the 2019 championship locale

SECOND (C. Michaels)

MOTION FAILS (0-34)

MOTION: (Traver) That in the sport of Softball, the PSAC mandate that each facility have a comparable visitor's bullpen to that of the home team to include a home plate and pitching rubber.

SECOND (J. Michaels)

MOTION FAILS (0-34)

6. Volleyball – Hjerpe

There was a discussion led by Associate Commissioner Will Adair regarding the future scheduling of PSAC Volleyball with the addition of Bloomsburg as a sports sponsor in 2018. A committee of coaches had met to discuss scheduling options and recommended no change to the four division format for 2018. Alignment of teams was the sole issue that needed to be determined, and it was felt geography should be the primary emphasis.

**MOTION: (Gallagher) That in the sport of volleyball, with the addition of Bloomsburg, that Millersville be placed in the Southeast Division (WCU, Chey, KU, ESU) and Bloomsburg be placed in the Central Division (LHU, Ship, UPJ).**

**SECOND (Gioglio)**

**MOTION PASSES (24-4-4)**

7. Men's & Women's Basketball – Traver & Grimm

No Report

8. Football – Bamberger

No Report

9. Golf – Wolfe and Kauffman

MOTION: (Wolfe) That in the sport of Men's & Women's Golf the PSAC employ a 36 hole Fall Qualifying Championship with the top 4 teams advancing to a Spring "match-play" format.

SECOND (Roach)

MOTION FAILS (2-20-8)

**MOTION (Wolfe) That in the sport of Men's and Women's Golf, the PSAC move to a 54-hole tournament played over three days. A practice round would be available the day prior to the championship with member institutions responsible for the costs of the practice round expenses.**  
**SECOND (J. Michaels)**  
**MOTION PASSES (20-4-10)**

10. Soccer – Gallagher and McFarland  
No Report

11. Field Hockey – Grimm

There was a discussion regarding the use of Go-Pro video cameras by teams in BOTH cages during matches. During the season, the conference office issued a directive that the cameras could only be used in the respective team's cage, not both (unless both teams agreed). The coaches would address further policy regulating these cameras during their annual meeting.

MOTION (Forde) That Go-Pro camera be permitted to be used in both cages during matches as long as they were turned off during halftime.  
SECOND (Lueken)  
MOTION FAILS (4-15-13)

12. Athletic Trainers – Rollins  
No Report

13. Swimming – Snodgrass  
No Report

14. Wrestling – Baumgartner  
No Report

15. Sports Information Directors – Jay

There was a discussion held regarding how public address announcers managed contests during the PSAC Championships. Should they be neutral in their demeanor or use a more "regular season" flair to their announcements. After some discussion, the group felt that the more "neutral" feel should continue at the championship with the realization that there is likely always some "home field benefit" that occurs during the course of the contest. The conference office will continue to monitor the situation and encourage a more neutral bias.

16. Compliance Coordinators – Heitzman  
Updated group on discussions from previous day.

VIII. Requested Agenda Items

A brief discussion was held by the Administrators regarding the new mandate from the NCAA requiring Sexual Violence Training for all coaches, administrators and student-athletes.

IX. Old Business

Updated the group on the Webstreaming Initiative that kicks off with Basketball Season this year.

X. Future Meetings

1. April AA Meeting: April 3-4, 2018
2. May Board of Directors: May 21-22, 2018

Meeting Adjourned at 12:54 pm