

PSAC SID MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 20, 2019 – Dixon University Center

Attendance: Rob Christie (West Chester), Ryan Rebholz (IUP), David Rung and Josh Hill (Gannon), Chris Cupto (Pitt-Johnstown), Sean Fagan (Clarion), Chip Ransom (Shepherd), Erik Pedersen and Doug Page (East Stroudsburg), Dave Leisering (Bloomsburg), Bill Morgal (Shippensburg), Matt Kifer and Alex King (California), Jon Holtz and Tyler McIntosh (Slippery Rock), Ryan McNamara and Drew Patrick (Mansfield), Ethan Hulsey (Millersville), Adam Kaylor (Lock Haven). Will Adair, Chris Parker, Steve Murray and Jenea Shoemaker (PSAC).

Heaslip Award Voting: Adair

- Nominated candidates were discussed. PSAC will announce 2019 winner in August.

Athlete of the Week Awards Update: Adair

- Adair announced Athlete of the Week award changes were recommendations passed by AD's and suggested by awards committee. The conference will be adding defensive athlete of the week in FH, WSOC, MSOC, lacrosse. Volleyball will have one defensive player of the week for the entire conference. Basketball will remove freshman of the week and add defensive player of the week.
- Parker reminded the group to provide supporting information in nominations.
- Parker will look into SIDs getting the supporting information in the email receipt

Style Guide: Parker

- Parker will be adding SID handbook information to the style guide. Encourage all to adhere to it and support the style guide to the benefit of league SIDs and to the conference office. Send suggestions for inclusion in the handbook to the conference office. The conference will send out updated with athlete of the week schedule prior to the fall.

XML Stats: McNamara

- McNamara pointed out that some categories, especially in baseball and softball are in reverse order, for example, hitters with most strikeouts, fielder with the most errors, etc... Asked if the conference could present to SIDEARM changes to some of the categories? Parker will reach out to inquire if they can customize to PSAC site or eliminate statistics of futility. Jon Holtz will present categories to SIDEARM at CoSIDA.

Baseball-Softball schedule conflicts: Caputo

- Caputo discussed issues with multiple baseball and softball games at home on the same day and struggled to staff. He inquired if it can be arranged that one program can play at home on Friday, the other on Saturday. Adair stated that that format would not fit into the way schedules are rotated and would have to start from scratch. Schedules are already built out for a couple of years.

Genius Sports: Caputo

- Caputo asked the group for thoughts on the software. Christie and Hulsey used it for basketball in 2018-19 and discussed the positives and negatives with mostly positive feedback. Among the points: the software is intuitive, easy to learn and train students on. Customer support is very quick. There will be some issues in formatting of rosters and game files as long as some use Genius and some use Statcrew. There is no issue with conference stats as long as an XML file is produced.

Schedule times on web: Morgal

- Morgal made a motion that in the sport of baseball to list 2 ½ hours between game times on schedule pages. No one opposed and the style guide will be edited to reflect change. Murray reminded the group of the change of baseball schedules with East going to nine inning games on Friday, seven/nine on Saturday. The West will play seven/nine both days.

PSAC Championship coverage: Morgal

- Morgal sought clarification on coverage of streaming for championships, asking if there was money available for reimbursement beyond video streaming for items such as photography and additional staffing required. Murray stated that a conversation for track, swimming, cross country should be had about an allowance. Please discuss with conference office ahead of time to set up what staffing needs / extra expenses there may be. The conference is willing to help although the fund hasn't been fully built up to handle all championships.

Stretch Internet: Morgal

- The conference has finished year two of four with contract for Stretch. Schools are now required to stream football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball. The initial plan was to do an RFP at the end of the 2019-20 year.
 - SID's listed complaints regarding service and areas where Stretch has not met agreements. Because of these issues, Murray suggested an expedited start to the next RFP process and to bring in companies to present to SID's in December.
- Complaints from SID's included:
 - Concern over company has been bought out twice. Communication is not as good this year and has not lived up to what the company had promised in terms of support. The archive has not been in HD.
 - Company is not capable of handling what they promised. Biggest event days of the year their systems went down. Only an email sent two days later with an apology. Three football Saturdays where the system went down.
 - Three years in a row there was a promise that the new portal was coming but the conference is still on the same portal as we were three years ago.

Election of officers

- Nominations for the positions: Ryan McNamara President (Holtz / Morgal) Motion passed.
- Doug Spatafore Vice President (Holtz / Hulsey) Motion passed.
- Matt Heffelfinger Secretary (Hulsey / Holtz) Motion passed.

Football Media Day

- It will be held August 5 in Lock Haven. Will hold it in-person with Shepherd joining the league and preseason announcements to celebrate college football's 150th anniversary. Coaches only, no athletes.
- Murray: League has selected the 150th anniversary team using committee of seven former SID's. Celebrating players who are synonymous with those teams for the 150th anniversary. Not a 150 best players or the best players in PSAC history. PSAC will create language to clarify and a representative will come to each campus for a home game with a plaque with the names.

Additional

- Holtz requested the streaming structure by office. Consider looking into job description/position categorization because of addition of video work.
- Murray stated that PSAC is interested in holding a video streaming workshop for students and SIDs in August. Bring in experts in various fields, such as announcers, producers, etc... Show students how to prepare for broadcasts, what are the expectations, provide Production Truck tutorial.
- McIntosh suggested that the conference use XML stats for tennis on the conference web site. Parker will start dialogue with Sidearm to make that possible.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.