

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 21, 2020  
MINUTES**

**I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Dr. Welsh called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Those present: Dr. Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg; Dr. Geraldine Jones, California; Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson, Clarion; Dr. Marcia Welsh, East Stroudsburg; Dr. Guiyou Huang, Edinboro; Dr. Keith Taylor, Gannon; Dr. Michael Driscoll, IUP; Dr. Ken Hawkinson, Kutztown; Mr. Robert Pignatello, Lock Haven; Dr. Charles Patterson, Mansfield; Mr. Michael Victor, Mercyhurst; Dr. Daniel Wubah, Millersville; Dr. Jem Spectar, Pitt-Johnstown; Dr. Mary Finger, Seton Hill; Dr. Mary Hendrix, Shepherd; Ms. Laurie Carter, Shippensburg; Dr. William Behre, Slippery Rock; Dr. Chris Fiorentino, West Chester; Steve Murray, Carlin Chesick, Will Adair, PSAC

**II. REVIEW/REORDERING OF AGENDA**

- A Review of Conflict of Interest Document for Board – All members have submitted to COI documents.
- B No reordering of items occurred.

**III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- A. Harrisburg 2019 Meeting | Emergency Calls 2020

**MOTION: (Taylor) To approved the Minutes from previous meetings as presented**

**SECOND: (Finger)**

**MOTION PASSED**

**IV. COMMISSIONERS REPORT - Mr. Murray**

Commissioner Murray presented the Board with an update on items from the past year. No action required.

**V. DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – President Driscoll**

President Driscoll presented the Board with updates from the Division II Presidents Council. No action required

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Advisory Council Recommendations – President Welsh

- 1. Ratification of Consent Actions

The Board reviewed items previously approved by the Chairperson Welsh. All legislative items were deemed “consent” during the year and the Chair approved the items under her purview in conference policy. (Attached)

**MOTION: (Driscoll) To ratify the Consent Items previously approved by the Chair as presented**

**SECOND: (Huang)**

**MOTION PASSED**

**VII. FINANCE REPORT – President Fiorentino**

- A. Finance

- 1. Audit Report 2018-19 – The Board reviewed the 2018-19 Financial Audit. No actions required
  - 2. Proposed 2020-21 Budget – The Board was updated on the current and future financial status of the Conference and discussed any issues.

**MOTION: (Fiorentino) To adopted the proposed budget as presented by the Commissioner for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year, which includes membership dues of \$22,000 and utilizes surplus funds from the 2019-20 Fiscal Year to supplant additional expenses in support of the member institutions addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**SECOND (Driscoll)**

**MOTION PASSED**

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. PSAC Strategic Initiatives Update from 2019-20 - The Board was provided an update on Strategic Initiatives engaged during the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. No actions required.

## **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. COVID-19 planning and updates

1. **Conference Policy** – The Board reviewed the Conference Policy “Medically Related Cancellations or Postponements”. No actions required.

2. **Questions/Concerns that arise or will need addressed** – The Board had extensive discussions regarding a variety of concerns related to returning to in-person learning on campuses and the potentialities of resuming athletic practices and competitions. They were updated on current actions within the conference and NCAA in planning for return to play.

3. **Increased frequency of Board meetings through Summer** – The Board agreed to meet bi-weekly throughout the summer to discuss and decide on issues relative to return to practice and play on campuses. Meetings will occur on June 2, 16, 30 and July 14, 28 over the next two months.

- B. Selection of Officers & Executive Committee – President Driscoll

President Driscoll presented the following slate of candidates for the Executive Committee for 2020-21

Chair – Dr. Geraldine Jones, California

Vice Chair – Ms. Laurie Carter, Shippensburg

Treasurer – Dr. Chris Fiorentino, West Chester

At-Large – Dr. Mary Finger, Seton Hill

At-Large – Dr. Ken Hawkinson, Kutztown

**MOTION (Hanna) To adopt the slate of candidates**

**SECOND: (Huang)**

**MOTION PASSED**

- C. Personnel Issues

**MOTION: (Fiorentino) That all current PSAC staff employment agreements be extended for another year.**

**SECOND (Carter)**

**MOTION PASSED**

## **X. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- A. Bi-Weekly in Summer of 2020 (June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28)

- B. Annual Board Meeting: Tentative – May 18, 2021 (Harrisburg)

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm

Minutes by:  
Steve Murray, Commissioner  
5/19/2020

**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference  
CONSENT ITEMS 2019-20**

**Spring 2020 PSAC Legislative Cycle**

**ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED WERE DEEMED CONSENT ITEMS**

- 1) To enter into an agreement with Roberta Butler to serve as PSAC Officiating Coordinator for Field Hockey through the 2024 Season (2024-25 academic year).  
The Fee Structure will be:  
Fall 2020: \$195/game (\$98/scrimmage)  
Fall 2021: \$200/game (\$100/scrimmage)  
Fall 2022: \$200/game (\$100/scrimmage)  
Fall 2023: \$205/game (\$103/scrimmage)  
Fall 2024: \$205/game (\$103/scrimmage)  
  
Mileage: \$0.40/mile round trip through 2024  
Scheduling Fee: \$350/program through 2024
- 2) To enter into an agreement with Roberta Butler to serve as PSAC Officiating Coordinator for Lacrosse through the 2025 Season (2024-25 academic year).  
The Fee Structure will be:  
Spring 2021: \$210/game (\$105/scrimmage)  
Spring 2022: \$215/game (\$108/scrimmage)  
Spring 2023: \$220/game (\$110/scrimmage)  
Spring 2024: \$225/game (\$113/scrimmage)  
Spring 2025: \$225/game (\$113/scrimmage)  
  
Mileage: \$0.40/mile round trip through 2025  
Scheduling Fee: \$350/program through 2025
- 3) That in the sport of volleyball, scoresheets must be emailed to all conference coaches at the same time the upload of match video is sent to the video exchange platform.
- 4) That in the sport of volleyball, the PSAC move to a two-division structure and double round-robin scheduling format within each division for the 2020 season.
- 5) For the sport of volleyball, the PSAC will conduct an 8-team conference tournament, with the top four teams from each division advancing to the quarterfinals. Quarterfinal matches will be conducted within the respective Divisions (4 at 1, 3 at 2). The semifinals and finals will be hosted by the highest remaining seed beginning with the Eastern Division in 2020.
- 6) In the sport of Football, to adopt the following tie-breaker criteria in the event of ties to determine which team participates in the conference championship game.
  - A) Head to Head results among tied teams
  - B) Record against teams in the division not involved in the tie starting at the top of the standings
  - C) Overall record in mandated conference games (divisional and crossovers included)
  - D) Mandated crossover opponents aggregate record in their division only games
  - E) Road wins among the 9 mandated games
  - F) Record vs. teams in the opposite division starting at the top of the standings
  - G) Coin Toss
- 7) In the sport of Women's Soccer, beginning in 2021, to contest the PSAC Tournament with the quarterfinals on Saturday, and semifinals the following weekend on Friday and Championship match on Sunday.

- 8) That in the sport of Soccer, following Daylight Savings Time, conference matches played on facilities without lights may not begin prior to 11:00 am and no later than 3:00 pm.
- 9) Effective 2019-2020, to not include the total aid financial aid data in the sports of football and men's and women's basketball when providing the PSAC Grant-In-Aid Equivalencies document to member institutions.
- 10) Effective 2020-2021, to include total rostered athletes (using the EADA methodology) and total number of athletes received athletic scholarships when providing the PSAC Grant-In-Aid Equivalencies to member institutions.
- 11) That in the sport of Softball, beginning with the 2021 season, the PSAC Softball regular season schedule be constructed in a two division format of 9 teams each, playing a single round robin of doubleheaders against each opponent in the respective Division. Additionally, 5 teams from each Division will qualify for the championship tournament to be conducted in a 10-team double-elimination format.
- 12) That the PSAC enter into an agreement to conduct the PSAC Championship Softball Tournament in Quakertown, PA with Richmond Area Softball Association as host through 2024.

### **Fall 2019 PSAC Legislative Cycle**

#### **ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED WERE DEEMED CONSENT ITEMS**

- 1). In the sport of baseball, to set the start time for single 9 inning games in the Eastern Division at 2 PM
- 2). In the sport of baseball, to set the start time for doubleheaders in the Eastern Division at noon
- 3). In the sport of baseball, to conduct the PSAC Tournament in the following format: Single elimination first round games, double elimination for the remainder of the tournament all at the same site starting with the 2020 Championship
- 4). To eliminate the 4x800m relay from the PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships with an effective date of 2021.
- 5). To eliminate the 4x800m relay from the PSAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships with an effective date of 2021.
- 6). Declarations for the PSAC Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships shall extend beyond the qualifying list so that the games committee is able to fill the field to the size identified in the sport operating code.
- 7). In the Sport of Tennis, for PSAC Championship quarterfinal matches, the host institution shall have 6 courts in the same location available for use (so all 6 singles can start at the same time). Additionally, if weather necessitates moving the match indoors, a minimum of 3 courts shall be available.