

MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGES ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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A meeting of the Pennsylvania State Teachers College Athletic Conference was held in Pennsylvania Dutch Room of the Penn Harris Hotel in Harrisburg on Monday, December 7, 1953. The following representatives were present: Oscar Liljensstein and Eugene Martin, East Stroudsburg; Dr. Darrel Black and Herb Jack, Lock Haven; William Benner, West Chester; Vinton Rambo, Shippensburg; Ted Nemeth, California; Waldo Tippin, Clarion; William O'Shields, Cheyney; John Pucillo, Millersville; M.E. Decker, Mansfield; Jack Yohe, Bloomsburg; George Miller, Indiana. The following members of the Board of Presidents' Athletic Committee were present: Dr. Charles Swope, West Chester; Dr. James Morgan, Mansfield; Dr. D.L. Beimesderfer, Millersville. Merle Agnello, conference statistician, was also present. Dr. Francis B. Hass, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Dr. Henry Klonower, were guests of the conference.

President Miller called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. He extended greetings to members and introduced Dr. Darrel Black, of Lock Haven, the new athletic director. In his remarks, President Miller pointed out the growing importance of the conference and its worth to member colleges. Mr. Yohe, of Bloomsburg, served as secretary-treasurer in the absence of Mr. Hoch, who could not attend the meeting because of illness in his family. Mr. Yohe read the following treasurer's report:

Balance on hand	5/4/53	\$494.23
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Receipts

9/30/53	East Stroudsburg dues	\$40.00	
10/21/53	Edinboro	<u>40.00</u>	
	Total		<u>80.00</u>
	Total		\$574.23

Disbursements

5/25/53	Merle Agnello	\$125.00	
7/9/53	C. Wm. Henrie, printer	24.90	
11/19/53	Merle Agnello	<u>125.00</u>	
			\$274.90

12/7/53	Balance on hand	\$299.33*
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* includes the Wrestling fund of \$200.00

Mr. Benner moved that the report be accepted as read and the conference books be audited at the May 1954 meeting. Mr. Jack seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Mr. Jack reported on the Saylor Rating System, and it was the opinion of the group that the Saylor System was the best that the conference had used to date and has proven itself to be satisfactory. Mr. Rambo, of Shippensburg, asked if other rating systems had been looked into. Mr. Jack reported that they would be, but in his opinion the Saylor System was "the most satisfactory."

The question of a championship play-off, if two teams were to end in a tie at the end of the football season was raised. It was the opinion of those present that they would be designated as co-champions.

2. Mr. Benner moved that in case of a tie they be declared co-champions. Mr. Tippin seconded it, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rambo raised the question of whether a scheduling body, whose purpose it would be to centralize scheduling, could be set up. A committee, composed of Mr. Rambo as Chairman, Mr. Pucillo, and Mr. Jack, was appointed and asked to report on this question at the next meeting.

Mr. Pucillo and Mr. Decker made their report on and recommendations for the hiring of football officials. The recommendations follow:

1. That every member-college of the conference submit the names of their approved officials to the secretary-treasurer.
2. That a list containing the names of all the football officials, submitted by the member-colleges, be made.
3. That this list be submitted to each member-college of the conference for approval or disapproval of each name on the list. The list should be returned to the secretary-treasurer.
4. The secretary-treasurer should send to each member college the master list showing the approval or disapproval of each football official by each of the colleges.
5. That the master list of football officials be used as a guide when securing officials for our football games.

Mr. Pucillo suggested that a criteria for evaluation of officials be set up. In order to give this question more study, Mr. Pucillo asked for more time and promised to report at the May meeting. Mr. Kramer, who had been a member of this committee asked to be relieved of the duty of sitting in on this committee. He was so removed, and Mr. Benner was asked to take his place.

The question of standardizing fees of officials was discussed. No action was taken.

The question of insurance was discussed, and it was found that various schools used various means of settling this question. Dr. Swope stated that he was interested in the insurance policy now made available to public schools and further stated that he was looking into the matter to see if teacher colleges were eligible for this insurance plan. He stated that he would try to report on this at the next meeting in May.

3. Mr. Rambo moved that the football championship of 1953 be awarded to West Chester State Teachers College. Mr. Tippin seconded it, and it was unanimously carried.

4. ~~Mr. Benner moved and Mr. Liljenstein seconded that~~ Lock Haven and Slippery Rock State Teachers Colleges be declared co-champions in soccer for the 1953 season.

Mr. Agnello, the conference statistician, raised the question of awarding trophies to champions of the various sports. It was the opinion of the group that the buying and awarding of trophies is fast becoming a racket and prohibitive in cost. It was unanimously decided by the group that the honor of winning was sufficient, and that no trophies be awarded.

It was stated that the track meet of the state teacher colleges will be held at West Chester the second Saturday in May. Mr. Benner was asked that letters regarding the track meet be sent out in early spring.

Mr. O'Shields asked if any of the colleges participated in any college golf tournaments. Mr. Rambo and Mr. Tippin commented favorably on the Juniata College Golf Tournament and suggested that any college attend. Mr. Agnello asked if a golf champion has been declared, and it was the opinion of the group that under present conditions, it was not advisable to try and do so.

Mr. Pucillo raised the question regarding the interpretation of the amateur rule. Other questions of eligibility were raised, such as the eligibility of a boy who left school to enlist in the Armed Services and ~~the boy who was inducted into the Armed Service,~~ as was the question of the number of semesters of competition in relation to the number of semesters in college. A committee with Mr. Benner, as chairman, and Dr. Black was asked to make a study of eligibility to see if the eligibility rules as stated in the constitution of the State Teacher College Conference was in agreement with the eligibility rules as stated by the N.C.A.A. and the E.C.A.C. They were asked to make the report and recommendation at the next meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 for lunch.

Following lunch, Dr. Haas and Dr. Klonower spoke briefly to those present.

Mr. Rambo raised the question of pre-season football practice with regard to the date of its opening, costs, etc. After discussion, it was decided that this was an individual school problem and should be handled as such.

Mr. Jack raised the question of complimentary tickets and stated that he was in favor of doing away with the giving of complimentary tickets to a visiting team.

5. Mr. Jack moved and Mr. Nemeth seconded the motion that all complimentary tickets be eliminated for visiting team members. This does not include tickets for the coaches and administrative officials of the college. The motion was unanimously carried. There was no date for putting this action into effect.

~~Mr. Rambo raised the question with regard as to who shall be entitled to the game ball. After considerable discussion---~~

6. Mr. Rambo moved that the game ball be the property of the home team, win or lose. Mr. Decker seconded it, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Jack recommended that each school send to each member school two complimentary season passes to be used for scouting purposes. Mr. Benner stated that he would prefer having each school write him for complimentary tickets to be used for scouting purposes, inasmuch as each of their tickets are in the reserved seat section, and it would be a loss of revenue to their college if these seats were not used.

Dr. Swope raised the question of post-season games. Considerable discussion followed. No action was taken.

7. Mr. Benner moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Jack, Unanimously adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack W. Yohe,
Secretary pro-tem