

KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 24, 2009
10:00 a.m., DMC Room

1) Call the meeting to order

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

2) Roll call

Members Present: Terry Martin, Dan Carstens, Curtis Schmidt, Bill Holt, Mark Robinson (via telephone), Dave Spence, and Nancy Hamburg

3) Approval of April 29, 2009 General Membership Meeting minutes and Executive Board Meeting minutes.

Bill Holt moved to approve the April 29, 2009 meeting minutes.

Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

4) September 24, 2009 agenda approval

Bill Holt moved to approve the September 24, 2009 agenda.

Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

5) Guests:

- Dave Cleveland, Soldotna High School Fast Pitch coach
 - He submitted an Application for SoHi Stars Softball.
 - All four coaches are volunteer and all will be ASAA certified
 - Turn the newly acquired and ten years unused field next to Centennial Park into a useable softball field. Timeline will be grass maturity.
 - He commented there are many scholarship opportunities with this program.
- Randy Creamer, Principal at Kachemak Selo, represented Alex Trout who was out of town.
 - On behalf of the three Russian Old Believer schools (Kachemak Selo, Razdolna and Voznesenka), they have presented letters of support requesting a waiver for their students to play hockey on Homer High's team. The state (ASAA) is scheduled to decide this issue in the near future.
- Stacia Rustad, Athletic Director at Kenai Central High School
 - KCHS is seeking consistent eligibility for all sports. Currently ineligible football players are required to sit out for a longer period of time than some other sports, i.e. cross country and swimming in the fall.

The consensus: High School Representative, Curtis Schmidt, will assemble a proposal based on input from athletic directors and administrators. This proposal will be brought to the spring KPSAA meeting for further discussion.

6) Executive Secretary's Report

- Dave Spence welcomed the new KPBSD athletic directors; Stacia Rustad, Mickey Todd, and Eric Pomerleau.
- New Handbooks/changes: Participation Guidelines for Activities Revision; M.S. Handbook, Page 11 and H.S. Handbook, Page 13. This was the only change to the handbooks.
- Music Reimbursement (Tallied numbers). See the attached sheet.
- Waivers approved:
 - M.S. Girls' Basketball – If there are too many ill players or not enough players turn out, permission to use 6th grade girls. Conditional waiver approved.
 - Chapman Principal, Sharon Trout, requested six 6th grade girls and two home schooled students to be allowed to play volleyball. Waiver approved.

7) Correspondence

- Letter from Alex Trout (Principal at Voznesenka) regarding Hockey waiver.
- Mr. Mark King requesting information on outsourcing KCHS Girls' fast pitch softball.
- Letter from Todd Syverson (Principal at Soldotna High School) regarding proposal for Soldotna High, Skyview and Kenai working together on the State Cross Country Tournament bid to ASAA.
- Letter from John O'Brien, Principal at Nikiski Middle/High School, stating they will not be able to field a team for hockey this year.

8) ASAA Updates; Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting in Nome, Alaska, April 27-28, 2009. Terry Martin is our Region II Representative. The complete information can be found on the ASAA website. Items discussed were:

- Appeal of a Game Suspension
- 2010 State Basketball Tournament Format
- Taunting Policy adopted
- Region 5 Football Conference
- Wrestling; combining Kachemak and Denali conferences
- Pre-participation Orientation
- Classification Committee
- Season Calendar Review committee
- Endowment Game Policy Amendments
- Participation by 8th grade students
- Alaska Hall of Fame

9) Action and Discussion Items

- 8th graders playing high school.
- Homer hockey update. ACLU's involvement was discussed.
- Wrestling dates
 - The tournament date is on a major holy day this year. Consensus; ASAA is unable to accommodate a floating calendar.
- Representative at Large appointment. The KPSAA Executive Board is one member short due to the resignation of Ginger Blackmon. By-laws state the Executive Board has authority to appoint this position. Consensus; suggest a name for replacement prior to the next meeting. Terry Martin will initiate contact(s).
- Physical requirement for middle school sports. Currently, sports physicals are strongly suggested but not required for middle school sports. There was much discussion of various view points on this topic. No action taken.
- Borough's Track & Field Tournament. Homer and Seward tracks are hosting this year's event. Dan Carstens spoke to the new condition of the Nikiski Jr./High School's track and to use it as the Tournament location. Main concern is having the necessary personnel. Nikiski will work directly with Skyview and the hosting schools for a solution.
- Practice Language; Page 10 of H.S. Handbook (Voznesenka). There was discussion on whether to include scrimmages as part of the practice requirements. Further research will be done.
- Dan Carstens brought to the table; Is there still a need for a Borough's Cross Country meet. More input is needed from participating schools.
- Dan Carstens as the Region III Representative is seeking information on issues concerning re-classification.

10) Next meeting: Thursday, November 12th, 10:00 a.m., DMC Room

11) Adjournment

At 1:35 p.m. Dan Carstens moved to adjourn.

Bill Holt seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.