

Twin State League

Meeting Minutes of 10/25/2023

- I. **The meeting was Called to Order by Commissioner Jim Hamric @ 11:08 a.m. @ Western Sizzlin' in Parkersburg, WV.**

- II. **Roll Call**
 - Fort Frye Matt Tullius, Eric Huck (FB), Amanda Duskey (VB)
 - Marietta Cody Venderlic, Jason Schob (FB), Ron Kidder (VB), Katie Haney-McGowan (VB), Bill Mannix (GSOC), Todd Morris (BSOC)
 - Point Pleasant Kent Price, Dave Darst (FB), Morgan Clark (VB), Chris Erett (GSOC), Chip Wood (BSOC)
 - Warren Steve Harold, Jimmy Peyton (FB), Ann Skufca (VB), Ben Rinehart (GSOC), Jon Hurley (BSOC)
 - Commissioner Jim Hamric
 - Others: Dan Doseck (Alexander)

- III. **Fall Sports All-Conference Awards**
 - Commissioner Hamric arranged coaches by sport and positioned at different tables for the purpose of selecting All-Conference Awards. He shared with the group the guidelines outlined in the League's bylaws.
 - Sport coaches present for All-Conference selection were: Football, Volleyball, Girls Soccer, and Boys Soccer.
 - Awards will be released after November 6, 2023.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes from 8.02.2023 Meeting**
 - ***MOTION to approve (Matt Tullius-Fort Frye), seconded (Kent Price-Pt. Pleasant). Motion was approved unanimously.***

- V. **Commissioner's Report**
 - A. **Financial Report (See Attachment)**
 - Commissioner Hamric indicated that a service charge of \$2 per month on the account was still included by Peoples Bank.
 - Annual dues for current members is \$1,000.

- VI. **Fall Championships Review**
 - A. **Football – Tie Breaker**
 - Motion was made by Cody Venderlic and seconded by Steve Harold to amend bylaws to reflect a tie-breaker for Team Champion. Discussion ensued.
#13: In case of a tie between schools, the TSL will use the following tie-breakers:
 - #1 – Head-to-Head Result***
 - #2 – Points Allowed within league play******Motion was approved unanimously (4-0)***

B. Other Team Sports – Tie Breaker

- ***MOTION was made by Cody Venderlic and seconded by Steve Harold to add tie-breaker system to the other team sports of Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, and Basketball. Motion was approved unanimously.***

C. Golf

- **MOTION was made by Steve Harold and seconded by Kent Price to amend bylaws for determining golf team champion. Motion was approved unanimously, and reads as follows:**

#1: Team League Championship will be determined by total team placement at three, 18 (or 9) hole tournaments, hosted by member schools.

Ex. Team A finishes: 1st (1), 3rd (3), 2nd (2) = 6 points

Team B finishes: 2nd (2), 2nd (2), 1st (1) = 5 points

TEAM B wins the league title with the low score

****In case of tie, combined team strokes will determine winner.***

VII. Winter Championships

- Warren will host the 2023-24 Wrestling Championships on February 7, 2024.
- Cheer competition has been placed on hold for another year.

VIII. Sports Scheduling

- Warren – Fort Frye Girls Basketball game originally scheduled for January 29, 2024 has been moved via a mutual agreement of the two schools to January 13, 2024. The original date was in conflict with the OVAC Semis and was past the OVAC cut-off date for counting as a league contest for meeting minimum scheduling requirements.
- Steve Harold mentioned that sports schedules in team sports were the same each season in terms of order of home and away games (schedule was copied season to season with only a change in dates, not locations).

MOTION was made by Steve Harold and seconded by Cody Venderlic to “flip home and away dates” starting with the Winter 2024-25 schedule. In addition, the schedule would be shifted forward to avoid scheduling past the OVAC cut-off dates. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Associate Membership

- Steve Harold reported to the League members that he had received Associate Membership applications for the sport of Boys and Girls Soccer from Alexander High School and Athens High School. Discussion ensued.
- ***MOTION was made by Steve Harold and seconded by Kent Price to accept Alexander High School as an Associate Member in Boys and Girls Soccer beginning with the Fall 2024 Soccer season. Motion was approved unanimously (4-0).***

- ***MOTION was made by Kent Price and seconded by Cody Venderlic to accept Athens High School as an Associate Member in Boys and Girls Soccer beginning with the Fall 2024 Soccer season. Motion was approved unanimously (4-0).***
- In regards to scheduling in soccer, the soccer coaches expressed an interest in just playing once in soccer, with the option to play a second match. This would allow more scheduling options and would not hinder Point Pleasant in scheduling their WV opponents.
- ***MOTION was made by Cody Venderlic and seconded by Kent Price that beginning with the Fall 2024 season, schools shall play all conference schools once, with an option to play a second match that does not count in the league standings. The first scheduled match between the schools counts toward the league standings. Motion passed unanimously.***

*Note: the published schedule will reflect a second date (highlighted in yellow) for a game between schools for efficiency in scheduling. The second date is purely optional.

X. Expansion Discussion

- It was the consensus of the Athletic Directors that we reach back out to schools who had previously shown interest in Twin State League membership. A face-to-face pre-meeting, followed by an invite to our December 13 meeting, was suggested. Each Athletic Director agreed to reach out to their contacts to solicit full and associate membership.

XI. Adjourn

- ***MOTION was made to adjourn (Cody Venderlic) & seconded (Matt Tullius); Motion passed unanimously***
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ Western Sizzlin' – 11:00 a.m.