

Twin State League

Meeting Minutes of 12/13/2023

- I. **The meeting was Called to Order by Commissioner Jim Hamric @ 11:06 a.m. @ Western Sizzlin' in Parkersburg, WV.**

- II. **Roll Call**
 - Fort Frye Matt Tullius
 - Marietta Cody Venderlic
 - Warren Steve Harold
 - Alexander Natalie Lucas
 - Commissioner Jim Hamric
 - Absent Kent Price (Point Pleasant)

- III. **Approval of Minutes from 10.25.2023 Meeting**
 - ***MOTION by (Cody Venderlic) and seconded by (Matt Tullius) to approve minutes from 10.25.2023 as distributed. Motion was approved unanimously.***

- IV. **Commissioner's Report**
 - A. Financial Report (See Attachment)
 - Commissioner Hamric shared the Financial Report (current balance in account: \$7,901.97)
 - Urged members to complete a Financial Statement for each Championship event Emphasized the need to make a profit on events (sponsors may be needed)
 - B. Dates for future meetings were discussed.
 - **MOTION by (Matt Tullius) and seconded by (Steve Harold) to establish the following dates for upcoming Twin State League Meetings:**
 - February 13**
 - May 7**
 - June 4**
 - *Motion was approved unanimously.**

- V. **Fall All-Conference Awards Promotion**
 - A. Steve Harold asked that all schools forward him pictures of Team Champions, Player of the Year, and Coach of the Year winners for all Fall sports so the TSL website can be updated.
 - B. Steve Harold presented a sample of the statistical history in football done by Aron Albright for Warren. Albright has requested that all schools provide him with their statistics from this past season and he will compile them into a History for the Sport of TSL football. His email is Aron.albright@gmail.com. **(Group favors this, but no formal motion was made to proceed)**

VI. Scheduling Discussion and Revisions

- ***MOTION was made by Steve Harold and seconded by Matt Tullius to revise the Boys and Girls Soccer schedules to reflect our new associate members. Motion approved unanimously.***
- Cody Venderlic, with the assistance of the Athletic Directors, revised and completed all the TSL schedules for this year, next, and the beginning of 2025 for review by the Athletic Directors for adoption at the next league meeting. Special attention was given to flipping home and away dates from one season to the next and completing league schedules prior to the OVAC cut-off date, as this was approved at the last meeting. A few Title IX “tweaks” were added to the schedules for future discussion and consideration. Cody shared schedules with Athletic Directors at conclusion of meeting via email.

VII. Expansion Discussion

- Cody Venderlic reported that as many as 6 schools had expressed interest in joining the Twin State League. It was the consensus of the Athletic Directors that we need to continue to reach out to our contacts at those schools who have shown interest in Twin State League membership to encourage them to join us. The need for WV schools was also expressed.

VIII. New Business

- A. Warren will host the TSL Wrestling Championships on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Teams were seeded based on last years’ order of finish (#1-Point Pleasant; #2-Warren; #3-Fort Frye; #4-Marietta) --- Schedule would be as follows:
 - 1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3
 - 1 vs. 3; 2 vs. 4
 - 1 vs. 2; 3 vs. 4
- B. Formation of Junior High League was discussed since a few potential new members had inquired about a JH league. Group was in favor of exploring it, but only after expansion of membership.
- C. Fall Awards were discussed at length. It was agreed that there is a need to stick to the bylaws in awarding honors in future voting. Collectively, the group wants to honor our student-athletes, but offering too many awards in a sport minimizes their importance.
- D. It was suggested by Steve Harold and agreed upon by the group that the role of Commissioner Hamric in setting meeting agendas and leading meetings needed to occur. It was believed that this would add further credibility to our league and would avoid a collection of schools controlling the decisions of the league. For future meetings, Commissioner Hamric would set the agenda with input welcomed from the member Athletic Directors.
- E. Commissioner Hamric suggested we look at a “Night of Champions” in Basketball to generate new revenue. Currently, it is believed that our membership size may prohibit that at this time.

IX. Adjourn

- ***MOTION was made to adjourn (Matt Tullius) & seconded (Natalie Lucas); Motion passed unanimously***
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ Western Sizzlin' – 11:00 a.m.