

## **Twin State League**

### **Meeting Minutes of 7/30/2025**

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

**II. Roll Call (Joint meeting with Football Media Day)**

- Fort Frye ..... Matt Tullius; Eric Huck (FB)
- Marietta ..... Hannah Kroft; Mike Kupfner (FB)
- Warren .... Steve Harold; Jason Gandee (FB)
- Point Pleasant .... James Higginbotham (AD & FB)
- Jim Hamric – Commissioner

Media – Griffin Albright (WTAP); Austin Baumgartner (WMOA Radio); Jordan Holland (Marietta Times)

**III. Approval of Minutes from 5.07.2025 Meeting**

- ***MOTION by (James Higginbotham) and seconded by (Hannah Kroft) to approve minutes from 5.07.2025 as distributed. The motion was approved unanimously.***

**IV. Commissioner's Report**

- A. Commissioner Hamric distributed the Financial Report and discussed it with the Athletic Directors. A deposit of \$245 from the Track Championship hosted by Point Pleasant was the only revenue, while various expenses totaling \$765.37 were incurred. Balance as of July 30, 2025, was \$6,357.86.
- B. Commissioner Hamric reported that the Peoples Bank service charge, which he believed had been eliminated, was deducted from our account (\$6). He will work to remedy that.
- C. Commissioner Hamric indicated that the next meeting would be on November 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Athletic Directors, and the Head Coaches of Football, Soccer, and Volleyball be asked to attend.

**V. Current Status of League**

- A. Commissioner Hamric reported that Point Pleasant informed him that they would withdraw from the Twin State League at the end of the Fall season. There would be no basketball in 2025-26 for Point Pleasant.
- B. Discussion ensued regarding the Bylaws and the consequences for Point Pleasant's withdrawal from the League. Specifically, Bylaw 1C-3 (charter member commitment through Spring 2026) and Bylaw 1D-1 (schedule commitments and financial penalty). The Penalty of \$1,000 was agreed upon among league members and presented to James Higginbotham at the meeting.

- C. Options for remaining members:
  - 1. Actively recruit new members to join the Conference (it has not yielded any new possibilities)
  - 2. Dissolve the league and pursue a new Conference affiliation (not a good outlook for current members)
- D. The Athletic Directors expressed concerns with the challenges of filling a week 8-10 football game in 2026 with the late notice. Point Pleasant (Higginbotham serving as AD/Football Coach) expressed a desire to continue to play one more season in 2026 with the current league members.
- E. Point Pleasant's desire to join a new league in WV was understood by the group. They indicated some interest in continuing to play in sports other than football, basketball, and volleyball (i.e. Track, Baseball, Softball, Cross Country, and Golf). In an attempt to keep the league together while in pursuit of other options, Steve Harold proposed that Point Pleasant consider staying as an Associate Member in those sports, and James Higginbotham agreed to report back on the possibility of that at our November 4 meeting.

#### **VI. Fall Championship Dates & Locations**

- A mistake in the Golf Championship (Round 3) was discovered. Instead of Marietta, which hosted last year at the Marietta Country Club, Point Pleasant expressed a desire to take their turn and host at Riverside on September 15 (tentative date). AD Higginbotham will confirm the date and report back to the Athletic Directors as soon as possible.
- Fall Championship hosts – Golf (Pt. Pleasant – 9/15/2025) & Cross Country (Marietta – 10/11/2025); Steve Harold will contact BAK for the awards and see that the awards are at the Championships.

#### **VII. New Business**

- A. Commissioner Hamric proposed changing the location of our future meetings. He suggested Napoli's in Belpre, or possibly rotating among the member schools. That will be discussed at our November 4 meeting at Western Sizzlin'.

**\*MEDIA DAY: Football Coaches met and interviewed with the media present regarding the upcoming 2025 football season.**

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

- ***MOTION was made to adjourn (Hannah Kroft) & seconded (Matt Tullius); the motion passed unanimously***
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 4, 2025 @ Western Sizzlin' – 11:00 a.m. (In conjunction with the regular Athletic Director's meeting, Head Coaches from Boys & Girls Soccer, Football, and Volleyball will meet to select All-Conference teams)