

Twin State League
Meeting Minutes of 12/7/2022

I. The meeting was Called to Order by Jim Hamric (Commissioner) @ 11:11 a.m. @ Western Sizzlin'.

II. Roll Call – All present

- Fort Frye Matt Tullius
 - Marietta Cody Venderlic
 - Point Pleasant Kent Price
 - Warren Steve Harold
 - Commissioner Jim Hamric
- Evan Lasek of WTAP Sports was present at the meeting

III. Approval of Minutes from 10.05.2022 Meeting

- **MOTION to approve (Kent Price), seconded (Matt Tullius). Approved unanimously.**

IV. Discussion on Obtaining TAX ID# and Opening Bank Account

Steve Harold indicated that as of this meeting no progress had been made on obtaining TAX ID status or the establishment of a bank account for the TSL with Peoples Bank, which had previously been agreed upon. This is needed immediately so we can collect league fees/dues for the establishment of funds to operate the Twin State League.

After discussion, it was agreed that a Bank Account and Tax ID number needed to be established for the Twin State League and not fall under the jurisdiction of any of the member schools. No payments would be made to a member school for dues or fees. An account would be established, and Commissioner Hamric would be designated on the account and would serve as the Treasurer of the league.

Harold indicated that he had spoken with his Treasurer and it was believed we would need to provide the bank with a Tax ID# (obtained from the Attorney General's office) and league bylaws designating Jim Hamric as league Commissioner to be able to open the account. He would follow up with Shawn Taylor of Peoples Bank to determine what was needed to open the account after today's meeting.

V. Discussion on Awards (By Sport)

A review of the TSL Bylaws indicated a need for an addendum to the awards for each sport due to having just 4 league members. It was agreed that no team awards would be given, rather an All-Sports banner (like the OVAC) with the ability to add numbers for titles would be utilized.

It was agreed that a Google Document needs created for ALL game results, with weekly reporting required.

It was also agreed that awards needed to be consistent among sports (plaques, medals, ribbons, certificates, etc.).

A MOTION was made by Cody Venderlic and seconded by Matt Tullius (unanimously approved) to add an addendum to the current bylaws with the current changes to the Winter Awards structure due to having just 4 members schools:

Winter Sports – Individual Awards:

- **Basketball**
 - A. **Nominations**
 1. **Nominations by team finish: 1st Place (4), 2nd Place (3), 3rd/4th Place (2)**
 2. **Nominations would be sent to Commissioner Hamric for compilation.**
 3. **Head Coaches would meet “face-to-face” to discuss nominations & vote.**
 - B. **All-Conference Awards**
 1. **1st Team – 5 (awarded a plaque)**
2nd Team – 5 (awarded a standard certificate) - Harold indicated that WHS Graphics Class could create template and share with all schools.
 2. **Player of Year – vote of coaches (awarded a plaque)**
 3. **Coach of Year – 1st Place team (awarded a plaque)**
- **Wrestling**
 - A. **Medals and All-Conference designation awarded to winners of each weight class.**
 - B. **Most Valuable Wrestler – coaches vote (awarded at Tournament) - plaque**
 - C. **Coach of Year – Champion coach (plaque)**

Spring Sports Awards were discussed briefly as a way to ensure consistency. More discussion will follow in next meeting.

- **Track**
 - A. **Track – Medals & All-Conference designation award to event winners.**
 - B. **High Point – Boy & Girl (plaque)**
 - C. **Coach of Year – Team Champion (plaque)**
- **Baseball/Softball**
 - A. **Plaques**
 - B. **Face-to-face meeting with coaches for nominations and voting.**

A MOTION was made by Matt Tullius and seconded by Steve Harold to utilize BAK Trophies as the provider of awards for the Twin State League. Passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion on Fall 2024 Football Schedules

- Was previously approved in the 10.5.2022 meeting and reflected in the minutes 2024 Football Schedule
 - Week 8 Marietta @ Fort Frye; Warren @ Point Pleasant
 - Week 9 Fort Frye @ Warren; Point Pleasant @ Marietta
 - Week 10 Fort Frye @ Point Pleasant; Marietta @ Warren

VII. TSL Competition Updates

- League Championship meet for Track was discussed. The dates of April 24 or 25, 2023 were agreed upon with Fort Frye as the host, and Warren as the back-up. Fort Frye may be unable to host due to construction.

VIII. Discussion on Membership

- Cody Venderlic created a "Twin State League Membership Options" document and shared with the group. After discussion and passing of the motion below, Cody agreed to tweak the document to indicate the changes.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the costs of Full and Associate Membership fees. Concern was that fees may be too high, serving as a deterrent to attracting new members.
 - Membership for 2022-23 was set at \$2,000 for current members, taking into consideration that we are paying for only a partial year. Any new member joining the league would enter at the previously established \$2,500 initial membership fee, with year 2 and beyond requiring a \$1,000 annual commitment.
 - **A MOTION was made Cody Venderlic and seconded by Kent Price to change the Associate Membership fees as follows:**
 - **\$250 per season (Fall, Winter & Spring) for the first sport**
 - **\$50 for each additional sport per season**
 - **4-year commitment to participate**
 - **Any breach in the 4-year commitment would include the following financial penalties:**
 - After Year 1: \$750**
 - After Year 2: \$500**
 - After Year 3: \$250**
- *Motion was approved unanimously.**

IX. Compensation for Commissioner Hamric

It was proposed by Commissioner Hamric that his compensation be set at a rate of \$200 per meeting (6 meetings annually x \$200 = \$1,200), with his compensation to be revisited annually.

A MOTION was made by Cody Venderlic and seconded by Steve Harold to authorize the payment of \$200 per meeting (\$1,200 annually) to Commissioner Hamric. Unanimously approved.

X. Adjourn

- **Motion was made to adjourn (Kent Price) & seconded (Matt Tullius); Motion passed unanimously**
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.
NEXT MEETING: February 15 (11:00 a.m.) – Head Coaches in Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball