

## **Twin State League**

### **Meeting Minutes of 4/6/2022**

**I. The meeting was Called to Order by Ryan Lemley @ 11:09 a.m**

**II. Roll Call – All present**

- Fort Frye ..... Matt Tullius
- Marietta ..... Cody Venderlic
- Point Pleasant ..... Kent Price
- Warren .... Ryan Lemley, Steve Harold
- Others ..... Jim Hamric

**III. Approval of Minutes from 3.02.2022 Meeting**

- Marietta made motion to accept the Minutes, Fort Frye seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV. Discussion on Adding a Commissioner to TSL Bylaws**

Commissioner Proposal

*By majority vote, the league may opt to elect a commissioner to perform the duties of the officers of the league. The decisions of the commissioner shall be binding to member schools of the TSL. In addition to the duties of the league officers, the primary duties of the commissioner shall be:*

1. *Serve as a communication link between member schools*
2. *Serve as a communication link to the media and the public*
3. *Keep records of league transactions*
4. *Direct the activities of league assigners*
5. *Seek new members for the TSL*
6. *Settle disputes between league schools*

- Motion was made by Marietta and seconded by Warren to amend the bylaws to include a Commissioner. Motion passed unanimously

**V. 2023-24 Schedules**

- Ryan Lemley presented 2023-24 league schedules to the group. Discussion ensued regarding:
  - Soccer format – boys & girls play same day at opposite sites (Venderlic expressed concern that could cut into soccer gate receipts)
  - Volleyball tri-format --- A tri counts as 1 game for Pt. Pleasant. It was suggested with the facilities that are available at Pt. Pleasant & Warren that this needs to be considered. There was concern that a varsity tri could reduce the number of games for JV without a 2<sup>nd</sup> facility. Again, Warren and Pt. Pleasant could offer a Varsity Tri in conjunction with a JV tri with the two facilities to remedy that problem.

- It was decided by the group to table voting on 2023-24 schedules to allow Ryan to come back with another proposal taking into consideration the aforementioned concerns.

## **VI. Expansion Discussion**

- There was an abundance of discussion on expansion, including the addition of full-fledged members and associate members. The group asked that Ryan send out a letter of inquiry to see if any schools may be interested in joining us.
- The meeting of March 25 at Fort Frye with Belpre, Caldwell, Crooksville, and Morgan was discussed in length. The group seemed hopeful with Morgan, but it is believed that we will need another school to join to get them. Concerns still exist with whether Caldwell will join. MVL defections (Morgan & Crooksville) will require a 2-year wait.
- The addition of associate members was discussed for soccer ..... Alexander, Athens, Williamstown, Ripley, and Wood County Christian were discussed as possible targets. Wood County Christian could be approached as a full-fledged member in the small school division depending on the status of Belpre, Crooksville, Caldwell and Morgan. Concern was inconsistency in sport offerings with WCC.
- It was also suggested that we look for associate members for Swim and Tennis.
- The group proposed the following plan in regards to expansion with Belpre, Caldwell, Crooksville, and Morgan:
  - 1) Ryan follow up with another email to each school
  - 2) Invite expansion targets to attend next TSL meeting to get them in the room with each other and the current members (Warren will host)
  - 3) Include slides emphasizing travel distances, size (enrollment), and competitiveness against others in division.
  - 4) If other schools express interest in joining, invite them to the meeting.

## **VII. Adjourn**

- Motion was made to adjourn (by Warren) & seconded (by Point Pleasant); passed unanimously
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
- NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2022 (11:00 a.m. at Warren High School)