

Twin State League
Meeting Minutes of 2/15/2023

- I. **The meeting was Called to Order by Ryan Lemley @ 11:03 a.m. @ Western Sizzlin’.**

- II. **Roll Call – All present**
 - Fort Frye Matt Tullius, Eric Henniger (B. Basketball), Dan Liedtke (G. Basketball)
 - Marietta Cody Venderlic, Austin Gardner (B. Basketball), Ryan McClain (G. Basketball)
 - Point Pleasant Kent Price, Joshua Williams (B. Basketball), Cody Greathouse (G. Basketball)
 - Warren Steve Harold, Ryan Lemley, Blane Maddox (B. Basketball), Brad Venham (G. Basketball)
 - Commissioner Jim Hamric
 - Others Tara Newton (Morgan HS AD)

- III. **Approval of Minutes from 12.07.2022 Meeting**
 - **MOTION to approve (Cody Venderlic), seconded (Kent Price). Approved unanimously.**
 - Commissioner Hamric made specific reference to All-Conference Awards for Basketball prior to coaches meeting separately for All-Conference voting.

- IV. **Bylaw Review & Revisions (by season)**
 - A. Winter Revisions were made from the December 7 meeting minutes for approved changes to the awards structure for the sports of basketball and wrestling.

 - B. Spring Revisions – Baseball/Softball
 1. Nominations
 - a. Nominations by team finish: 1st Place (6), 2nd Place (5), 3rd Place (4), 4th Place (3)
 - b. Nominations would be sent to Commissioner Hamric for compilation.
 - c. Head Coaches would meet “face-to-face” to discuss nominations & vote at May meeting.
 2. All-Conference Awards
 - a. 1st Team – 9 (awarded a plaque)
 - b. 2nd Team – 9 (awarded a standard certificate)
 - *Any ties resulting in more than 18 nominations = Honorable Mention (certificate)
 - c. Player of Year – Defensive - vote of coaches (awarded a plaque)
 - d. Player of Year – Offensive – vote of coaches (awarded a plaque)
 - e. Coach of Year – 1st Place team (awarded a plaque)

 - C. Spring Revisions – Track & Field
 1. NFHS Rule Book will govern the League Championship
 - a. Order of Events (**see Attachment**)

- b. Scoring (4 teams)
 - i. Individual events: 6-4-3-2-1
 - ii. Relay events: 6-4-2
- 2. Number of Entries (4 teams)
 - a. Individual Running Events: 2 per school
 - b. Relay Events – 1 team per school
 - c. Field Events – 3 per school
- 3. Awards
 - a. Medals & All-Conference designation awarded to event winners.
 - b. High Point – Boy & Girl (plaque)
 - c. Coach of Year – Team Champion (plaque)
- 4. Meet Location & Date
 - a. Due to construction at Fort Frye, Warren will host the 2023 Championships
 - b. Date/Time for 2023 – April 25, 2023; 4:30 p.m. start
 - c. Mike Werry is one official; Warren will contract 2nd
- 5. Other Considerations for Hosting
 - a. 8 lane track
 - b. Fully automated timing

A MOTION was made by Matt Tullius and seconded by Kent Price (unanimously approved) to accept the amendments to the current bylaws with the current changes to the Spring sports structure due to having just 4 member schools.

V. TSL Website

- 1. Current link: <https://nathanevans23.wixsite.com/twin-state-league>
- 2. Website is being designed and maintained by a student through a Warren internship, and it was well-received by the group. New up-to-date logos will be added to the schools' member pages.
- 3. Website needs own domain. Prices for hosting site through WIX were discussed:
 - 1 year = \$13.50 per month
 - 2 years = \$11.00 per month
 - 3 years = \$9.00 per month

Motion was made by Cody Venderlic and seconded by Matt Tullius to accept the 3-year package. Warren will make arrangements for payment through Booster Club to gain the domain, with reimbursement by the TSL. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hamric read the names of the All-Conference Award winners in Boys and Girls Basketball. It was requested and agreed upon that the Awards list would not be revealed publicly until the conclusion of the basketball season. **(A second Coach of the Year plaque is needed in Boys Basketball)**

It was proposed by Commissioner Hamric and agreed upon unanimously by the Athletic Directors that meals at TSL meetings would be paid by the League.

VI. Expansion Discussion

Morgan Athletic Director Tara Newton was introduced by Ryan Lemley and welcomed to the meeting by the group. She was invited to attend today's meeting to explore Morgan High School joining the Twin State League as a full member. She expressed the following:

- They are a current member of the Muskingum Valley League (MVL) and are a charter member dating back to 1932. Change to a new league won't come easy. They are exploring the move due to being moved into the large division of the MVL, where just competing will become much more difficult.
- They have expressed to the MVL that they align better with schools to the South of them (i.e. TSL members).
- She likes as the AD of having the luxury of most of her games being scheduled, and fears that Morgan will be "black balled" in scheduling by current MVL members if they leave.
- She is also concerned with the current membership of just 4 schools. She would like to see Cambridge, Belpre, Waterford and others join.

Twin State League Athletic Directors offered up some advantages to joining the TSL, including:

- Gate receipts have increased significantly in games involving TSL members.
- Media coverage on WTAP, on WMOA, and in the newspapers has been tremendous.
- The competitiveness during the Winter season in basketball and wrestling has been balanced.
- Travel is minimal in the TSL.
- Having to schedule non-league opponents has allowed for "flexibility" in scheduling in all sports. Finding games has not really been a problem, especially if a dual member of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.
- Dual membership in the OVAC brings many advantages, namely more scheduling opportunities and increased awards opportunities. Not to mention, we can meet OVAC scheduling opportunities in our TSL league play, which can lead to "final four" possibilities in basketball. This year alone, 2 girls' teams from the TSL qualified for the OVAC post-season tournament with top 4 finishes in 5A.
- There is optimism the Twin State League will grow and strengthen as the current members are very committed to the league and its development.

In addition to Morgan (our top target), other schools were discussed in regards to expansion. Among those were:

- Cambridge --- reason being the Buckeye 8 is losing 3 more schools and would take them to one division.
- Ripley --- according to Kent Price, they won't make a decision until the re-classifications for WV are released in October. Commissioner Hamric mentioned

that with our league being the “Twin” State League that we really need to get another WV school. He is going to speak to Ripley brass face-to-face.

- Parkersburg --- a school looking for a league, but not the choice of the membership due to their large enrollment. They would not be a football playing member. Those reasons, it was feared, could jeopardize getting new members if we accepted them into the league.
- Belpre and Waterford --- two current Tri-Valley Conference (TVC) members of interest. TVC is losing members and looking at expansion. It was believed they would be interested if more smaller schools could be enticed to join.

It was proposed by the Athletic Directors that a meeting of the Superintendents from Warren, Fort Frye and Marietta take place with the Superintendent from Morgan to discuss the possibilities of Morgan joining the Twin State League. It was suggested that this take place between now and our May meeting. This would be a meeting with just Morgan.

VII. Awards List for All Sports

- A. Motion was made by Kent Price and seconded by Steve Harold to develop a comprehensive list of awards for each sport to maintain equity and uniformity in our offerings. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. See Attachment – Twin State League Awards

VIII. Creation of Standard Forms with Access through a Google Document

It was proposed by Steve Harold and seconded by Cody Venderlic that a Google Document be created and shared among Athletic Directors that includes various forms (fillable, when possible) to be used by the Twin State League in conducting our business. Among the forms suggested were:

- **Nomination forms (Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball and Softball)**
- **Financial reporting form for our league events**
- **Letterhead**
- **Track & Field Order of Events**

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Compensation for Commissioner Hamric

As reflected in the minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting of the Twin State League, it was proposed and approved unanimously that Commissioner Hamric be compensated at a rate of \$200 per meeting (6 meetings annually x \$200 = \$1,200), with his compensation to be revisited annually. It was agreed that we need to proceed with payments.

X. Adjourn

- A. Motion was made to adjourn (Cody Venderlic) & seconded (Matt Tullius); Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.
- C. NEXT MEETING: May 10 (11:00 a.m.) – Head Coaches in Baseball and Softball (or a designated representative) are asked to attend.

Twin State League Track & Field Championships

Field Events

Girls – Shot Put, High Jump, Pole Vault

Boys – Discus, Long Jump

Girls - Discus, Long Jump

Boys – Shot Put, High Jump, Pole Vault

Running Events

4 x 800 Meter Relay (Girls)

4 x 800 Meter Relay (Boys)

100m Hurdles (Girls) – 33”

110m High Hurdles (Boys) – 39”

100m Dash (Girls)

100m Dash (Boys)

4 x 200 Meter Relay (Girls)

4 x 200 Meter Relay (Boys)

1600 Meter Run (Girls)

1600 Meter Run (Boys)

4 x 100 Meter Relay (Girls)

4 x 100 Meter Relay (Boys)

400 Meter Dash (Girls)

400 Meter Dash (Boys)

300 Meter Low Hurdles (Girls) – 30”

300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles (Boys) – 36”

800 Meter Run (Girls)

800 Meter Run (Boys)

200 Meter Dash (Girls)

200 Meter Dash (Boys)

3200 Meter Run (Girls)

3200 Meter Run (Boys)

4 x 400 Meter Relay (Girls)

4 x 400 Meter Relay (Boys)

Number of Entries:

- Individual Running Events – 2
- Relay Events – 1
- Field Events – 3

Scoring (4 teams):

- Individual Events: 6-4-3-2-1
 - Relay Events: 6-4-2

Twin State League Awards

	BOYS						GIRLS					
	Individual	Award Type	Certificates (2nd Team)	Team	POY	COY	Individual	Award Type	Certificates (2nd Team)	Team	POY	COY
FALL SPORTS												
Cross Country	10	Medal	X	1	1	1	10	Medal	X	1	1	1
Football	26	Plaque	X	1	2	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
Golf	5	Plaque	X	1	1	1	5	Plaque	5	1	1	1
Soccer	11	Plaque	X	1	1	1	11	Plaque	X	1	1	1
Volleyball	X	X	X	X	X	X	6	Plaque	6	1	1	1
WINTER SPORTS												
Basketball	5	Plaque	5	1	1	1	5	Plaque	5	1	1	1
Swimming	21	Medals	X	1	1	1	21	Medals	X	1	1	1
Wrestling	14	Medals	X	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
SPRING SPORTS												
Baseball	9	Plaque	9	1	2	1	X	X	X	X	1	X
Softball	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	Plaque	9	1	2	1
Track & Field	24	Medal	X	1	1*	1	24	Medal	X	1	1*	1

Player of Year Plaque
Coach of the Year Plaque
Team Trophies Banners --- provide year numbers

Track & Field POY* = High Point Individual