

Region II

Fall Meeting Minutes for 9-24-10

Hosted at Lumen Christi School

1. Meeting called to order by Dean Overbey, President at 9:05 A.M.
Introductions.
2. Members in Attendance: Dean Overbey, Steve Klaich, LaVerne Talerico, Vicky Charlie (phone), Jeff Swick, Jack Walsh (BBBSD), Terry Tutor, Laura Rudd, Kevin Seville, Becky Stringer, Stewart Allen, Stacey Stansell, Tamie Vickers, James Sickler, Terry Martin, Rick Musgrove, Gary Matthews, Isaiah Vreeman.
3. Approval of Spring 2010 Meeting Minutes
Motion: James Sickler, 2nd by Terry Martin. Unanimous.
4. Approval of Agenda
Additions: Track handbook correction and award changes (Rick Musgrove)
Transfer Policy (Stewart Allen)
Birchwood move to Peninsula Conference (withdrawn)
Motion to approve agenda: Rick Musgrove, 2nd, Terry Martin. Unanimous
- 5, 6. ASAA report by Terry Martin & Gary Matthews

Eagle River Christian School is NOT a member of ASAA
Holy Rosary Academy is NOT a member of ASAA
Denali PEAK is NOT an ASAA member school

Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting

Ninilchik, Alaska

April 25-26, 2010

Action Items The Board of Directors (BOD) took the following actions:

≤ State Tournament Bids: Accepted a bid from Lathrop High School to host the State Track and Field Championships in 2010-11. (This extends Lathrop's current three year bid). (Carried 8-0)

≤ Mixed-Six Volleyball: Moved to reconsider previous board action to enforce the 5-50 student enrollment cutoff for schools playing mixed-six volleyball in 2010-11. (Carried 6-2)

Moved to expand the policy to include 2A schools in the mixed-six conferences in 2010-11. (Failed 4-4)

Moved to give 2A schools two years to "phase-out" of mixed-six volleyball, 2010-11 and 2011- 12. (Carried 8-0)

≤ Bylaw Amendments: Adopted an amendment adding a new section D. to Article 7, Section 9, Cooperative School Programs, as follows: (Carried 8-0)

(New) “D. All member schools classified as 1A or 2A that are unable to participate in the Cooperative School Program under Sections B. or C., as well as other schools whose enrollments in grades 9-12 are under 451, are eligible to participate in the Cooperative School Program in a team sport with another member school whose enrollment is also under 451, when timely application is approved by the Executive Director. The purpose of this rule is to provide adequate numbers of participants to make a team for competition in the smaller high schools in Alaska, not to enable the formation of “All Star” teams. Applications will be considered under the following provisions:

1. Schools may form cooperative teams only in the sports of football, tennis, volleyball, hockey, basketball, softball, baseball and soccer. Schools may not cooperate for the individual sports of cross-country running, swimming and diving, wrestling, Nordic skiing, and track & field.

2. All but one of the schools requesting to coop do not have sufficient numbers of players interested in forming a team.

3. All schools involved in a cooperative school agreement must be members of the same school district. Administrators of involved schools and the superintendent must approve this agreement.

4. When the combined enrollments of all schools involved exceeds their classification cutoff levels, the cooperative team shall compete in the next higher classification for state tournament qualifying purposes.

5. No students may be cut or displaced by the additional students from the cooperative school(s).

6. Cooperative agreements must be in effect for a minimum of an entire season and may be renewed on an annual basis.

7. Deadlines for applications: Fall Sports, Winter Sports, Spring Sports – first official day of practice in that specific sport season according to the ASAA calendar. Football - the December board of directors meeting preceding the start of the football cooperative.

8. The Executive Director may approve this application if the above conditions are met.”

This amendment goes into effect 30 days after adoption.

Adopted an amendment to Article 2, Section 2, 3, D. 3, 8th Grade Student Participation Authority, as follows: (Carried 8-0)

“Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions of the Association’s bylaws, policies or past practices, the Board of Directors has determined that under certain conditions, students enrolled in the 8th grade in a member school district, may be granted eligibility to participate as members of a high school basketball, volleyball or mixed-six volleyball team when an annual request is submitted in writing to ASAA by the district superintendent. This request must verify that the high school described above is a member school and that there were twenty (20) or fewer students enrolled in grades 9-12 during the previous school year’s October student count as reported to the Department of Education and Early Development. **(add) If the current school year’s October count is lower than the previous year’s, it may substitute as the official count for purposes of this section.**”

This amendment goes into effect 30 days after adoption.

≤Football – Region 5 Request: Approved a request from Region 5 to award a playoff

berth to the Southeast Small School Football Conference beginning in 2010-11. (Carried 7-1)

Created the additional berth by comparing the season records of the 4th place teams from the Northern Lights and Greatland Conferences. Selection criteria is based on:

(Unanimous Consent)

1. Head to head competition during the season
2. Common opponents during the season
3. Coin toss conducted by ASAA office

Football Jamboree Policy: Adopted an amendment to clarify the policy, as follows:

(Unanimous Consent)

“6. 8 & 11 Man Football – All players must have five (5) days of practice prior to the day of the jamboree; **(add) up to 20** plays may be played against each team in the jamboree **(add) with a maximum of 100 plays per day**; each team may play in no more than one jamboree each season which does not count as a game against its 8 game limit.”

≤ School Classification/Enrollment Status: Approved the following action on school classification based on changing enrollments during the 2009-10 school year: (Carried 8-0)

Step One – Took the following action after notice was sent to the following schools:

1A – Chief Ivan Blunka (New Stuyahok) (53 students) - placed on Step One due to *increasing* enrollment – no forgiveness requested

2A – St. Mary’s (48 students) – placed on Step One due to *decreasing* enrollment

Chief Paul Memorial (Kipnuk) (45 students) - placed on Step One due to *decreasing* enrollment

3A – Glennallen (94 students) - placed on Step One due to *decreasing* enrollment

Hooper Bay (98 students) - placed on Step One due to *decreasing* enrollment

Step Two – Moved the following schools to a new classification in 2010-11:

1A – Gambell (56 students) 2008 and (52 students) 2009 – After further research, it was determined that the school was granted forgiveness in 2009. It was removed from the steps and will remain 1A in 2010-11

Nelson Island (Tooksok Bay) - (57 students) 2008 and (54 students) 2009 - forgiveness granted for 5 ineligible 5th year seniors - will remain at the 1A level in 2010-11

2A – Shishmaref (46 students) 2008 and (41 students) 2009 – placed on Step Two - will move to 1A in 2010-11 due to *decreasing enrollment*

3A - Heritage Christian (55 students) 2008 and (50 students) 2009 –School has closed.

Would have been reclassified to 2A in 2010-11 if school had not closed)

≤ Selection of Gold Lifetime Pass Recipients: Approved nominations of the following from the

regions – (Unanimous Consent)

Region 1 – Jim Hickerson (Unalakleet)

Region 2 – Dan Lehman (Ninilchik)

Region 3 – Craig Jung (Kenai)

Region 4 – in process

Region 5 – John Wray (Juneau)

Region 6 – Vern Dulany (Eielson AFB)

≤ “Play for Keeps – Third Offense Educational Component: Approved a conceptualization of the components of the educational program that must be completed by third time offenders, including the following points: (Carried 8-0)

- suspension from activities for one calendar year
- seek assessment and counseling/treatment from a local health care professional
- successfully complete the recommendations of the care provider and submit a letter from the agency
- demonstrate a commitment to remain substance free
- make a presentation to District School Board
- request reinstatement from the District school board
- notify ASAA through school administrator that all conditions have been successfully completed
- request reinstatement of eligibility by ASAA

≤ 2010-11 Board Goals: Adopted the following goals for 2010-11: (Carried)

1. To continue full statewide implementation of the “Play for Keeps” tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances policy and program.
2. To promote expansion of the Association’s citizenship/sportsmanship efforts with parents, students, officials and other groups.
3. To continue to seek opportunities to showcase the cultural diversity of Alaska.
4. To continue to monitor the Association’s marketing plan.
5. To finalize the school classification system for 2011-12.
6. To finalize the Association’s season calendar for 2011-12.
7. To maintain Association financial stability.

≤ Out-of-Season Contact: After much discussion, asked that the proposal to revise policy definitions be discussed during the October meeting. (Carried)

≤ Hockey Officiating Experiment: Agreed to seek permission from the NFHS to extend the current experiment through 2010-11. This permits schools to use a system of 4 four officials – 2 referees and 2 linesmen. (Unanimous Consent)

≤ 4A Girls Hockey Cooperative Waiver: Extended the waiver which permits larger schools to form cooperative teams in girls hockey in the Anchorage, Mat-Su and Fairbanks school districts, through 2013-14. (Carried)

≤ Boarding School Transfer Rule, Article 12, Section 9, 16: Directed that the following editorial amendment be made: (Carried)

“Boarding School Transfer Rule: Students who transfer to a boarding school at the beginning of a school year, or from a boarding school at the end of a school year, will be eligible for interscholastic **(delete) competition (add) participation** at the new school as soon as properly certified...”

≤ Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC): Approved the policy, membership and budgetary commitment needed to put the SMAC in place. The first meeting will be held in August 2010. (Carried)

≤ 2010-11 Board Meeting Dates and Locations: Adopted the following for 2010-11:

Fall Meeting – Anchorage – October 3-4, 2010
Early Winter – Anchorage – December 13-14, 2010
Later Winter – Anchorage – February 21-22, 2011
Spring – TBD – April 18-19, 2011

7. Treasurers Report by Steve Klaich
Budget submitted by Steve Klaich
Region II wants to maintain 2 certificate of deposits at Key Bank with the maturity date spaced 6 months apart.
Motion to accept by Terry Martin, 2nd by James Sickler, Unanimous
8. Old Business
 - Classification Committee Report: Last spring Region II voted on the choices of proposals submitted. ASAA threw out one of the four proposals, adjusted the remaining proposals, and is again asking the Regions to look at the new proposals, and select the choice that works best for Region II schools. Dean passed out the proposals along with a summary sheet. Pros and cons were discussed regarding each proposal. Region II likes option #4 with a 16-team state basketball tournament for the 1A schools. Region II also supports raising the upper limit for 1A schools from 50 to 55 or 60. Dean will take our recommendation back to the classification committee.
 - Calendar Committee Report: The only unresolved items from this committee are defining a cheerleading season and considering a proposal for 4A wrestling to move to a season separate from 1A, 2A and 3A. This committee is not scheduled to meet again.
 - 3-man officiating crew at State 1A and 2A basketball: Pros and cons were discussed regarding this issue. Cost was a factor that ASAA has looked at as well as floor coverage and time-out communication on a large court. The email from Jon Buchanan was presented with his recommendation to keep the crews to 2 officials. This item is not on the agenda for the next ASAA board meeting.

- State basketball rotation with 1A/2A and 3A/4A tournaments was discussed. Final financial figures are not yet available from last year. ASAA reported 1000 less students paid admission due to the large schools playing on a school night, however memorabilia sales were higher last year. The rotation has the smaller schools playing on Monday-Wednesday and the larger schools playing on Thursday-Saturday this year.
- The Region II music festival will be held in Su-Valley this year on April 21-23, 2011.
- Region II track site/host was changed from Cook Inlet Academy to Su-Valley on May 13-14, 2011.
- The site of the 2011 Peninsula Conference Basketball tournament was discussed. The tournament was to be hosted by Seldovia, but due to the Homer High facilities not being available, Seldovia declined and Bristol Bay was the next host school on the established rotation. Jack Walsh, superintendent of the Bristol Bay Borough School District, explained his memo expressing concern over the stipulation that requires host schools to provide 10 round trip airplane tickets for each team attending tournaments that are not held on the “road system.” He also asked Region II to avoid using the terms “road system” and “mainland” interchangeably as folks that live on islands define the terms differently. The history of this handbook requirement was explained and the agreement that that lead to it being included in the current handbook goes back to Unalaska and Bristol Bay asking to join this conference (called District 3) to save money for Unalaska and Bristol Bay travel expenses to State qualifying events as well as league play. Dean also gave examples of other conferences in the state that have similar financial arrangements in their handbook (Galena, for example). After considerable discussion, Jack Walsh (BBBSD superintendent) agreed to host the tournament and provide 10 airplane tickets per team attending the March 2011 basketball tournament in Bristol Bay. He will also be preparing a proposal for a handbook change limiting the host school responsibility to 5 or 6 tickets for future events as they occur in the host school rotation. This proposal will be presented at the Peninsula Conference annual coaches meeting as well as Region I and Region II spring meetings. The discussion also included when “home and home” conference games were required, and when they were not required. The schools participating in the Peninsula Conference tournament (March 2011) were asked by Jack Walsh to provide the names of the team coaches by the end of October, so that he could take advantage of the PFD airfares.
- The 2010-11 Tournament sites for Region II were reviewed, updated, and are now posted on the Region II website. Motion to approve by Terry Martin, 2nd by James Sickler. Unanimous.
- The 2009 cross-country running financial report was submitted for approval by James Sickler, Su-Valley. Motion to approve by Terry Martin, 2nd Rick Musgrove. Unanimous.
- Region II representative to the ASAA board, Terry Martin asked Region II to provide reimbursement for his airfare from Kenai to Anchorage (3 round trip tickets) and Kenai to Sitka (1 round trip ticket). Motion to approve these expenses made by Rick Musgrove, 2nd by Terry Tutor. Unanimous.

9. New Business

- Financial Reports:
 - Track Cook Inlet Academy
 - Central Interior BB Tri-ValleyMotion to accept all reports by James Sickler, 2nd by Becky Stringer. Unanimous.
- The Delta Junction Soccer issue was explained. Fairbanks and Delta schools used to play fall soccer. When Fairbanks moved to spring soccer, Delta remained playing fall soccer. The ASAA board has never placed Delta into the Region II Borealis Conference for fall soccer. The football coach at Delta Junction has asked that Delta drop their fall soccer program (and perhaps play spring soccer) since they are not in that conference anyway. The Region II schools that participate in fall soccer want Delta to remain in their soccer league. Gary Matthews told Delta to finish this season and the Board would seek to resolve the issue. Rick Musgrove made a motion to support the ASAA board adding Delta Junction to the Borealis Conference for fall soccer, 2nd by LaVerne Talerico. Unanimous.
- Gold lifetime Pass nominations are to be brought to the winter Region II teleconference meeting. Page 60 of the ASAA handbook explain the qualifications.
- Stewart Allen, from Lumen Christi School expressed concern regarding the frequent abuses of the “transfer policy” for student athletes transferring schools in the Anchorage area. He expressed concern for the lessons the students were not able to learn regarding commitment, working with people, and handling adversity. His suggestion was to adopt a policy that states any students transferring between schools would be ineligible to participate in athletics for one year. Advantages and disadvantages of this policy were discussed. Stewart was asked to put his suggested ASAA by-law change in writing, so that Region II could discuss the proposal, vote on it, and (if passed) presented to the ASAA board.
- Rick Musgrove presented a contradiction in our current track handbook. It appears that one place allows 2 participants per school per event, and another place allows 3 participants per school per event. Dean clarified that the intent and history has been to have 2 participants per school per event, and that the handbook should be corrected to reflect this change. Rick also expressed concern over the increasing cost of hosting the Region II track meet. He suggested that the medals only be awarded for 1st place and 2nd-6th place athletes receive a ribbon. He also proposed reducing the number of academic medals from 25 to 20. James Sickler made a motion to approve all of these changes to the track handbook and awards, 2nd by Rick Musgrove. Unanimous. This change will be in place for the 2011 meet.
- Election of Officers: Secretary/Treasurer
Rick Musgrove nominates Steve Klaich, Terry Tutor 2nd. Unanimous.
ASAA Region II Representative
Dean Overbey nominates Terry Martin, Rick Musgrove 2nd. Unanimous.

10. Items for next agenda: (winter or spring)

- Financial reports: Cross Country, Co-ed soccer, Aurora Volleyball, Borealis volleyball, Golden Heart basketball, Central Interior basketball, Peninsula basketball
- Bristol Bay proposal-Jack Walsh
- ASAA board report-Terry Martin
- Classification/Conference proposals-Dean Overbey
- Transfer policy-Stewart Allen
- Gold Lifetime Pass
- Election of Officers: Vice President
- Selection of Region II coaches of the year

11. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM via audio conference. Steve Klaich will get the phone numbers of those wanting to participate and Dean Overbey will set up the audio conference.

The spring ASAA Region II meeting will be held at Lumen Christi School on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.