

BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Tony Violi. The meeting started with a prayer at 7:40 p.m.
2. Thanks to Dan Conner for setting up and hosting at St. Joseph, South Bend.
3. Minutes (Mark Kopinski): No official meeting last time so no vote on the minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report (Bill Sorukas): The balance in checking is \$16,767.17. There are \$3,000.00 in new checks, which leaves a balance of approximately \$19,000.00. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Bob Miller. Seconded by Jeff Pulaski. Passed 14-0.
5. Softball Varsity (Art Perry): There were eleven teams, and as of the September meeting there are three games to go. There is a double elimination tournament at the end of the season. The season is going very well. St. Michaels is in the softball program for the first time. As usual, there were problems getting diamonds. The diamonds most used this year were Walker and Memorial. It is being contemplated to go to Plymouth next year for games.
6. B-Team Softball: No report.
7. Soccer (Steve Mikulak): Steve Mikulak was not present, however, Dan Conner gave a partial report. The season started the week after Labor Day. There are three referees for each game. This season is on schedule to end the second week of October. There are fewer teams this year than last year. A question was raised at the soccer meeting because St. Jude wanted to bring up fourth-graders because they only had ten total fifth- and sixth-graders. At the meeting, this was not allowed. Tony Violi will look into the situation to determine why the fourth-graders were not allowed to play since apparently the numbers required in the constitution were met for the use of fourth-graders.
8. Football (Tony Violi): The jamboree went well. The season is into the third week. The gate is down a little. There are five varsity teams and six B-Teams. So far no controversy and the rosters have been turned in on time.
9. B-Team Softball (Tom Greene gives report): There are eleven teams, which means each team will play ten games. The season is to finish on September 30, 2003. The umpires are being assigned to the games for the first time.
10. Questions for B-Team football:
 - A. **Question:** Whether or not there is mandatory play time for fifth-graders? The answer is that there has been no requirement for fifth-graders to play, this being left up to each team, and thus far it has not been an issue. If it becomes one, it is something to be reviewed.
 - B. **Question:** How will teams align considering the addition of Queen of Peace?

The determination may be made by the distance the schools have to travel for practice. It will be something to be looked at next year.

11. Volleyball (Ann Russell giving report for Emily Stauffacher): Emily is still the director of varsity volleyball. Practice to start October 8, 2003. Question as to what constitutes a practice and whether or not try-outs constitute the practice. The general rule is that nothing should be organized before the start date. There has been the use of open gym, where a coach opens the gym doors and acts as supervisor but does not participate in any kind of organized practice. An example was mentioned concerning a clinic that is done one week prior to the start date. If this is an organized practice, it should not occur before the start date for volleyball.
12. Volleyball B-Team (Theresa Myers): There will be a meeting on Monday, September 29, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. At the coach's meeting, all coaches should bring schedules for their open gym time so that games can be scheduled. It was mentioned that some schools are not organized yet for volleyball. Theresa Myers also mentioned that this is her last year as coordinator for B-Team Volleyball.
13. Basketball: Mike Harding will be the varsity coordinator and will call all of last year's coaches. The B-Team basketball coordinator is Greg Schulthuis and there will be a meeting in mid-October. It is important to know that coaches should attend a coach's meeting and not a representative that is from a school that appears for multiple teams. This is true of all sports.
14. There will be an attempt to organize the rules so that they are similar for both boys and girls' basketball at the B-Team level.
15. Election of Officers: President: Tony Violi; Vice President, Jeff Booher; Treasurer, Bill Sorokus; Secretary, Mark Kopinski. The slate of officers were elected to a new two-year term by a vote of 15-0.
16. Fee Collection: There is approximately \$10,000.00 owed by several schools. The constitution specifically states that if payment is not made by the end of the year, the school cannot participate until the fees are paid. The question was raised whether or not there were any habitual offenders, and this was acknowledged that there are two schools that have not paid, Christ the King and St. Joe-South Bend. There was a motion made to suspend the implementation of the constitutional mandate that a school cannot participate. No such motion can be made to a constitutional provision. However, a motion to amend the constitution may be made to make the rule so that it can be implemented, or there could be rules passed to specifically implement the constitutional rule that if fees are not paid the school cannot participate until the financial obligations are met. There was discussion that what is necessary is a specific notice to the schools and an opportunity to pay the financial obligations because there are changes in treasurers and boards that makes it sometimes difficult to contact the individual schools. This is very problematic when the school does not have representation at the ICCL meetings.
17. Proposal to have minimum numbers required to have a second team. Comments were made that there should be some rules in place in individual sports. If individual rules are in opposition to the ICCL rules or philosophies, changes should be made in those rules at the next coaches meeting.

If there is any sport currently in violation of the ICCL rules or philosophies, those rules should be changed now and brought to Tony Violi's attention immediately.

18. Motion to change the forfeiture rule: Motion; no forfeit if the team has sufficient number of players (6) to play a game in B-Team volleyball. Motion by Jeff Booher. Seconded by Kim Welch. Passed 15-0.
19. Request to pass rule on numbers needed to have two teams: If a sport does not have a minimum number to have two teams, the trust is in the coaches at the coach's meeting to make the correct determinations when adding a second team for a specific school. All sport coordinators should be aware of the issue of adding a second team and should make sure that the issue is addressed at the organizational coach's meeting.
20. Holy Family to host the next meeting on November 19, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
21. Suggestion to have a prayer said before a game between schools. This is a welcomed suggestion and something that has been implemented in some sports.
22. Motion to adjourn by Jeff Booher. Seconded by John Pirrachini. Passed 15-0.
23. Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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