

**FOOTBALL  
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
April 19, 2011  
AIA OFFICE**

**Call to order: 9:00 a.m.**

**Members in attendance:**

Lee Haws/1A Adm.

Rhett Stallworth/2A Adm.

Nathan Slater/4A Adm.

Mike Sivertson/5A Adm.

Tim Slade/1A Coach

Don Conrad/2A Coach

Jim Fairfield/3A Coach

Nemer Hassey/4A Coach

Dana Zupke/5A Coach

**Members absent:**

Jason Lobik/3A Adm.

**Others in attendance:**

Steve Belles/Hamilton Coach

Shaun Aguano/Chandler Coach

Jim Ewan/Retired Coach

John Carlson/Chandler Dist. Athletics

Preston Jones/Perry Coach

Bernie Buskin/Basha Coach

Lee Brush/AzFCA

**Discussion Agenda Items:**

**\*Selection of AIA Football Sport Advisory Committee Chair**

Dana Zupke (5A coach, Pinnacle) was nominated to be the committee chair person and received a second for. No other committee member was nominated.

Dana Zupke was selected to be sent to the AIA Executive Board for approval as the AIA Football Sport Advisory Committee Chair by a vote of 9-0.

**Update of computerized scheduling (Brian Bolitho)**

April 27<sup>th</sup> is the target date for release of assigned games date of competition. Some schools at the time of this meeting still needed assistance on freedom game selections in order to fill their varsity schedule to ten games. AIA Executive Board will have to grant approval for any school to go over the varsity game limit of ten. Any school team requesting to go over the game limit must be doing so to help another member school reach their bylaw game limit.

All schools with only nine games schedule have been contacted and the AIA will assist those schools, if needed, to create the game match to complete the ten game schedule.

**\*Discussion of AIA Executive Board directive allowing Pima, Veritas, Chandler Prep and Scottsdale Prep to participate in AIA Division VI (eight man football)**

The AIA Executive Board approved a motion to allow the aforementioned school football teams to participate in Division VI eight man football for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 scheduling block only, based on these schools requesting the placement to play eight man football prior to any limitation of enrollment rule was put into place with this scheduling block of computerized schedule.

Also, the board is requesting, from the AIA Football Advisory Committee, the basis for their recommendation decision for the 200 plus enrollment student enrollment figure to be determining criteria for their desired rule and any other criteria the committee would want to recommend for the future regarding eight man football.

Concern was expressed by 1A Conference committee members related to the length of their season and injuries. Traditional eight man schedule has been only eight games prior to the playoffs.

Concern was also expressed that the recommendation of the committee and AIA Legislative Assembly were ignored. Dr. Slemmer explained that the criteria given by the committee to utilize the 200 plus enrollment figure was too vague and not substantiated by factual data to warrant the AIA Executive Board to approve the recommendation.

D. Zupke expressed a desire to have quicker communication from the AIA on items effecting coaches and school communities through board minute and tournament guides. He expressed that football coaches need to be completely informed. Dr. Slemmer indicated all AIA Board minutes and AIA State Tournament Guides are posted online at the AIA website. Dr. Slemmer went on to explain that playoff site for all neutral site playoff games depend on availability of the location and contractual agreement between the facility owner and the AIA.

L. Haws raised the question that possibly an Executive Board member should attend sport advisory meetings to hear the voice of the committee directly.

**Additional discussion items (raised by the committee members and attending coaches)**

\*The committee questioned what system of recognition would be in place to replace what was previously don at the region and conference level.

Chuck Schmidt responded that the AIA Executive Board has created a directive on the standardization of an AIA recognition system. It will include all section teams for each of the three sections of each division level. It will include the electronic nomination of players by varsity head coaches and electronic voting by varsity head coaches. The AIA will provide the awards for the section recognitions.

Team sectional champions will be determined by the power rank system.

\*The question was raised as to having at-large members, such as the Arizona Football Coaches Association president, on the AIA Football Sport Advisory Committee.

Dr. Slemmer responded that the AIA Executive Board created the sport advisory committees and identified who the committee member appointees would be. He raised the question .....If you start including each special interest group as at-large members, where would it end.....who do you limit for as at-large member?

\*Dr. Slemmer raised a concern, related to the bylaws. He discussed concern for how some coaches are utilizing private rental of football equipment for camps and summer activity to get around the rules. He challenged the AIA Football Advisory committee to find out the direction the football coaches think should happen with the off season rules. The off season rules need clarification because the rules have been blurred by clubs and rentals of school equipment to coaches and individual student athletes.

\*Dr. Slemmer addressed raised concern by non-committee member attendee related to communication from the AIA to football coaches. He reminded all in attendance that all committees of that the AIA Executive Board creates are advisory by design and that none are policy decision making. He also indicated that the AIA Legislative Assembly is another avenue for schools to create communication.

\*A non-committee member attendee inquired what the selection process was for inclusion on the sport advisory committee. Dr. Slemmer responded that member schools are represented by administrators on the conference committees. Each conference committee recommended an administrator and a varsity head coach to represent their level conference on the specific sport advisory committee, in accordance with the AIA policy handbook.

An inquiry was made regarding concluding the football season with an all star game sponsored by the Football Coaches Association. Dr. Slemmer responded that the AIA Executive Board has taken a consistently strong stand in opposition to approving all star competition during the school year.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting adjournment