

Minutes
Volleyball Sport Advisory Meeting
June 7, 2011

Meeting called to order: 9:10 a.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

1A Cindy Kirk
3A Jacob Holiday (phone)
3A Allan Ramage (phone)
5A Rod Huston
5A Bill Lang
AIA Ron Halbach
AIA David Hines

Members Absent:

1A Tyleen Miller
2A Doug Meyer
2A Krista Brown
4A Brian Duguid
4A Dave Thatcher
4A Sandy Novak
4A Nick Lujan
5A Kim Ulrich-Suss

Selection of Committee Chair:

- Tabled for lack of a quorum. Will be put on next meeting agenda.

Discussion Items:

- Financial Report – Denise Doser responded to questions from the committee. Specific profit & loss reports are not completed or posted until the fiscal year is complete and audited. What has not been accounted for yet is – officials, insurance, etc.
- Review of computerized scheduling – Brian Bolitho explained how schedules were developed from input on the scheduling committee. Concerns were brought up regarding back to back games scheduled against the same opponent. For the next two year block Brian will look into adding this issue to the computer program to eliminate the back to back scenario. These games can be changed by the school A.D's if they choose. The

number of home and home games was the recommendation of the scheduling committee; this can be reviewed for the next two year block.

- Explanation of the Boys & Girls Volleyball format compared to other sports – Ron Halbach discussed overall region costs in the past, and how regional tournament formats had changed over time. (Ex. #1 and #2 teams being protected until later rounds) Attendance has gone down over the years. When comparing to basketball, financial interests did come into play. Due to 6 divisions in football, girl's volleyball was changed from four divisions to five. This situation was a direct result of a court case from another case and Title IX issues. Another issue with the reconfiguration came from AIA research on the number of state championships that Arizona has compared to the rest of the country. Arizona averaged about one state championship for every 30-32 teams while the national average was about one state championship for every 100 plus schools. Individual's sports have shown that the state tournaments have become more competitive.
- 2011-2012 State Tournament Information: The boy's tournament will be a 24 team bracket with teams 9 - 24 paying a game at 12:00 noon on Saturday May 5th at the sites of #1 - #8 with the winner of that 1st game playing at 2:30 on that Saturday against the high seed host. Quarter final games would be played on Tuesday, May 8th, semi-finals on Thursday, May 10th and finals on Saturday, May 12th. Semis and finals to be played at Gilbert High School. The girl's tournament will begin on Tuesday, November 1st for Division I & II, while Division I, II & III will begin on either Thursday, November 3rd or Friday, November 4th. Sites and venues for these games are still under negotiation.
- AIA recognition plan for sectionals: The AIA Executive Board has developed a matrix for section medals, plaques and certificates. This can be found on the AIA web site. A computerized voting system by coaches for all-section teams is being developed for use this fall.
- Pre-Match Protocol: There was a discussion on the current 6 – 6 – 3 pre-match format and the 5 – 5 – 5 Tucson model. It was suggested that a survey be requested by the Executive Board for coaches to vote on their preference. Another suggestion was a 4 – 6 – 6 format. The major concern was going away from the shared serving time. For lack of a quorum this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- From the group: There was a request to put on the next agenda an explanation on how advisory committee members can meet with the coaches and A.D.'s that they represent to disseminate information. Could they also get a list of coaches and their emails.

Meeting adjourned: 11:05 p.m.