

Soccer Advisory Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2014

Call to Order: 9:09 am

Roll Call:

Members Present:

1A – David Callahan, Dan Hood

2A – Jeff Penzone, Cindy Riley

3A – Robert Edwards

4A – Julie Walters, Jeannine Brandel

5A – T.J. Hagen, Todd Garelick

At Large – Matt Smith, Patrick Andrew

Members Absent:

3A – Jeremy Scott

Guests:

Jay Thomas, Corey Newland, Barb Chura, Nancy Perlick, Laurie White, Chris Farabee

Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2013: Minutes approved

Discussion Items:

- The state tournament was very exciting with very good soccer being played; attendance at Campo Verde was up 190 over last year.
- The recommendation by the Soccer Advisory Committee to play 12 individual opponents was a much better system than playing four or five teams twice.
- There was discussion on fall soccer and the limited number of teams that play in the fall. We discussed moving Division IV soccer to the winter to help the small schools and even out the number of teams in each division. There was also discussion on why it was important to keep the fall division. This issue may be discussed in the future.
- The length of the season was discussed. The biggest concern is starting the season after the Thanksgiving club tournaments and ending with the Presidents Cup. Discussion took place for soccer to waive bylaw 14.4.1 for one of those college showcase tournaments. Per bylaws our soccer season can go to the first of March. A survey was discussed to get feedback from coaches.
- The number of teams in the tournament was discussed. Where you draw the line is always a concern for the team's right below the line. The data from this year's tournament showed that a 13 seed was in the finals at Div. III, the next lowest seeded team in the finals was a six seed. Biggest concern was the Div. II because of the large number of teams in that division. Many factors contributed to that large number that will continue to be looked at. It was recommended to create a proposal that could be submitted to the Executive Board. This proposal will be circulated among the committee and approved for submittal to the Board.
- Forfeitures were discussed. There is two issues at stake, power ranking and the consequence for a forfeit. The accuracy of the power rankings would be in question on one hand, while a

consequence for a bylaw violation needs to be addressed. This is also being looked at by the 4A & 5A Conferences.

- A request was made to help educate officials, that if there is a conflict of interest, they must step away from that contest. David Hines will work with Gery Welchel with this process.
- Pinnacle athletic director Jay Thomas presented to the committee his concerns with the behavior in soccer with the players, coaches and spectators. This discussion will continue to be a high priority as the number of red cards continues to rise. It was determined that the Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee meet with the Soccer Advisory Committee to talk about possible solutions and proactive ideas to help clean up the sport.
- Chris Farabee of Hamilton H.S., discussed the idea of adding freshman soccer. After discussion it was recommended that teams with large numbers develop JV "B" teams to play thus eliminating the need to cut kids.
- It was encouraged by the committee to utilize the MaxPreps stat application to help with section and division recognition. Let's promote our kids not hide them.

Recommendation:

After discussion it was recommended by the Soccer Advisory Committee to provide the following information to the Scheduling Committee for the next two year block:

- Limit the number of teams in a section to no more than 11 and no fewer than 9.
- Play everyone in your section once
- Allow at least 2 freedom games
- Not necessary to play all games within the Division

That David Hines have a preseason meeting with coaches, that includes an official to discuss expectations of the season, officials, rule changes, concerns and questions.

Adjourned: 12:06