

AIA Girls Volleyball Sports Advisory Committee
February 28, 2019 - 10:00 am
AIA Office Board Room

Minutes:

Agenda-

1. Roll Call:

Members present-

1A-Tylene Miller, St. David

2A-Donna Antonio, San Carlos

4A-Sarah Petersen, Greenway and Matt Mayo, Seton

5A-Bill Lang, Ironwood Ridge and Carly Boreland, Kellis

6A-Mindy Williams, North and Tonya Lee, Westview

Members absent-

1A-Joe Page, North Phoenix Prep

2A-Lisa Barlow, Leading Edge Academy (sick),

3A-Alan Ramage, Snowflake and Jacob Holiday, Monument Valley

AIA Staff-

Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator

Guests-

None

2. Agenda-New Business:

- Selection of GVB SAC Chair
Bill Lang selected Chair. Nominated by Donna Antonio, 2nd
by Tylene Miller. 7-0 vote.
- Feedback re: State Competition at ASU and other venues-

Group generally liked play-off set up including use of ASU for finals of 5A-6A. Ms. Petersen mentioned while McClintock was an adequate set up, unfortunately appeared things were not ready the first day with only one level of seating available and bathrooms and locker rooms (especially) were not clean. Ms. Lee mentioned that pre- and post-event cleaning was a concern and, since it is included on the basic site budget form from the AIA, needs to be emphasized. Ms. Petersen mentioned that parking was better at Tempe High, as North High parking had been a challenge in past years. Regarding venues, Ms. Antonio mentioned that AD's and coaches need to understand that their schools have a duty to host state tournament games if needed, and always be evaluating sites and tournament experiences to note positive items and try to improve as needed. She also mentioned the idea of a post season survey of ADs and GVB coaches regarding the season and tournament items. The idea of a November 2019 GVB SAC meeting was discussed and would be valuable in this area.

- Play-in game dates-

Mr. Lang had a concern that the play-in dates were taking away from the last week of the season and further compacting the regular season. It was mentioned that the Thursday play-in dates were needed for the bracket to be completed for the Saturday AIA Bracket Show and the state tournament to begin on the next Tuesday. Mr. Lang brought up the concern if the play-in games were needed with the overall expansion to include 6A, and if the Bracket Show is needed.

It was mentioned that if the season could start a week earlier, like football used to have the "zero week," that could help. (It was later confirmed with Mr. Paddock that this was

something that could be taken to the Executive Board to lengthen the GVB season).

- Invitational Tournaments for Frosh/JV-
Mr. Lang asked about allowing Frosh/JV GVB to have invitational tournaments. Ms. Miller agreed that this would not be required, but would be an option for schools. Scheduling would be on non-school days, so as not to take away from class time. Mr. Paddock, later in the day, confirmed that this is found in Art. 11 of the AIA By-laws and would require Legislative Council action. GVB SAC members need to take this to their Regions and Conferences to explain the concept and gain support if the consensus of the group was to bring this item forward to Legislative Council in late February, early March 2020. Mr. Mayo, among others, added that a survey of ADs and GVB coaches would provide data.
- Multi-colored ball for State Competition – **approved.**
- Post season honors/voting-
Ms. Petersen, and several other Committee members, had a concern about post season player honors and the various voting processes. Individual conferences decide how the process is completed and what positions are awarded, leading to the variations. Mr. Lang provided a sample of the Southern Region GVB voting procedures.
- Officials-

A concern was brought up about pre-game warm ups. Some officials not aware of the 6-6-3 process - consistency should be expected.

Also, a rotation of officials assigned to sites during the regular season would be helpful. Ms. Williams noted that sometimes the same officials show up for several games. Ms. Antonio mentioned she has requested officials from around the area and is willing to pay some extra mileage to get different officials. All are encouraged to have their ADs contact the AIA Area Commissioners about assignments.

- Next meeting-
Tentatively planned for November 2019.
- With no other business – adjourned approx. 11:45 am.