

## Minutes

### **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

6:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Terry Bender, Frank Ryan, Mike Diehl and Terry Grove

**Administration Present:** Jeff Malaspino

**Staff Present:** Gerald Conn

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#### **1. Cheerleading: Holly Vogel, Amanda Younkin, Jennifer Nicholson**

- All are interested in returning to their coaching positions for 18/19.
- Competitive cheer asked for consideration of a pay raise due to length of practice season and possible participation in additional non-sanctioned PIAA Cheer Competitions.
- Discussion was held regarding participation in non-sanctioned PIAA cheer competitions, up to 4 per year to include a competition held in Florida. Discussion was held in regards to excusing students from school for the event, school attendance, academic eligibility, fundraising, PIAA rules, using the school name and chaperones. Details will be looked into and discussed at a meeting to be set for a date in May.
- Squad wishes to fundraise for new uniforms: uniforms design/style must be approved by the athletic committee in May.
- Jen Nicholson also brought up the topic of building a baseball field on school grounds. This will also be discussed in May as the boosters are to attend the athletic meeting.
- Competitive cheer squad will continue to be the Varsity sideline squad however, cheerleaders may be considered as alternates to the competitive cheer squad depending on numbers and skill level.
- Questions were raised as to the wording in the athletic handbook regarding JV/JR High Cheer. This was reviewed and the wording is correct in the handbook.

#### **2. Jr High Girls Basketball: Matt Younkin**

- Interested in returning for the 18/19 season.
- Expects 10-11 players next year.
- Discussion was held regarding adding additional games to the schedule. Mr. Conn stated that it is difficult to add more as there aren't that many teams to play within a reasonable travel distance. However he will continue to look into it.
- Mr. Conn stated that the junior high basketball seasons will now be exactly the same as varsity in terms of start and finish dates. We should expect to play more triple headers this coming season.
- Coach is satisfied with his volunteer assistant.
- Discussion was held in terms of open gyms time, summer play and tournament play.

### **3. Varsity/JV and Junior High Boys Basketball: Eric Swank and Nathan Enos**

- Each coach is interested in returning for the 18/19 season.
- Coach Swank indicated that he would again Coach Junior High Boys if we could not find anybody. He like the idea of being able to teach his system to the team.
- Expect JV numbers to be low next season but junior high should come up by a couple.
- Discussion was held in regard to speaking to next year's ninth grade boys now about the possibly playing down to junior high.
- Some boys are currently playing AAU and others are going to play in the various summer leagues (LH Undergrad) as well as participation in open gym.

### **4. Rifle: Tim Rugg (did not attend and did not inform us that he would not. Volunteer coaches Bill and Donna Butler attended).**

- Coaches spoke of and presented data on just how well the team has done this past year and they are very optimistic about the future.
- Coaches mentioned that the school doesn't support the rifle team because the rifle schedule was not posted on the poster calendars, yet Berlin wrestling is. Mr. Conn stated that it is so because in the past we did not have a rifle schedule until after the posters are printed. However, we currently have next year's schedule and it will be part of the poster.
- They intend to return as volunteers next year but on a more limited basis. However they are not yet willing to make that commitment at this time.
- Neither is interested in the head coach position.
- Discussion was held regarding non serviceable equipment; coach is to box it up and give it to Mr. Conn who will then inform administration.
- Coaches presented a shooters notebook which they created for each team member to use during the season.
- Coach spoke of the donations made to the team from the Confluence Fish and Game, Precision Pallets and Mrs. McCaughey.
- Discussion was held regarding the challenges with sharing the Scullton range and finding range time. Discussion was held about various other locations within the community to include the fish and game if they had an indoor facility. It was mentioned that school funds cannot be used to support construction but we could possibly assist with equipment specific to and used by the rifle team. NRA Range grants were also discussed.
- NRA Equipment grants were discussed in that the application opens in August and awards are made the following winter/spring. So, any grant written this summer; equipment would not be available for the 18/19 season.
- Mr. Butler questioned why we ordered the new rifle from Champion instead of a place where he could get a discount. Mr. Malaspino stated he ordered the rifle off of the paperwork which he was given. The rifle was sent to Hoovers to handle the paperwork. If in the future items can be ordered elsewhere and cheaper, by all means, do so.
- Coaches spoke of the shooting equipment upgrades made this season and what they would like to have next season to include the Orion Scoring System.
- Coaches began to have discussion regarding the head coach however Mr. Malaspino reminded the group that Mr. Rugg coached the team when nobody else would. While there may be concerns, this isn't the time or place to air them as he is not present. Mr. and Mrs. Butler feel that if it were advertised, there may be interest.

- Mr. Malaspino spoke of concerns regarding the conduct of a recent match in terms of safety violations and general conduct. He asked Mr. Conn to mention to the west pac about seeing if there needs to be a coaches meeting to discuss uniformity of match conduct. Mr. Malaspino also asked Mr. Conn to object to the west pac limiting the number of varsity shooter any lower than 10.

**5. Girls Varsity Basketball: Tiffany Uphold and Vada Parks**

- Both intend to return for 18/19 season.
- Discussion was held regarding low numbers, next year looks to be a little better with students coming up.
- Coach discussed open gyms here and in cooperation with other schools as well as participating in summer leagues if interest is there.
- Coach is planning a summer camp at the school.
- Coaches are also looking for a summer coaching clinic to attend.
- Coach expressed concerns with a parent who confronted her and was also yelling to the players from the stands, “not to listen to the coach.”

**6. Junior High Girls and Boys Uniforms:**

- Mr. Conn presented a reversible uniform to the committee.
- Would need 15 boys and 15 girls uniforms at 60 dollars each.
- Uniforms need to be ordered this spring to have in time for 18/19.

**7. Junior High Football with Meyersdale:**

- The Varsity cooperative agreement has been dissolved as per mutual agreement and PIAA action.
- Junior high football is still in play.
- Meyersdale coaches will be coming down on March 15<sup>th</sup> to meet with interested parents and players.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.**