

SWSC Athletic Director Workshop Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Plaza Café

All SWSC athletic directors were present as well as all assistant athletic directors from the District 205 schools.

The workshop topic for today is: Athletic Fundraising

- I. Welcome – President Fabrizio welcomed everyone to a new meeting venue. Let us leave it as we were definitely not alone or in a separate or private room. He now knows how Brett Favre feels barking orders to the troops.
- II. Minutes from the February Workshop were unanimously approved.
- III. Individual Sports Reports
 - a. Baseball – no report – will meet at Mega Meeting on 3/12
 - b. Softball – no report – will meet at Mega Meeting on 3/12
 - c. Track – no report – will meet at Mega Meeting on 3/12
 - d. Badminton – no report – will meet at Mega Meeting on 3/12. At this time Bolingbrook does not have a freshman badminton team.
 - e. Boys Volleyball – no report – will meet at Mega Meeting on 3/12
 - f. Boys Tennis – no report- will meet at Mega Meeting on 3/12
 - g. Water Polo – There were questions as to why we play varsity first followed by JV. This is the only sport without special circumstances where we do this. There was a question again about a possible end of season conference tournament. We do not do this for any other team sport and there is a question about setting a precedent for other sports. No action taken at this time.
 - h. Boys Gymnastics – LW Dist. 210 indicated they will coop all 4 schools for boys and girls gymnastics beginning 08-09. A formal request must be made to the SWSC.
 - i. Girls Gymnastics – End of season meeting held on 2/21 @ LW Central. Coaches had an issue with the format of the state meet. Specifics were not discussed.

IV. Athletic Achievement – Congratulations to the following sports on their winter

**achievements: Bolingbrook – Girls Basketball – 2nd Place at State
Lincoln-Way Central – Wrestling – 3rd Place at Team State
Congratulations to all the SWSC swimmers that competed in the
Boys Swimming State Championship.**

- V. Handbook Guidelines – Discussion on the following areas:**
- a. Boys Basketball – question over whether the state will go to the “Wave” basketball from Wilson.**
 - b. Boys and Girls Swimming – follow-up to February discussion about what to do about conference championship meet. There were questions about lack of deck and spectator seating with the addition of more schools. Discussion centered on separating the JV meet from the Varsity meet. The JV meet would be a week earlier and the dual meet originally scheduled for Thursday of that week would be moved to Tuesday. The Boys JV meet would be on Saturday, 1/31 with the diving at 9:00 am and the swimming at 1:00 pm. The Boys Varsity meet would be on 2/7/09 with the same format. This would keep all of the SWSC swim teams in the same pool with the ability to separate the Red and Blue Divisions similar to what we do with Cross Country. A motion was made by Andrew seconded by Lockport to go with this format for both boys and girls swimming and diving. The motion passed unanimously. The change for the girls meet for 08-09 will be last dual on 10/21, JV Conference on 10/25, and Varsity Conference on 11/1. The conference diving panel will consist of 2 IHSA officials and 3 coaches. The coaches will be selected from a blind draw of all coaches interested. This is consistent with the state format.**
- VI. Conference Sites and Fee – will be finalized soon**
- a. Girls Track – due to H-F construction, Red Division girls track championship will be held at LW East on Thursday, May 1, 2008.**
 - b. Boys and Girls Swimming – Entry Fees will be \$100 per level – due to new format.**
 - c. Badminton – Conference will be held on April 23rd (doubles) and 24th (singles).**
- note: Conference Fees should go to varsity host site when multiple sites are used.**
- VII. SWSC Constitution and By-Laws**
- a. As number conference schools increase, there will be a need to change wording in conference divisions and organizations.**
 - b. Athletic Mega Meetings should be set by IHSA calendar dates.**
- VIII. Principal’s Report – It was reported that the Principal’s are in favor of all SWSC schools playing each other where feasible and having all SWSC schools at conference championships where feasible. Also noted was the tragedy at NIU with a concern for**

safety and security at all of our school.

IX. IADA/IHSA Report

- a. The IADA state conference will be held in Tinley Park this year. Information is in the IADA journal and on its website. The golf outing will be at the Odyssey on Monday. The Sunday Social will be at the Tinley Park Convention area and will consist of dinner and comedy show. Former H-F athletic director Ken Schultz will be inducted into the IADA Hall of Fame. Pat Summit, head women's basketball coach at Tennessee, will be the keynote speaker at Saturday's main session. Extra tickets for this session will be \$10.00.
- b. This will be the last IADA State Conference held up north. Next year's conference will be in Springfield with a 5 year contract in Peoria starting in 2010.
- c. IHSA – will go to 3 classes in soccer, wrestling, and track starting in 2008-09. Our April 9th SWSC Athletic Directors Workshop will feature IHSA Associate Director Kurt Gibson who will speak on the Performance Enhancement Drug testing that will be instituted with the 2008-09 state series.

X. Workshop Topic: Successful Athletic Fundraisers

- a. Most schools have specific fundraisers geared toward their student-athletes and community organizations and make-up.
- b. Local community gold cards are sold to raise money for athletics.
- c. Candy sales are still profitable but not a healthy alternative.
- d. Individual sports fundraising vs. school wide fundraising.
- e. What is the need for additional athletic funds?
- f. Can programs survive without fundraising on the side?
- g. Do we tap the same people over and over?

XI. Old Business – Bolingbrook will not have a frosh level of Badminton. They do not know about the frosh level of boys volleyball.

Assignment Chairpersons contracts will be increased by 5% next contract.

Wayne Layers' contact info might be different. Check previous info sent by Wayne.

XII. New Business – May meeting will be in conjunction with the Murphy Outing. It will be May 15th at Bon Vivant with breakfast at 8:00 am, golf outing at 11:00 am, and dinner at 4:00 pm. Info will be forthcoming from Mr. Piatchek. Please send Gold Card list to Bob Fabrizio as soon as possible. Send SWSC All-Academic list to Ted Robbins at LW Central (West).

Mega Meeting on 3/12 – make sure all coaches contact info is secured at the individual sports meetings. Send coaching info along to Rich Piatchek for website purposes.

Motion made to adjourn by Mark Sutton – seconded by Chris Olson

SWSC Needs and Openings

Lincoln-Way East – needs 2 teams for boys water polo tournament on April 11th and 12th.

Bolingbrook – needs lower level boys and girls basketball Christmas Tournament.

Lincoln-Way North – needs boys swimming invitationals.

**Sandburg – needs Freshman “B” baseball games.
needs Soph Girls Basketball end of season tournament.**

Bradley-Bourbonnais – needs Saturday Freshman Softball games.

**Lincoln-Way West – Lower level girls golf for fall, 2008.
Any lower level invites for winter and spring, 2008-09
Needs lower level girls basketball games.
Needs spring dates in every sport at the lower levels.**

Lincoln-Way Central – need Soph “B” girls soccer games

Lockport – Need JV girls soccer dates.

**Thornridge – Needs Girls Basketball games all levels – dates available are:
12/3, 10,16 – 1/7,8,13,14,15,20, and 27.**