



# MEETING MINUTES

ASAA Region III

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09SEP2024 9:04am | *Meeting called to order by* Dale Ewart

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## Moment of Silence – Pledge

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### Attendees – Roll Call of Schools

**Voting Members in attendance:** D. Ewart (Colony), P. Salima (Grace), J. Zank (Homer), J. Settlemyer (Kenai), D. Hooper (Nikiski), H. Gravely (Palmer), C. Blydenburgh (Redington), R. Hemstock (Seward), P. Leck (Soldotna), S. Rustad (Wasilla)

**Introduction of guests in attendance:** Billy Strickland (ASAA), Vaughn Dosko (KPSAA)

**Members not in attendance:** Brandy Woody (MCCA - Zoom), Colby Wolfer (Houston - Zoom), Deb Rorher (Kodiak - Zoom)

Reminder: One speaking representative per school and one voting member per school. Guests may speak when called upon.

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## Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

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- [15APR2024MeetingAgenda](#)
  - **Motion: Wasilla**
  - **Second: Kenai**
  - **Vote: Approved - Unanimous**

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## Approval of Agenda

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- **Motion: Wasilla**
- **Second: Homer**
- **Vote: Approved - Unanimous**

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## Financial Report - Blydenburgh

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- Current Balance - \$37,306.04
  - ASAA Contribution
  - Reminders have been sent to schools who have not paid FY24 invoices yet

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## ASAA Reports - Rustad

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- Report

- Trying to work w/ B. Dennison re: setting up classes, etc. for Power Lifting
- Air quality policy - Air Visual by IQ Air is what will be used to determine air quality for outdoor events (RIII is in favor)
- Multiple transfers w/ in a year (RIII is in favor)
- DII Football season going back to status quo (will discuss later on Agenda at today's RIII meeting - will be actionable at next ASAA meeting)
- Soccer Jamboree policy (RIII is in favor)
- Classification Committee update (Jesse, Deb, Billy)
  - Focused on Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and DII Soccer
  - Not actionable
  - Would have to be an aggressive timeline if it were to go into effect next year
- 4A basketball berth proposal
  - Region V
  - 4 Conference Champions + next 4 based on RPI
  - RIII Generally not in favor
- Eielson closed - transfers to North Pole
  - Wrestlers are requesting to still wrestle for Eielson for one more year
  - RIII does not support
- Soccer proposals are contentious
- Softball
  - Option 4 (Stacia's option) - 6 team tournament
- Baseball
  - DI - decision made after report
  - DII - don't need to make a decision right now

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## Old Business

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- Region III Logo Update (Ewart)
  - AK Memories will need new logo in Vector (would like to disperse all medals that have already been stamped w/ old logo before migrating to the new one)
  - May be additional costs involved.
    - Dale will fix "Association" will start using the new design ASAP
- DII Football Season Length Update (SoHi)<sup>1</sup>
  - Transition from 9 Week back to 8 Week schedule
- Winter Conference Tournament Report and Bylaw Review
  - Basketball
    - Peninsula (Homer)
      - Changes located in RIII Drive

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix I (p. 4)

- Requires Vote
  - **Motion : Grace**
  - **Second: Nikiski**
  - **Vote: Approved - Unanimous**
- Northern Lights (Soldotna)
  - Discussion - need clarifying language
  - No vote - will bring new changes to the November meeting for a vote.
    - Postponed Vote
      - **Motion**
      - **Second**
      - **Vote**

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## New Business

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- Spring Tournament and Bylaw Review
  - Softball - Palmer, Wasilla
  - Baseball - Kodiak, Colony
    - DII Changes - Kodiak will add language to bylaws re: removing the true third/fourth game
    - DI Changes - Colony will develop language to vote on next meeting
  - Track and Field - Homer
    - Language for Unified needs to be added to the bylaws
    - Homer will work w/ their Unified coach to add language for next meeting
  - Soccer
    - DII Proposal (Kenai)
      - [Existing Bylaws \(with edits\)](#)
      - [New Bylaws \(Pending Approval\)](#)
      - No issues - move to vote next meeting
- AKIAAA (Ewart/Rustad)
  - Membership
  - Website
  - Mentor Program

- Upcoming Professional Development-Oct. 4th
- National Athletic Directors Conference- Austin, Texas Dec. 13-17th
- General Bylaw Revision (Ewart)
  - Re: school representatives missing a meeting, they must send a designee
  - RIII in favor
- Football Division Championship Plaques (Blydenburgh)
  - Not specifically called for in bylaws - do we want to add them or not make plaques any longer?
    - 9 Man wants a State Championship plaque
    - Have AK Memories take the conference/division championships off the awards list
- Discussion regarding a possible ASAA Agenda Item to change the practice requirement from 10 to 5 days.
  - Apply to all?
  - or Apply to just non-contact sports
- Powerlifting Competition Schedule (Nikiski)
  - Spring 2025
  - Nikiski will host the first (BD will run it)
  - Looking for locations for the other three (BD would run those, too)
- Website discussion (Ewart)
  - Need more content
  - Need to update contact info for each of the schools
- Fall Region Hosts - Please review current bylaws ASAP
  - XC - Wasilla
  - Swim and Dive - Kodiak
  - 4A Volleyball - Colony
  - 3A Volleyball - Nikiski
  - DI Football - ???
  - DII Football - Lathrop
  - DIII Football - Barrow

- 9-Man - Seward
- Flag - Palmer/Colony

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### Additional Items

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- XC Ski Concerns (Seward)
  - Schedule
- ASAA Staff Updates (Billy)
- ASAA Transfer Slide show (Billy)

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### Next Meeting

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- November 18, 2024 (Special Olympics Headquarters - ANC)

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### Adjournment -

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- **Motion: Palmer**
- **Second: Kenai           a**
- **Vote: Approved - Unanimous**

## Appendix I - DII Football Season Schedule Proposal (SoHi)

### Current:

9 game regular season with 4 teams advancing to the playoffs.

### Proposal:

- Move back to an 8 game regular season with 4 teams advancing to the playoffs.
- Higher seed will host the semifinals, with the championship hosted by ASAA at the host site.
- This will align with DI and DIII
- This will move our state championship game to the same weekend as the DIII State Championship as in previous seasons.
- This will effectively fix the scheduling issues that were brought up this past year by ASAA
  - West valley
  - Palmer and SoHi
  - Etc.
- This will allow athletes to move into hockey and wrestling, one more week into the season that is already overlapping quite a bit.

### Reduction in the Required number of practices

#### Current:

10 days of practice is required before playing in a game.

#### Proposal A:

- Reduce the required number of practices to 5 days for all ASAA Activities.

#### Proposal B:

- Reduce the required number of practices to 5 days for non-contact sports.
  - Would not include Football, Wrestling and Hockey.

### Rationale-

- The purpose of the 10 days of practice is to ensure that athletes are in shape and ready to go to reduce the chance of injury. A majority of our athletes are already participating in pre-season or a comp season prior to the start of the high school activity and are ready to go. I know that not all high school participants will come in day 1 having participated in preseason, camp or comp., but a majority will so I feel the rule should be made for the majority. For example, I always find it hard to hold a hockey kid out of the first game because he has 7 days of high school practice but he has been practicing and playing comp. games for 2 months.
- During covid, we were able to reduce the requirement to 5 days, if it was safe then, why wouldn't it be safe now.
- It will increase participation in the first event of each season as more kids will be eligible.
- May lead to more flexibility in the schedule with an extra week to play games.
- School Districts/Coaches could still require more than 5 days if they feel it is necessary.
- We have allowed 5 day practice waivers when sports overlap.