



MEETING AGENDA

ASAA Region III

18NOV2024 9:13am | *Meeting called to order by* Dale Ewart

Moment of Silence – Pledge

Attendees – Roll Call of Schools

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

Members not in attendance: Deb Rohrer (Zoom)

Introduction of guests in attendance: Vaughn Dosko (KPSAA), Jennifer Hunter (Houston)

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

- [09SEP2024MeetingMinutes](#)
 - **Motion:** Wasilla
 - **Second:** Kenai
 - **Vote:** Approved - Unanimous

Approval of Agenda

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Financial Report - Blydenburgh

- Current Balance - \$28,548.51
 - [Treasurer's Report](#)

ASAA Reports - Rustad

- Report
 - Classification Report
 - Powerlifting
 - Will be a club @ state level (no contact was made w/ ASAA)

- Multiple Transfers w/in one year
 - CHS/WHS Volleyball athlete and Basketball manager
 - Wanted to go back to T/F at CHS
 - ASAA working on language to prevent this in the future
- Hall of Fame nominations due December 1
- Committee Members
 - Todd Hopkins added from Colony for Wrestling
- Coaches Education Requirements
 - Attempting to increase classes for coaches (with incentives for the school)
 - Going to the board in December re: preventing abuse
 - (Nikiski) wants to make sure certificated teachers don't have to do another (repeat) course
- Hockey state event being pushed for
 - Region III supports (w/ exception of Houston)
 - Supporting the merge in 2030
- Shot Clock Policy
 - 4A moving forward w/ shot clock
 - Is 3A in favor?
 - Coaches tend to be in favor, schools are in favor w/ leniency
- Reduction of practice requirements (CHS)
 - SMAC did not support

Old Business

- Region III Logo Update (Ewart)
 - Association to be spelled out... complete?
- Winter Conference Tournament Report and Bylaw Review
 - Basketball
 - Northern Lights (Soldotna)
 - SoHi to bring clarifying language
 - Basketball Cheer all region cheerleaders announced Friday night with the basketball players.
 - Hudl game film- agreed to remove the night of rule and change to 3 pm on Sunday of each .
 - Proposal of the three way tie- 1- overall record, 2- head to head, 3- RPI
 - Requires Vote
 - **Motion Grace**
 - **Second- Palmer**

- **Vote- Unanimous**
- Spring Bylaw Review
 - Baseball
 - DII Kodiak to add language re: removing the true 3rd/4th game
 - **Requires Vote**
 - **Motion - Soldotna**
 - **Second -Palmer**
 - **Vote- Unanimous**
 - DI Colony to develop language
 - Starting next season, we play each other twice.
 - Railbelt would use a three way double elimination bracket
 - Adding language for coach of year, cannot vote for themselves
 - All ties to be broken by board of control.
 - **Requires Vote**
 - **Motion- Wasilla**
 - **Second- Colony**
 - **Vote- Unanimous**
 - Track and Field
 - Unified Language (Homer)
 - Awards - Proposed adding unified awards.
 - Tabulating the results, proposed adding a record sheet. Calculating the finishes for all the athletes.
 - **Requires Vote**
 - **Motion- Soldotna**
 - **Second - Nikiski**
 - **Vote- Unanimous**
 - Soccer
 - DII Proposal (Kenai)
 - [Existing Bylaws \(with edits\)](#)
 - [New Bylaws \(Pending Approval\)](#)
 - **Requires Vote**
 - **Motion- Soldotna**
 - **Second -Nikiski**
 - **Vote- Unanimous**
 - General Bylaw Revision (Ewart)

- School representatives missing a meeting need to provide a designee
 - Meeting will occur in person unless weather conditions or circumstances out of our control merit a zoom meeting.
 - Member schools are required to attend.
 - **Requires Vote**
 - **Motion- Wasilla**
 - **Second - Soldotna**
 - **Vote- Unanimous**
- Powerlifting Update (Nikiski)
 - The Nikiski coach is unable to run events this season, possibly in the future.

New Business

- Wrestling (Soldotna)
 - Weight Classifications
 - The current weight system used in Alaska is not an approved weight class through NFHS. Soldotna would like to follow NFHS recommended 14 weight class rules for boys.
 - Addition of State Berth to DI Wrestling Tournament out of RIII (to top 6 instead of top 5)
 - Soldotna would like to advocate that they add more berths for other regions. Fairbanks and Region 3 schools because of CIC weakness as a conference.
 - Nikiski recommended gathering participation data and success data to show the smaller school success.
 - Soldotna will work on gathering data to bring to the wrestling committee.
- Fall Tournament and Bylaw Review
 - XC - Wasilla
 - Bylaws edits highlighted.
 - Things that came out of the XC activities Committee please take back to coaches for feedback: Running D1 and D2 in the same race at state/ Pushing back the XC season calendar an additional week/ Starting on Monday(not Wednesday)/ Request there be 10 XC athletes in the varsity region championships.
 - Swim and Dive - Kodiak
 - This year the state was very low on divers (2- male/ 4- female) . Would like to adjust the schedule to shorten if necessary. Deb will double check to see if there is a change needed.
 - Some awards where not done correctly, keep track of any issues with awards.

- 4A Volleyball - Colony
 - Discussion on the bracket, and that if you place second there is no advantage.
 - Bylaws had a lot of contradictions, working on cleaning up the verbiage.
 - Propose scheduling flexibility for host school.
 - Add language to make an effort for schools to nominate region tournament officials.
- 3A Volleyball - Nikiski
 - Tournament went great and there were no changes in the by-law review.
- DI Football - Colony
 - looking at doing by-laws changes had a meeting last Tuesday and have not heard of new changes.
 - Last year's awards got delivered last week. .
- DII Football - Lathrop
 - Needs to make sure each region understands expectations and how things need to be done well before the playoffs.
 - potentially have an Executive Board or Board of control to make sure things run smoothly.
- DIII Football - Barrow
 - No bylaw changes, everything went fine.
- 9-Man - Seward
 - Hoping to get more schools but no by-law changes.
 - Possibly pre-plan in the future to have two sights picked for the game.
- Flag - Palmer/Colony
 - Length of season and roster limit.
- Tennis-Wasilla
 - Tennis schools have already agreed on by-laws; they are highlighted in yellow.
 - Moving forward 1 person will be the tournament director.
- Winter Tournament Hosts - review Bylaws ASAP
 - Wrestling
 - Northern Lights - Palmer
 - Palmer is ready and looking forward to it.
 - Kachemak - Seward

- Tournament will run late on Friday and get out early on Saturday.
 - Hockey
 - Railbelt - Colony
 - They are looking at going back to a 4 team conference tournament for the region.
 - Aurora - Houston
 - There will most likely be some bylaw changes since we were working without.
- Northern Lights Hockey
- * bylaws are good.
- Nordic - Homer
 - Homer will now be hosting the region tournament.
 - Classification Committee Recommendations (Settlemyer)
 - [Committee Recommendations](#)
 - Baseball/ Soccer/Softball
 - The choice to leave hockey, wrestling, track and field, etc alone. DII hockey is running well and remaining competitive. Size of school was a determining factor in wrestling and Track and Field.
 - The costs associated with new conferences will be hard on some schools, they will not be able to afford it which could force the program to fold.
 - 8 teams in a conference does not allow enough weekends to compete.
 - The committee needs to clean the document up so that you can see each sport individually because they all have different team participation numbers for each sport.
 - Best arguments were regarding baseball, if larger schools were not in baseball it would attract smaller schools.
 - The question remains “Why are we disrupting what is in place now.” Have we asked the schools each “What are their thoughts?”
 - Next meeting is December 5th, 2024.

Volleyball -

- Option 1 - Based on enrollment / Option 2 based on competitive balance.
- Again, what problem are we trying to solve?
- Option 1- Palmer
- Option 2- Houston, Colony, Nikiski, Grace, Seward, Homer, Soldotna, MCCA, Wasilla, Kenai.
- Nikiski and Seward would not opt up given the choice.
- The teams in the Northern Lights conference would like to stay where they are.
- Most schools are not on board with either option but if forced would choose option #2.
- Region III would like to see the final recommendation from the committee before voting.

- DII Soccer Proposal (Region V via Rustad)
 - [DII Proposal re: Ketchikan](#)
 - Why do we have to go play them if they already get an automatic at large berths?
 - Only 5 tickets is not enough to help the cost of a team to come down.
 - Why don't they go to Fairbanks for option #1.
 - Option #1 - NO
 - Option #2- The ticket allocation is not enough for the teams to afford to travel.
 - Deb brought up that booking tickets is cheaper by amount then by ticket #'s
 - Ultimately the group feels the ticket numbers are the best option.
- Football forced byes discussion (Rustad)
 - District- Wasilla, Colony, Palmer, Houston, Kenai, Nikiski, Homer, Soldotna
 - Division- None.
- Volleyball procedure discussion (Rustad)
 - Return to switching sides after each set.
 - Please take back to coaches and ask for thoughts.
- Flag Football
 - Season Length - proposed State tournament October 9-11

Additional Items

- Stacia and Dale had a meeting with Fairbanks about using Arbiter and their region is going to adopt it.
- Track- Where is the region meet being hosted? Paul (Grace) will work on having the information by the January meeting.
- DI & DII Football state hosting, what is it going to look like.

Next Meeting

- January 27-29, 2025
- January 27th- Scheduling
- January 28th- Business Meeting
- January 29th- State Scheduling

Adjournment

- **Motion: Nikiski**
- **Second: Soldotna**
- **Vote: Unanimous**