

SWSC Athletic Director Workshop

Wednesday, December 5th, 2008

Opah's Restaurant

All SWSC athletic directors or representatives were present as well as Thornton from The SICA Conference. Representatives from Thornridge and Thornwood were not present.

Workshop Topic: Club Sports and their effect on high school athletic programs.

- I. Welcome – President Fabrizio extends greetings to all in attendance. A special Thank you to Trophys Are Us for their annual tin of chocolate covered nuts.**
- II. Minutes from the November meeting were unanimously approved.**
- III. Individual Sports Reports:**
 - A. Boys Swimming – Charlie McCarthy was present to hand out Boys swimming And Diving schedules of officials assignments. No other report.**
 - B. Cheerleading – No report.**
 - C. Boys Basketball – There was discussion with regards to the coaches recommendation that we review the position of assignment chair for the 2008-09 season. They feel that Steve Alexander does not get the quality of officials due to his lateness in getting contracts secured. They feel there may be other candidates who could secure top notch officials for our conference. Further discussion will be forthcoming. All assignment chairs will go through the normal end of season evaluation process. Please remind coaches to put conference s/v or jv/v scores on the website.**
 - D. Girls Basketball – Please remind coaches to put SWSC s/v conference scores on the website.**
 - E. Wrestling – No report.**
 - F. Boys and Girls Bowling – No report.**
 - G. Girls Gymnastics – No report.**
- IV. Winter Assignment Chairperson Report – Brian Barham has indicated he would like to stay on as Wrestling Assignment Chair. Again, normal evaluation process will take place with regards to all assignment chair positions.**

V. Budget Developments –

- A. Website Report – A reminder to make sure all head coaches are updating s/v or jv/v scores on the SWSC website. It was brought out that if we allowed advertising on our website that we could save a lot of money in yearly fees. Many conferences and school websites now allow simple generic advertising with savings to those institution in the thousands of dollars.**
- B. Principal’s Meeting Report – Discussed conference alignment and possible crossovers where schedules allow. Rivalry relationships should be maintained where schedules allow. Enrollment is the driving force behind alignment but there was some conversation with regards to scope of program. There was talk about evaluation of alignment on a 2 year cycle. Cross Country will have the pre-season conference meet with all SWSC schools on 9/2/08 with Joliet as host.**
- C. Awards – There was good discussion on the topic of awards given to athletes for team and individual sports. Rich Piatchek handed out a summary for all to analyze. Discussion centered around the percentage of starters per sport attaining all-conference status. Certificated teams and individual awards were looked at. Many of the percentages were consistent but there were some real discrepancies. Notable areas were in wrestling, girls and boys track, and badminton. It was pointed out that the 10th flight winner in badminton is all-conference and this may be the 10th best individual on that team. This affects some schools Wall of Fame placement.**

There was discussion once again about lower level awards. Should we look for a lower level medal selection that does not cost much more than the ribbons do now. There was a motion made and seconded to explore lower level medal cost and the difference in pricing and cost to our conference. There will be a presentation to the body at a later date. A special section of our workshop on 1/9/08 will be dedicated to awards. Our meeting will start at 8:00 am.

VI. NISOC Report – Chris Olson attended the NISOC meeting at Hinsdale So. on

12/3/07. Highlights included an IHSA out of season swimming issue involving clubs use of pools housed at high school facilities. Cheerleading and Lacrosse issues were discussed. The NISOC committee approved the officials base rate for the next 2 school years to \$29.00. Chris handed out the new pay rates per sport on the green colored sheets.

VII. Proposed Division Alignment – handout included proposed SWSC alignments per

sports with numbers of teams indicated. Due to the number of schools with that sport, some schools may be in Blue Division for some sports and Red Division for others. In B/G swimming, the divisions will have to be separated because District 205 coop has boys only. On the last page, the Sports 4 teams should be boys gymnastics on the right side with the 3 teams. Thanks to Rich Piatchek

for putting this together.

VIII. Workshop Topic: Club Sports and their effect on High School Athletic Programs

One of the most affected sports is girls basketball. Club volleyball has taken away many prospective basketball players with the lure of college scholarships if they play club volleyball. Club gymnastics is another sport with great impact on high school programs. Many of the club seasons either overlap or are at the same time as the high school programs. AAU programs sometimes interfere with school during the school year and during the summer contact days. With certain enrollments, this issue may be a bigger problem in the future.

- IX. Old Business – Dave Brost showed a proposed SWSC banner for schools to have conference champions display for pictures. The banner was designed by Neff and would cost \$175 per school. A motion was made to go with this banner and was seconded. The Holiday Workshop will be on December 20th at 94 West in Orland Park at 1:00 pm.**

The Spring SWSC Pre-Season Mega Meeting will be at Lincoln-Way East H.S. on March 12, 2008 starting at 6:30 pm with dinner. All head coaches and resource AD's are required to attend.

- X. New Business –**
- A. End Zone Filming – will be allowed with the stipulation that a copy of this film would be available to the other team upon request in a reasonable amount of time.**
 - B. Stagg H.S. is looking for a new football coach.**

Open Dates –

Bolingbrook – still seeking Week #3 Football for Fall, 2008 season – all levels

Looking for lower level boys and girls Christmas tournaments.

Looking for girls indoor/outdoor track meets.

Lincoln-Way West – needs lower level boys and girls golf for Fall, 2008

Any lower level invites for Winter and Spring, 2008-09

Lincoln-Way Central – Needs Week #4 Football for Fall, 2008 soph and Fa&b levels.

Need volleyball contests – soph and Fa&b levels

Need soccer – soph/frosh games.

Need boys and girls golf – lower level contests.

Bradley-Bourbonnais - Need Week #5 Football – All levels.

Joliet – Needs freshman level games – Team Sports – West and Central

Need Freshman level tournaments – West and Central.

Need Weeks 1 and 2 Football for Fall, 2010 – West and Central.

**Next AD Workshop will be on Thursday, December 20th, at 94 West
in Orland Park at 1:00 pm**

**Next Regular AD Workshop will be on January 9th at Opah's at
8:00 am. Early start dedicated to awards discussion.**

Everyone have a festive and joyous Holiday Season !