

PAL Commission Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2007

Attendance: Gerry Lane, Jill Bennett, Dave Parsh, Dave Hoffman, Barbara Marsolais, Phil Bonotto, Colleen Henderson, Doug Brandenbrug, Fran Dellaserra, John Heredia, Tommy Neri, Debi Buresh.

1) Winter Sports Roundup:

Little Dribblers: Dave reported that all went well but there were some issues with rule interpretation, etc. In order to organize the program, Dave and a number of the LD coordinators met to discuss possible rule changes. These have been approved and will be added to the PAL Guidelines.

Girls Basketball: JV Champions - Holy Cross
 Varsity Champions - Our Lady of Assumption

Boys Basketball: JV Champions - St. Ignatius defeated St. John Evangelist
 Varsity Champions - St. Ignatius defeated Holy Spirit

* Special Thanks to Kevin Rogers and St. John Evangelist for hosting the first round of the Varsity Tournament! Also, thanks yet again to Holy Family for hosting the first round of the JV Boys Championships!

2) Spring Sports Roundup:

Girls Softball: Only seven (7) teams this year. No JV program. *

Boys Volleyball: 18 teams; Sacred Heart-White defeated St. Mel's Green for the championship.

Golf: 16 Schools participated in the championship hosted by defending champion St. Mel's. St. Mel's won a narrow one (1) stroke victory over St. John Vianney 190-191. Four teams finished within 5 strokes of the champion. Special note; Range finders are not allowed and will be added to the PAL Golf Guidelines. We continue to encourage (!) Girls to participate in the golf program. This is a co-ed sport.

Track: The PAL Track Championship will be hosted by Jesuit High School on Sunday May 20. Special Note - The Knights of Columbus have donated extra funds to allow the PAL to upgrade the ribbons (to medals) for this event. Thanks to Mr. Floyd Wells from the Knights and Mrs. Marquez from Holy Family who helped identify this resource for additional funding.

* PAL Relay Meet Champion - Holy Rosary

* PAL JV Meet Champion - St. John Evangelist

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3) Girls Sport Change - Spring

Jill Bennett presented additional information for the commission to consider after another season with diminishing numbers. Only 7 schools participated this season and there was not enough interest (1 school) in a JV program. After further consideration, including soccer (#'s and conflicts), indoor soccer (facilities and conflicts) and other sports, the commission felt that there was sufficient reason to stop softball and add girls flag football (existing equipment and interest) for Spring 2008. Jill will be looking for support (committee, fields, etc.) in order to set up the structure necessary to offer this sport next year. The motion was passed unanimously by the Commission.

4) Positive Coaching Alliance:

Gerry Lane reported that the PAL has entered another three (3) year agreement with the PCA in order to continue the coaches training model used over the past three years. The feedback has been positive and has also resulted in fewer complaints about coaches and better training and assistance to new and veteran coaches.

5) Only a few changes to the existing PAL Guidelines. Jill and Gerry will meet to update and change/add this summer.

6) Budget - No news from the Diocesan office. Gerry reported that the amount will probably increase (10-15%) pending the cost of officials, etc. CSD will appraise the member schools of the new assessment.

7) Calendar 2007-2008:

August 13	Fall Sports may begin practice
August 20	Mandatory AD's Meeting
August 26	Mandatory Fall Coaches Meeting, PCA training @ Christian Brothers
September 25	PAL Commission Meeting @ Jesuit
November 12	Winter Sports may begin practice
November 18	Mandatory Winter Coaches Meeting, PCA training @ Jesuit
February 5	PAL Commission Meeting @ Jesuit
February 25	Spring Sports May begin practice
March 2	Mandatory Spring Coaches Meeting, PCA training @ Jesuit
May 13	PAL Commission Meeting @ Jesuit

Meeting Ended: 5:30 p.m.