

**PSAC
ATHLETIC TRAINER'S MEETING**

**MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2005
LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY**



1. Call to Order
2. Introductions/Attendance:
3. Approval of the Minutes from the AT meeting February 10, 2004.
All approved.
4. PSAC Athletic Training Survey
Rennie Sacco distributed the 2004-05 survey regarding the conferences athletic training programs.
5. Physical Packets:
Each institution brought a copy of their athletic physical packet, which included form and any related documents. These were made available to each other PSAC school for information purposes.
Wes Mallicone inquired among the group how they handled spring physical inquiries. Discussion followed with various methods used. Further inquiries can be made directly to an institution regarding their procedures.
6. Pre-Event Access:
Gary Hanna started discussion pertaining to when host athletic training facilities would be open for visiting team access. It was decided that until hours for facilities could be posted on the conference web site, each school should contact the host school if they need access when their teams are traveling.
7. Legal Issues & Pre-Event Treatment for Visiting Teams:
There was lengthy discussion regarding the pre-event treatment of visiting student-athletes, the need for a physician prescription and the liability issues, if any, that surround treating visiting student-athletes. It was noted that schools always have the right NOT to treat visiting students.
The question was raised about the need to provide pre-event treatment. After further discussion, a motion was made by James Thornton (seconded by Yvette Ingram) that host institutions in the PSAC will NOT provide pre-event electrical or acoustical based treatment modalities. The motion passed without dissent.
Visiting school AT staffs still should contact the host institution regarding whether they can provide other pre-event services such as taping, superficial heat or cold, etc.
Gary Hanna and Scott Bruce will formulate a question to PASSHE legal counsel on any liability issues pertaining to treating visiting student-athletes (beyond first aid).
8. Ad-Hoc Committee to Review Guidelines:
 - a. Coverage policy: The committee distributed the policy as revised and discussion ensued. Steve Murray noted that the section pertaining to AED availability was under review by the vice-presidents and should be removed from the document. All agreed. The group also decided to remove 'Spine board/orthopedic scoop stretcher available' and replace with 'EMS communication available' from each section. The group added Volleyball to the second list of sport teams. Several

other smaller changes were agreed upon. Scott Bruce made a motion (seconded by James Thornton) to approved the policy as revised with the agreed changes. The motion passed without dissent.

b. Blood-borne Pathogens policy: Jack Entriiken made a motion (seconded by Wes Mallicone) to approve proposed changes to the policy. The motion passed without dissent.

c. Visiting Team Athletic Treatment/Taping form: The group discussed the form and agreed modify it to meet the previous passed motion on pre-event treatment for visiting student-athletes.

9. Lightening Policy:

An Ad-Hoc Committee (Keith Vanic, Hank Fijalkowski and Marcie Fyock) to develop a conference policy. This committee will forward their proposal to the group (via email) so a vote may be taken by April 1st.

10. Injury Reporting for the NFL:

Rennie Sacco reported that the NFL developed a web-based injury reporting program, which they immediately removed for privacy issues. The NATA & NFL are working on something for the future. It is suggested that institutions provide prospective draft-eligible student-athletes with a copy of their medical history so they can distribute as they wish. The NFL scouts are not supposed to approach the sports medicine staffs for this information.

11. Buying Consortium:

Rennie Sacco proposed the conference develop and participate in a conference buying consortium for athletic training supplies. Kutztown University will be the point contact for the RFP. It was noted that schools are not committed to buying from the list, but that the best pricing would be garnered the more that participated. The group agreed to move forward with the idea. In order to get the process completed close to the end of the semester, schools need to submit their bid list to Mr. Sacco by Feb 22, 2005. Bruce Baumgartner stated that he felt this was a good idea and schools will probably realize savings in their buying.

12. Insurance:

Gary Hanna inquired how many conference schools require student-athletes to have primary health coverage and if there is a deductible. The following results were generated from an impromptu survey.

Bloomsburg-Yes/2,500 ded	Edinboro-NO	Millersville-NO
California-Yes/full	IUP-NO	Shippensburg-NO
Cheyney-Yes/250	Kutztown-NO	Slippery Rock-Yes/0
Clarion-Yes/0	Lock Haven-Yes/1,000	West Chester-?
ESU-Yes/2,000	Mansfield-Yes/1,000	

13. Other:

a. Meeting via video-conferencing: Several individuals expressed an interest in having this meeting via video-conferencing at maybe three sites. With some staff's traveling over three hours, the group agreed to look into arranging for three sites to host our meeting next year. Mr. Sacco will work with Commissioner Steve Murray to look in this idea.

b. Steve Murray inquired how many institutions are using the NCAA Injury Surveillance program. None indicated they were.

Scott Bruce moved to adjourn (seconded by Hank Fijalkowski). The motion passed without dissent.