

Minnesota College Athletic Conference

Executive Committee Call, December Minutes

12.07.17

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Members Present: Lamppa, Crittenden, Musjgerd, Reed, Raich, Stage, Thorstad, McDonald, Watkins, Schnidler.

Guest(s): Dr. Chris Parker, NJCAA National Office

- Noted by Paul McDonald, remembrance of George Killian, former NJCAA Executive Director, who passed away earlier in the week.
- Introduction of Dr. Chris Parker, Exec. Director of NJCAA.
  - Dr. Parker discussed his attendance at the 2018 MCAC General Assembly and what our organization can expect in terms of discussion topics, points of emphasis, etc. Noted that this would be an important opportunity for top-level MCAC administration to interact directly with NJCAA.
- Discussion regarding current MCAC Executive Committee vacancy. Committee prefers to fill vacancy with Northern Division administrator for balance.
  - Mike Curfman (Northland CTC) is nominated (Crittenden). Approved unanimously. Noted that Mike will be notified of his appointment and will join committee in January.
- Reported by Conference office that Fond du Lac TCC women's basketball have forfeited MCAC contests for Interdivisional play at RCTC and WTC and called today (Friday) to report they would not be able to host SCTCC and M State FF.
  - Significant discussion regarding FDL current season viability as well as recent history of FDL unable to field teams in women's sports.
  - Conference office will discuss directly with FDL leadership
- MCAC Clay Target 2018 Season [Lamppa/Watkins]
  - Inaugural fall season with NHED schools + Lake Superior was successful. Coaches met in late November to draft sport by-laws for MCAC varsity status.
  - The conference office continues to work with MCAC and schools outside the conference to launch a 2018 MCAC Varsity Trap/Clay Target season.

- MCAC Volleyball Call [Reed/Office]
  - Tiebreaker code was updated to reflect MCAC philosophy and to follow best practices of Conferences which play double-round robin formats.
  - Award process revised to streamline the number of weekly awards to better align with industry standards.
  - 2018 schedule/Crossover tournament will move to St. Cloud with Ridgewater College handling the logistics of the event.
  - Schedule discussion tabled until January call.
  
- MCAC Football Championship Game Financial Statement [Office]
  - Championship game attendance, approximately 225 paid spectators.
  - Cost for streaming \$550 for services paid to School Space Media.
    - SSM reports about 1,340 devices logged in to watch game, with greatest viewership in FL, GA, and other non-MN locations.
  
- Gogebic CC / Bay College MCAC membership [McDonald/Office]
  - GCC and Bay College have both submitted formal letters of interest to apply to the MCAC.
    - Noted by Paul McDonald that GCC would plan to stay NJCAA Division II for at least the remainder of their NJCAA declaration cycle. GCC's letter reflected that statement.
    - Noted by Pete Watkins that Bay College would prefer to stay NJCAA Division II for at least the remainder of their NJCAA declaration cycle but would consider adjustments if it was only path forward for them to join league.
    - Significant discussion on travel distances, competitive equity and related concerns in basketball.
    - Conference office tasked with collecting information from current MCAC members regarding priorities and concerns in Conference expansion efforts.
  
- 2018-19 M/W Basketball season schedule [Lamppa]
  - Justin is working with some coaches and AD's to draft 2018-19 m/w basketball schedule. Points of concern include uneven # of teams with addition of LSC, status of FDL, particularly in WBB and scheduling of officials.
  - Justin, Paul and Conference office will coordinate 2017-18 draft schedule(s). Group should move forward with assuming MCAC will be at 17 M/W basketball teams.

- - Conference office noted that some Northern Division schools have expressed concern that with increase of Divisional schedule by two contests, they may not be able to meet return obligations for 2018-19 scheduling. One option would be to increase the # of contests allowed for one or two years and then revisit MCAC philosophy.
- MCAC Basketball Film Exchange Concerns [Office]
  - Conference office notes significant amount of communication regarding m/w basketball film exchange process during first part of season. There is no feasible mechanism to enforce film or stat policies for games played in gyms that are not MCAC members. Many schools who field JV teams or schools such as Leech Lake Tribal College do not film or post games.
    - Creating a Film Report Form was discussed by the group.
- Wrestling Season Update [Watkins] – Tabled to January
- Other Items as presented.

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## Reply all

Thu 1/4, 2:49 PM

Peter Watkins

Inbox

Pete,

We are looking at playing for sure two JV games down in Florida and perhaps a couple in Minnesota. In the past, when we used the 17 date/unlimited spring break format, JV games were not counted against those totals. The rule was no one could play more than 17 dates. What I am asking is the same ruling be applied to the new schedule. We would have 50 varsity dates and a low number of JV dates, with no player exceeding the 50 date threshold. Currently, we are scheduled to play Nebraska Wesleyan JV and West Virginia Wesleyan JV as "JV" games down in Florida. If we were to play any JV games in Minnesota it would be against St. John's JV. Currently, we do not have any of those games identified as JV games. We like to schedule JV games down in Florida because of the very tough schedule we play each year, while down there. Playing our top players has become even a bigger priority with the new at-large bid to the national tournament. If you have any questions or are in need of any clarification, please let me know.

**Jason** Fischer  
Head Baseball Coach SCTCC Cyclones  
President MCAC Baseball  
Associate Scout Philadelphia Phillies

### MCAC Conference Expansion Survey Results as of 1/08/2017:

“Financial implications to individual institutions (ie. required additional travel costs in a tight budget environment), especially for geographic outliers.”

“I think it is important to add teams that will be viable. Our conference suffers when we have institutions that don't field teams on a consistent basis. “

“Due to increasing costs of team travel etc... and the fact that our budgets typically don't cover all of our costs, expanding the conference in my opinion is a financial decision.”

**Twenty (21) surveys received.**

**Please select one statement which reflects your professional opinion regarding the possibility of Conference expansion? \***

All 2-year colleges, provided they meet standards	Only NJCAA 2-year colleges, regardless of Division	Only NJCAA 2-year colleges which are Div. III	Only NJCAA 2-year colleges which are Div. III & MinnState members	The MCAC should not consider conference expansion at this time.	On a case-by-case basis when a potential member expresses interest.	No opinion	Opinion not listed; narrative response
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**If the MCAC were to consider conference expansion, please select which of the following evaluation criteria you would recommend be used in that process.**

Geographic Proximity	# of sports sponsored	Sched. /competitive equity, w/ emph on schools w/ history of MCAC opponents	Team & department Stability and reputation	Positive financial impact on Conference operations	Positive impact on Conference image, reputation	No opinion	Opinion not listed; narrative response
18	5	11	7	15	8	1	

Narrative Responses (3)

## MCAC Volleyball:

<p align="center"><b>2018 MCAC Volleyball Crossover Tournament</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Held at Whitney Center, St. Cloud, Minnesota</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Hosted by Ridgewater College, Friday Aug. 24 &amp; Saturday Aug. 25</b></p>											
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## '18 Crossover Tournament Schedule

<b>Friday, August 24th</b>											
COURT 1			COURT 2			COURT 3					
North	vs	South	North	vs	South	North	vs	South	North	Friday	Saturday
1:00pm Central Lakes	vs	M State	Itasca	vs	St. Cloud	Mesabi	vs	Ridgewater	Central Lakes	M State, Ridgewater	Rochester, Anoka-Ramsey
3:00pm Northland	vs	Rochester	Rainy River	vs	Riverland	Hibbing	vs	Anoka-Ramsey	Northland	Rochester, Anoka-Ramsey	Ridgewater, M State
5:00pm Mesabi	vs	St. Cloud	Central Lakes	vs	Ridgewater	Itasca	vs	M State	Hibbing	Anoka-Ramsey, Riverland	M State, St. Cloud
7:00pm Hibbing	vs	Riverland	Northland	vs	Anoka-Ramsey	Rainy River	vs	Rochester	Itasca	St. Cloud, M State	Anoka-Ramsey, Riverland
									Mesabi	Ridgewater, St. Cloud	Riverland, Rochester
									Rainy River	Riverland, Rochester	St. Cloud, Ridgewater
<b>Saturday, August 25th</b>											
COURT 1			COURT 2			COURT 3					
North	vs	South	North	vs	South	North	vs	South	South	Friday	Saturday
9:00am Northland	vs	Ridgewater	Hibbing	vs	M State	Rainy River	vs	St. Cloud	St. Cloud	Itasca, Mesabi	Rainy River, Hibbing
11:00am Itasca	vs	Anoka-Ramsey	Central Lakes	vs	Rochester	Mesabi	vs	Riverland	Ridgewater	Mesabi, Central Lakes	Northland, Rainy River
1:00pm Rainy River	vs	Ridgewater	Hibbing	vs	St. Cloud	Northland	vs	M State	Rochester	Northland, Rainy River	Central Lakes, Mesabi
3:00pm Mesabi	vs	Rochester	Itasca	vs	Riverland	Central Lakes	vs	Anoka-Ramsey	M State	Central Lakes, Itasca	Hibbing, Northland
									Riverland	Rainy River, Hibbing	Mesabi, Itasca
									Anoka-Ramsey	Hibbing, Northland	Itasca, Anoka-Ramsey

'18 Southern Division VB Schedule (attached in excel)

'18-19 Northern Division M/W BB schedule (attached in excel)

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'Emerging Sports' Conference Dues Proposal

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Throughout the conduct of Conference business, there may be opportunities and/or interest by MCAC member colleges to add sports to their athletic departments. These sport offerings may include activities sponsored by the NJCAA, as well as sports, that are not currently recognized by the NJCAA but have other organizing administrative bodies.

Current MCAC by-laws state that each Conference member will pay a \$1,000 Conference fee per gender and a sport due ranging from \$350-\$1,000 per sport, per gender.

Examples of 'Emerging Sports' sponsored only by the MCAC include - but are not limited to - the following: Clay Target/Trap League (coed/USAClayTarget), Triathlon (m/w USA Triathlon/MCC) Hockey (m/w, ACHA), Mountain Cycling (North Central Collegiate Cycling Conference)

Examples of NJCAA-sponsored 'Emerging Sports' include: Cross Country (m/w), Track & Field (m/w), Swim-Dive (m/w), Half-Marathon (m-w ), Bowling (m-w), Tennis (m-w)

In an effort to stimulate sport expansion and initiative, the following 'Emerging Sports' fee structure is proposed.

\$500 Conference dues for schools that are not current members of the MCAC for sports with are single-gender or co-ed, in sports which would be MCAC-affiliated.

\$650 Conference dues for schools that are not current members of the MCAC for sports with are single-gender or coed, in sports which would be MCAC-affiliated and are sponsored by the NJCAA.

\$350 sport dues for Emerging Sport programs, which are not sponsored by the NJCAA. This is with the understanding there will be internal costs per school for start-up costs, additional administrative costs, etc.

Current MCAC members would have the opportunity to field teams in Emerging Sports, under their current MCAC dues structure. Current members would only be responsible for sport fees.

All colleges pursuing an 'Emerging Sport(s)' would commit to sponsor that sport for a minimum of two years.

A minimum of three conference schools is required for recognition by the MCAC.

Administrative duties provide by the MCAC would mirror those in current sports, as defined by an agreed-upon sport code.