

**Minutes for: Bethel SAAC**

**Date: 11/20/05**

**Present:** Jen Ahlberg & Heather Davis (W. Basketball), Tyson Bjorklund & Cory Laugen (M. Basketball), Carl Gladitsch (M. X-Country), Liz Glesne (Volleyball), Pete Halverson & Tyler Murchie (M. Soccer), Lauren Johnson & Angie Seim (W. Hockey), A.J Parnell, Brad Dahlman & Darin Schwarze (Football), Chris Scheevel (M. Tennis), Gretchen Hunt (Advisor)

**Not Present: Excused** - David Borner (M. X-Country), Mark Hallstrom (M. Tennis), Katie Snyder (Volleyball), Angela Vedders (Softball), Hannah Carlson (W. Hockey); **Unexcused** – Steve Eastman (M. Hockey), Ethan Formo (Baseball), Courtney Kelly (W. Tennis), Dani Larson (Softball), Amie Lorence (W. Hockey), Judd McCormick (Golf), Nikki Umhoefer (W. X-Country)

Topic/Issues	Discussion	Decision/Action
<p>1. Approval of minutes from last meeting</p> <p>2. Update of Fall AD meeting</p>	<p>Gretchen gave a brief update of legislation that was discussed at the November MIAC AD meeting. This included a brief summary of the survey that was sent to the MIAC schools by the MIAC office and that several SAAC members completed. Gretchen highlighted the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. S-A's see conference rivalries as important</li> <li>2. S-A's like the experience of MIAC playoffs</li> <li>3. S-A's do not feel their sport takes an excessive amount of time</li> <li>4. Many S-A's said that the athletic programs were a major reason they chose their current school</li> <li>5. Many S-A's see the NCAA tournament as an experience that is as important or more important than the MIAC championship</li> <li>6. S-A's think competing in the MIAC is a positive experience overall</li> </ol> <p>Gretchen also informed the committee that the future of JV sports in the MIAC is tenuous and this will be a topic discussed at the next AD's meeting.</p> <p>Finally, the committee had a lengthy discussion about sportsmanship in the MIAC, as this was a large discussion piece at the AD's meeting. Gretchen introduced the initiative that is taking place in the Allegheny Mountain</p>	<p>Minutes approved</p> <p>If athletes have strong opinions about maintaining the JV opportunities in those sports that currently have them, they need to express those opinions to Bob Bjorklund.</p> <p>No action will currently take place regarding sportsmanship on this committee. If the Bethel athletic department decides to take some steps, student input will be solicited from SAAC.</p>

<p>Update continued...</p> <p>3. Toys for Teens</p> <p>4. New reps to the MIAC</p> <p>5. Next meeting</p>	<p>Collegiate Conference. Most of the committee members do not feel as if sportsmanship is a big problem in the MIAC, particularly with the MIAC athletes themselves. If there is a problem, it is primarily with parents and other fans. Some committee members believe that at Bethel we often are held to a higher standard and they have heard other parents say things like, "Nice Christian attitude..." We discussed what "crosses the line." Most people agree that profanity, cheating by athletes (i.e. calling lines to help yourself in tennis), and parents who yell at each other in the stands crosses the line. However, many of the committee members believe that "getting on" the officials or teasing opponents is part of the game.</p> <p>The committee decided to do two campus-wide events to raise money for the MIAC Toys for Teens drive. On December 5 for the men's/women's basketball doubleheader and on December 9 for the men's hockey game. We will do a "Fan of the Game" raffle where people can pay \$1 to have the chance to win the "Fan of the Game" seats and a pizza from Davanni's for the second half of the basketball game and the final period of the hockey game. People can buy as many chances as they want, or can just donate money as well.</p> <p>In addition, the volleyball team had donations brought during their banquet, and the softball team is buying toys as a bonding event.</p> <p>As Tyson and Katie will be graduating soon, we need new representatives to the MIAC SAAC committee, hopefully who could attend the December meeting.</p>	<p>The following members said they would help with the basketball games: Liz Glesne, Pete Halverson, and Angie Seim. The following members said they would help with hockey: Tyler Murchie, Tyson Bjorklund, and Katie Snyder. Gretchen will solicit help from other members who were not at the meeting tonight. Gretchen will also work out the Davanni's pizza with Jeff Westlund (Athletic Development) and okay the idea with Bob Bjorklund.</p> <p>Contact Gretchen if you are interested. She will be asking people if she doesn't hear from anyone.</p> <p>No more meetings scheduled for the rest of this semester. Hopefully a few committee members can meet the rest of the MIAC to bring toys to KARE 11.</p>
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