

**COLUMBIA BASIN BIG NINE
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING
Summary of Meeting November 2009 ***

FINANCIAL REPORT

M/S/P to void check 1624 and check 1638 as they were from June of 2008.

M/S/P to reimburse schools for up to two buses (at \$2 a mile) for week 9 football.

If only one bus was taken, some schools took a van(s) for coaches and equipment. **M/S/P to allow schools to be reimbursed up to the equivalent of a second bus (up to 3 vans at the IRS rate) for schools that only use one bus.**

Burns thanked the IBEW/NECA for their sponsorship of our seasonal scholar/athlete program and schools received their share of the sponsorship money.

OFFICIALS AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

District 5 committee will continue to meet with officials regarding post-season selection. The assigner is responsible to assign split crews based on the percentage of schools in the contests. District 5 plans to meet with the assigners so that everyone is on the same page for what games need to be assigned and where. Discussion about WOA Passes at League contests. **M/S/Failed** to allow one official admission per WOA pass to league events.

2010-12 CLASSIFICATION

Rank order of school will come out on Dec. 1 from WIAA, but we won't know the opt-ups at that point. The line between 3A and 4A will not be drawn yet. Consensus by the AD's was we were committed to be in one league. As a review, the **Summary of the Committee work:** Keep the group of schools together under one umbrella. When numbers come out for the line between 3A and 4A, if we have eight schools in one and seven in the other, we will stay together as a league under a combined umbrella and have divisions based on the classifications. If it's not an 8/7 split, the best thing to do is have a blended model.

DISTRICT 5 AD of the YEAR NOMINATION

M/S/P to nominate Wilkins as the Big 9 nomination to District 5 AD of the Year.

Boys Swimming

Walla Walla will not having diving.

Fastpitch Softball

WIAA Executive Board voted to implement the 43' pitching rule for this spring.

Track and Field

GSL proposal for lane assignments in 4A was discussed. E-mail survey of coaches showed that the coaches were not in favor of changing it mid-cycle.

Tennis

WIAA has sent clarification that double-duals count as two matches. The current schedule will have 14 contests for each school. That would only allow 2 non-league matches, OR 2 one-day tournaments OR 1 two-day tournament. **M/S/Failed** to allow Murray to build a new divisional schedule. Concern that too many non-league matches would need to be scheduled at this late time. Some Invites are exclusive and don't allow all teams to come. Concern about how many matches would be guaranteed cross-division, so that no school gets left out trying to find 10 dates.

M/S/Failed to build a divisional schedule with minimum of 12 matches for each school. **The fourteen-league match schedule approved last month is the official schedule.**

***Passing/Adoption of Minutes, Financial Statements and items deemed confidential omitted. The Big 9 Conference reserves the right to use Executive Session at all league meetings for the purposes of legal and personnel matters. For full text of discussion and vote, see official league minutes.**