

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SYNOPSIS**

MSHSL Office, Brooklyn Center, MN

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016

WELCOME

- Meeting called to order by Board President Tom Graupmann.
- Reflection given by Board Member Kristen Amundson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved with additional Action Item on advisory committee recommendations for softball and speech.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved minutes of Aug. 9, 2016 board meeting.

LOBBYIST REPORT

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson attended Area Meetings with League staff and shared information with administrators about the sales tax exemption. When the new legislative session begins on Jan. 3, 2017, a new bill that includes the League's sales tax exemption, will be introduced.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

- Legal Representative Kevin Beck had no new information to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Information from the Iowa High School Music Association regarding copyright music laws was shared.
- Executive Director Dave Stead represents Section 5 on the NFHS National Events/Championship Study Task Force.
- Members of League Staff attended a Global Leadership Summit in August.
- Eight Minnesotans are serving on national committees with the NFHS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A board workshop has been scheduled for Nov. 30.

- Approved the opponents of the Richfield/Southwest Christian boys' hockey co-op to schedule additional games.
- The committee has asked Executive Director Dave Stead to gather information from other state associations regarding a "new member school waiting period for competition."
- The committee has asked Executive Director Dave Stead to communicate with John Schumacher, the new executive director of the Minnesota Coaches Association, regarding coaches passes for state tournaments.
- Shared information from a presentation by Mark Peterson of AAA and the Minnesota State Highway Patrol regarding youth drug use. Directed the Marketing and Communications Committee to look into the topic further.
- Approved membership fee reductions for Vermillion Country School, Trio Wolf Creek Distance Learning and Underwood.
- Approved the Chaska/Chanhassen wrestling co-op for the 2016-2017 school year only.
- Allowed the dissolution of a wrestling co-op between Kingsland and Grand Meadow, but allowed one student that is a junior from Kingsland to participate in his junior and senior years.
- Approved a postseason co-op for Chaska/Chanhassen in girls' hockey.
- Approved a change in section assignment for Apple Valley in girls' gymnastics.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved goals for the 2016-2017 school year. Areas to be worked on include: Safety, Tournament-Related Initiatives, Eligibility, Cooperative Sponsorships, Non-Traditional Schools, and Connection with Parents.
- Approved an electronic vote by membership on the Constitutional Amendment to designate a guaranteed position on the MSHSL Board of Directors for a School Superintendent representing Administrative Regions. A ballot will be mailed to member schools on Oct. 10 and votes are due Nov. 11.
- Approved an advisory committee recommendation to seed the softball state tournament. The change is effective for the 2017 season.
- Approved an advisory committee recommendation to use a 15-run game-ending rule after the completion of 3 ½ or four innings in softball. The change is effective for the 2017 season.
- Approved an advisory committee recommendation that at the section level, final results must be determined using the final round tiebreaking protocol from the state tournament (for sections that utilize a final round to determine final placement) or using the preliminary round tiebreaking protocol from the state tournament (for sections that only utilize rounds to determine final placement).

- Denied an advisory committee recommendation that in the final round, all judge ranks will be adjusted to a maximum rank of six. The board has asked the committee for additional data on the impact of the proposal.

DISCUSSION

- ***Cooperative Sponsorships*** --- Seventy-nine responses from member schools were received in a request for input. Survey responses continue to be requested.
- ***Tournament Classification/Format*** --- Seventy-eight responses from member schools were received in a request for input. Additional responses continue to be requested. A discussion, and possible move to an action item, on a consolation-round in basketball will be a workshop item on Nov. 30.
- ***Bylaw 111*** --- Any changes would be forwarded to the Representative Assembly. Additional input will continue to be requested from member schools.
- ***Sports Medicine Advisory Committee*** --- The SMAC will meet Nov. 9. Associate Director Craig Perry provided a summary of the SMAC Action Items from its meeting on May 11, 2016.
- ***Heads Up Football*** --- Associate Director Kevin Merkle provided an update on the Heads Up Football initiative on education, safety and training.
- ***Online School Eligibility Policies*** --- Associate Directory Craig Perry provided information on definitions, eligibility and applicable bylaws.
- ***Baseball Pitch Count Policy*** --- Associate Director Kevin Merkle shared updated information and feedback from Area Meetings and advisory committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eligibility Committee

- All actions were approved as presented.

Audit/Finance Committee

- Approved the July and August financial statements.
- The MSHSL investments were reviewed.
- The board approved a request of \$20,000 from Region 4A for operating funds.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- League staff provided an update on publications.
- A recap of outreach events was shared by League staff.
- Creation of a 60-second Public Service Announcement entitled “We Are The League” has been completed and will be used during state tournament events with electronic scoreboards. Broadcast partner 45TV will also use the PSA during its telecasts.

Technology/Coaches and Official Education Committee

- **Technology** --- An updated online media credentialing process has been unveiled. An enhanced online directory of schools will replace the printed directory.
- **Education** --- About 1,000 students participated in four leadership conferences in September. The *Let's Connect* conference for Midwest state associations is planned for January.
- **Officials** --- Ejection rules for football are being reviewed. Photo IDs for officials are now mandatory and Arbiter Pay is being studied.

NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, December 1, 2016, MSHSL Office, Brooklyn Center, MN