

Minnesota State High School League

Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis

Thursday, March 29, 2018, Brooklyn Center, MN

Welcome

- The meeting was called to order by Board President Dave Swanberg.
- Reflection provided by Board Member, Dr. Joel Boyd.
- The meeting agenda was approved.
- The board minutes of Feb. 1, 2018 were approved.
- Former St. Cloud Tech student Georgina Simon was selected the Section 5 of the NFHS Heart of the Arts award.
- MSHSL Hall of Fame member Carrie Tollefson has been selected for induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame. She will be honored this summer during the NFHS conference in Chicago.

Lobbyist Report

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared that all policy bills at the Legislature need to be heard by midnight, March 29.
- He shared that the biggest issue during Legislative session are taxes.
- The Legislature is on break next week and return to session on April 9.
- The Legislative session is scheduled for adjournment on May 20.

Legal Counsel Report

- Legal Counsel Kevin Beck reported there are no pending legal issues.
- Thanked the Eligibility Committee for their work with the new transfer and eligibility process.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Erich Martens thanked League staff for welcoming him, providing support, and for their great work.
- He yielded the floor to League administrative staff for a brief review of winter state tournament events.
- Thanked Executive Assistant Lynne Johnson and former Executive Director Dave Stead for their guidance as he started in the new position.
- Winter advisory committees have completed their meetings. Information will be forthcoming.
- Attended the InsideOut Cohort meeting.
- Met with the Region Secretaries on March 12.
- Attended the Coaches Association meetings with Dave Stead.
- Reminded the board that the MnIAAA meetings are next week in St. Cloud.
- Area Meetings begin on Monday, April 16. Classification will be the primary topic.

- NFHS Medical and Legal summits are in late April in Indianapolis, IN.
- Thanked 45TV for its partnership and performance during the winter state tournaments.
- Recognized Officials Award and Media Award recipients.

Executive Committee Report

- Reviewed co-op language relative to programming between Chaska/Chanhassen and Bloomington high schools, but took no action.
- Discussed representative amendments for Adapted Athletics and directed Executive Director Erich Martens to connect with the authors and share the position of the Minnesota Adapted Athletics Association to work with them on the next steps.
- Approved rule modifications in softball (warm-up expectations) and golf (unaware of penalty).
- Approved refurbishing and technology upgrades to the Board of Directors conference table.
- Approved special expenses for the NFHS Summer Meeting, the Carrie Tollefson recognition dinner at the NFHS Summer Meeting, and Dave Stead's retirement reception at Target Center.
- The Executive Committee report was approved in a voice vote.

Action Items

- Approved future meeting dates
- Approved future state tournament dates
- Approved a five-year agreement with Xcel Energy Center to host the volleyball, girls' hockey, wrestling and boys' hockey state tournament events.
- Approved a revised contract for Dave Stead
- Approved rules clarifications in Adapted Athletics for softball (coach interference) and for participants that use wheelchairs in the PI Division.

Discussion

- As costs to use state tournament venues continue to rise, the board discussed a possible increase in state tournament ticket prices. There has not been an increase in ticket prices in seven years. Other sources of revenue were also discussed.
- State tournament classification format and philosophy was discussed at a board of directors' workshop on Wednesday, March 28.
- Board President Dave Swanberg reiterated a timeline for any possible state tournament classification is in place and discussions will continue.
- The Representative Assembly is scheduled for May 14. No proposed amendments passed at the region level.

Committee Reports

Eligibility

- The minutes from the Eligibility Committee meeting held on March 29 were approved as presented.

Audit/Finance

- The January and February financial reports were accepted and approved

Marketing and Communications

- Early results and feedback were shared on the League's Publications Survey that was sent to member schools.
- An initial review of the Minnesota Broadcasters Association Agreement presented
- Approved a sponsorship agreement with Smitty's Officials' apparel. The approved sponsorship will provide revenue to be used toward officials' programs and education.

Education and Leadership

- Discussed the officials' registration fee structure. It will be present to the Officials Advisory Committee. This structure is reviewed every three years.
- Discussed the possibility of a separate registration and background check process for less-than varsity officials.
- The League is exploring the possibility of hosting "Officiate Minnesota" as part of a future NASO summit.
- It is noted in the spring online meetings that all coaches of Grades 10-12 programs are required to view the presentation of their sport.
- LiveScoring will be an option at section golf meets

Informational

- The deadline to express interest in a Board of Directors officer position is April 1.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, at the League Office.