

Minnesota State High School League

Board of Directors meeting synopsis

MSHSL Office, Brooklyn Center, MN

Monday, June 1, 2015

ACTION ITEMS

- Election of officers: Tom Graupmann was elected vice president in a written vote. 2015-16 board officers: President, Erich Martens, Sauk Rapids-Rice; vice president, Tom Graupmann, Northfield; treasurer, Bob Grey, Montevideo.
- Dance team. A motion was made and seconded to distribute second- and third-place medals to those finishers. Motion passed.
- A motion from a joint committee (Executive and Eligibility) was made and seconded regarding the Class AAA High Kick Dance Team Award Ceremony. It was approved to suspend for one year the head coaches of Chaska, Eastview, Eden Prairie, Lakeville South and Wayzata. The motion also included a letter of censure to the program administrator (Activities Director) from those schools and a "Why We Play" in-service is required for each coach who was on the floor at the tournament venue prior to any resumption or coaching at any MSHSL school by that coach.
- A complimentary ticket list for 2015-16 was approved.
- A Speech season book and topic to be used was approved.
- The budget for 2015-16 was approved.

Winter advisory recommendations

- A motion to deny the implementation of a shot clock for all classes of boys' basketball was affirmed.
- A consolation round format for boys' and girls' basketball was approved. The implementation of the format is at least two seasons away.
- At the urging of the coaches association, a Class AAAA Tournament Plan for boys' and girls' basketball was tabled until August.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The MSHSL board of director goals for 2014-15 were reviewed.
- The 100-year anniversary book is at the printer. The distribution of 100-year commemorative medals has begun.
- Adapted athletics: All students receiving special education services under the DCD category are eligible to compete in the CI division.
- A draft of a Drone policy will be presented to the board at its workshop in August.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- New board member orientation, July 15, 2015, 9 a.m.
- League summer hours, June 8-Sept 3 --- 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Friday's)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Executive Committee

- Approved a request by La Crescent to participate with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Forensics Association.
- Approved agreement between Cloquet High School and Fond du Lac Ojibwe School.
- Approved expanding tournament pass list to include additional administrative personnel.
- Ashby and West Central were approved as a football co-op and placed in Class AA.
- La Porte was approved as a varsity Nine-Man football program and placed in the West Nine-Man District.

Technology/Coaches and Officials Education Committee

- The "Why We Play" Conference is scheduled for July 28 at Bethel University. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- AED's are going national, per an initiative by the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- Officials ---The board approved a plan regarding background checks of officials. A plan was approved to recheck one-fifth of the League's registered officials each year over the next five years.
- Dance team rules committee recommendations were accepted with the exception of requiring judges' comments on a scoresheet.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- The 100-year anniversary online initiatives are doing very well. Website traffic has increased significantly with the addition of Countdown to 100, Officials' Spotlight, and the Top 100 tournaments for coaches and players.
- More on the rollout of the 100-year anniversary is forthcoming. Initiatives include: a banner to be used at state tournaments, public address announcements and scoreboard messages with MSHSL trivia, etc.
- After the announcement of the Officials Recruitment Campaign, the League reports 35 new registered officials, compared to 15 at this time last year.

- League staff Dave Stead, Amy Doherty and Tim Leighton attended a ceremony at Totino-Grace High School to present the school with the Spirit of Sport Award. The school was the Section 5 winner of the NFHS-sponsored award in tribute to its journey with football manager Rachel Woell, who passed away last fall after a battle with brain cancer.
- Negotiations continue with Fairview Sports, Wells-Fargo, Nike, and Jostens.
- Mills Fleet Farm has become a corporate sponsor of Clay Target Shooting.
- Participants in the badminton and synchronized swimming state tournaments were presented with 100-year anniversary medals. Those tournaments are sponsored by the state coaches association.

Eligibility Committee

- All recommendations approved.

Audit/Finance Committee

- The March/April financial statements were distributed.
- An activity fee increase of \$1 per student at each member school was approved.
- The MSHSL Charitable Organization Annual Report was approved.
- Reviewed and approved a request from Region 4A for operating funds.

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, August 4, 2015, Ruttger's Bay Lake Conference Center