



Directors meeting

Minnesota State High School League

Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018

Welcome

- Reflection provided by Board Member Blaine Novak
- Action Item 9C (2017-18 Expense Reimbursement Dollar Amount) moved to Discussion Item 10B.
- Added Discussion Item 10C (Classification)
- Approved Minutes from June 4, 2018 Board of

Lobbyist Report

- Recognized Associate Director Bob Madison for work in advancing the League's partnership with the Minnesota Vikings.
- The primary elections are Aug. 14.

Legal Counsel Report

- Two lawsuits are pending.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Erich Martens thanked board members and staff for attending the NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago.
- Recognized Minnesota native and NFHS Hall of Fame inductee Carrie Tollefson on her excellent acceptance speech.
- Thanked the MSHSL staff and incoming board members for participating in the board orientation in early July.
- Shared information that a Casey's Convenience Store is planned for the vacant lot on Freeway Boulevard across from the League Office.
- Shared that Associate Director Craig Perry has been selected for a four-year term as chairman of the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Committee.
- Thanked Assistant Director Chris Franson for his years of service with the League and discussed the process for hiring a replacement.
- The appointment of the 20th board position, a Governor Appointee, is being finalized.
- Thanked the board and staff members for their participation in the workshop.

Executive Committee Report

- Reviewed information provided by the Football Advisory Committee from the schools in 6A football regarding section assignments and district assignments. Directed staff to connect with the District Football Placement Committee for background and recommendations.
- Reviewed the current discussions regarding streaming of tournaments with School Space Media. Supported ongoing discussions and agreements to maintain or grow the number of tournaments that are streamed.
- Discussed the merits of the Board Workshop process and directed staff to commence planning for future workshops at the same, or like, venues.

Action Items

- Approved a Resolution in Appreciation and Recognition for Service and Dedication to the MSHSL Board of Directors: Wade Johnson, Paul McDonald, Chad Stoskopf, Dave Swanberg, Jed Helwig and Troy Urdahl.
- Approved the 2018-19 Board of Directors Committee Assignments.
- Approved updated language pertaining to District Football. Changes were made to reflect the process used to determine placement.
- Approved the following publications: Official Handbook, Board Policy Manual and Guidelines, Region Secretaries Manual, Officials Policy Manual.

Discussion Items

- The following goals were identified in 2017-18 and carry forward into the 2018-19 school year:

Classification of schools/tournament format

Emerging activities process for approval

Complete implementation of Legislative Audit recommendations.

- The following focus areas were identified by Board Members and MSHSL staff members as the primary areas of need for the 2018-19 school year:

Promoting the high school experience

Recruitment and retention of coaches and activities directors

Saturation of programs in schools and the League;

What does a member school look like?

Considering the addition of 9th grade to the MSHSL.

- The Finance Committee has recommended to not implement an Expense Reimbursement Dollar Amount to member schools for the 2017-18 school year.

Committee Reports

Eligibility Committee

- Approved the committee meeting minutes as presented.

Audit/Finance Committee

- Approved the May and June financial statements.
- Approved the State Auditor Engagement letter.
- Approved an insurance package that includes cyber protection.
- Approved the appointment of Erich Martens and Lynne Johnson to serve on the 403(b) committee.
- Approved ticket prices for two-day passes for football and adjusted quarterfinal soccer for adults.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- Reviewed purpose and goals for the 2018-19 school year.
- Shared information on the launch of the anniversary seasons for boys hockey (75 years) and girls hockey (25 years) in 2019.
- Recommended for full board approval a registration process for MSHSL radio partners. The motion was approved by the board.

Education and Leadership Committee

- Officials and Coaches online meetings are available on the League's website.
- Fall activities clinics begin next week.
- Training tapes for football will be available next week.

Next meeting

- Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, MSHSL Office, Brooklyn Center