

Minnesota State High School League

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018

MSHSL, Brooklyn Center, MN

Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis

Welcome

- Board President Dave Swanberg welcomed the board and called the meeting to order. Board member Kirby Ekstrom provided the reflection.

Board member reports and comments

- Board member Kris Amundson shared that a feature story on Moose Lake junior Danny Lilya will be televised nationally during Super Bowl weekend on CBS and the NFL Network. Lilya was the NFHS Spirit of Sport award winner in 2017.

Lobbyist Report

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared that the Legislature will convene Feb. 20.
- The Office of Legislative Auditor provided a follow-up to their report submitted in 2017. The League's response has also been submitted.

Legal Counsel Report

- League Counsel Kevin Beck reported there are no pending or threatening litigations.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Dave Stead shared information about three individuals selected for induction into hall of fames: Angel Robinson, St. Paul (Marquette University); Craig Anderson, Pine Island (Baseball coaches association hall of fame); Dave Swanberg, LeSueur (Hockey coaches association hall of fame).
- Articles written by staff members Tim Leighton and John Millea were featured in the February edition of High School Today magazine.
- Administrators from the Section 4 and Section 5 states convened, and during their meeting, reaffirmed their opposition to a NFHS resolution to establish national championships. The resolution is now with the NFHS Board of Directors.
- E-Sports at the middle school and high school levels were a focus during the NFHS winter meetings.
- Region 8AA Secretary Dave Harris announcement his retirement. He has served in that role for 42 years.

Executive Committee Report

- No motion was made on a request from Warroad High School on student eligibility.
- Approved a Region 7A request for neutral tournament sites.
- Discussed Region Secretaries and region responsibilities.
- The Representative Assembly meeting is scheduled for May 14 at the DoubleTree in Brooklyn Center.
- A letter was received by Big 9 Conference superintendents regarding playing three football games in 11 days during the section tournament. That will be part of format discussions for the next placement cycle.
- Approved the District Football placement St. Clair/Mankato Loyola and Fulda/Heron Lake/Okabena for the 2018 season.

Action Items

- Approved an employment agreement with Erich Martens, who will begin his role as Executive Director on March 1, 2018.
- Approved a restructuring of the previous contract of Dave Stead.
- Approved language that the use of communications/electronic devices by golfers will result in two-stroke penalty rather than immediate disqualification.
- Approved regular-season golf matches require a minimum of nine holes to count toward standings. All holes-in-common will count as well.
- For section play, approved a minimum of nine holes plus holes-in-common. Those scores will be applied to the tie-breaking criteria, if necessary.
- Approved adding language for golf coaches coaching on the course to the rules and policies.
- Approved rules and policy language to include the state golf tournament is a minimum of 18 holes, plus holes-in-common.
- Approved an update to Bylaw 413 to add Adapted Athletics and Girls Dance Team to varsity contests that require registered officials.
- Approved language in Bylaw 413 that the waiver process and the penalty structure is the same for using both non-registered officials and less than the minimum required officials, as identified in the Bylaw 413 chart.
- Approved a District Football Realignment timeline option that would complete the process this spring using grade 7-10 enrollments from Oct. 2017.

Discussion Items

- Jimmy Bell from the Student Angler Organization presented additional information about a possible Bass Fishing activity partnership with the League. If approved as an Action Item at a future board meeting, a possible target date is August, 2019.
- A timeline to continue discussion on classification was shared with Dec., 2018 as a target date to determine a format.

Committee Reports

Eligibility Committee

- The minutes of the Eligibility Committee were approved as presented.

Audit/Finance Committee

- The financial statements for September, October, November, and December were approved.
- Approved the year-end 2016-2017 audit report.
- Approved a Region 4A request of \$30,000 for operating funds.
- Approved a Region 6AA request to carry over \$2,039 to the 2017-18 operating account.

Marketing and Communications

- Assistant Director Chris Franson shared data on traffic to the MSHSL's website. Discussion followed on the League's website re-design.
- Communications Coordinator Tim Leighton made a presentation on the League's publications. Financial data was shared, and discussion followed.
- A proposal to pilot a game-card format for the Spring 2018 Golf, Adapted Softball and Clay Target state tournament programs was approved by the board.
- The committee recommends a Publications Survey be conducted with member schools and a publications presentation be a part of the Spring Area meetings.

Education and Leadership

- A motion was approved to replace casebooks for football, basketball, baseball and softball with Mechanics Illustrated.

Information Items

- Letters of intent regarding 2018-2019 board positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer are due April 1, 2018. They are to be sent to Lynne Johnson at ljohnson@mshsl.org
- The next board meeting is Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the League Office in Brooklyn Center.