MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

REGION ONE AA

Committee Minutes

AUGUST 10, 2023

Cabela’s 9:30 Activities Directors

12:00 Committee

All members were present except Joel Olson, Terry Lind, Isaac Heins, Jasmin

Hansen and Donny Holcomb. Shane Gunderson attended for Joel Olson and Mark

Kuisle attended for Donny Holcomb.

1. Elect a chairperson – The executive secretary stated that the first order of

business was to elect a chairperson and opened nominations. Paul

Hartmann stated that the ADs would like to nominate Marc Achterkirch

to continue for another year as chair. There were no other nominations and

Marc expressed a willingness to continue.

Chair Achterkirch welcomed all present and had each person introduce

themselves. He then explained the role of the Committee and the ADs as an

advisory group.

2. Approve the minutes of the April 12th meeting – Motion to approve by

Kuisle/Malone. Passed.

3. Approve Region disbursements from April 12th to July 31st – Motion to

approve by Berzinski/Hartmann. Passed.

4. Name a bank depository -

First Alliance Credit Union

320 Alliance Place NE

Rochester, MN 55906

(507)-288-0330

Motion to approve by Malone/Sexauer. Passed.

5. Spring financial report – The executive secretary distributed copies of the

report and summarized, noting that total expenditures for all activities

increased due to the increases that were approved last year for tournament

coordinators, site managers, workers, officials and judges. Motion to

approve by Hartmann/Berzinski. Passed

6. Spring tournament reports – The following reports were summarized by

Chair Achterkirch:

B GOLF – Keith Badger reported that things went well. There were some

questions about the number of players that advanced to the second day.

It seemed excessive. There was also some discussion about the timing for

lost ball searches when coaches are involved. This needs some clarification.

The Jewel has been reserved for next year.

G GOLF – Casey Indra reported that all went well. We will be back at

Cannon Falls next year.

B/G LX – Mike Zweber said that things went well. Lakeville South won

the girls and Lakeville North won the boys. He noted that lacrosse

requires flexibility with dates and times due to officials’ availability

and graduations. Schools and coaches seem to understand this. The

format will be the same next year. Also, the section management

should not be a part of non-League awards.

SOFT – Casey Indra reported that things went well and there were

minimal weather issues. There was some confusion with Region 1A

ticket prices on adjacent fields that needed to be resolved.

B TEN – Keith Badger reported that things went well. There needs to

be some clarification on the challenge procedure. Lakeville South will

be the north sub-section site next year. A south sub-section site needs to

be determined.

B/G TRK – Chad Sexauer stated that things went well at Lakeville South.

Greg Utecht does a great job as manager. If both AA and AAA meets are

held at Lakeville South, AAA should be in the morning.

VA – Mark Kuisle reported that it was a great event despite losing all

information in the Rochester’s school district’s cyber-attack. There were

over 300 entrants. There was a lot of interest in viewing by the public.

7. Region Secretary’s report – The executive secretary commented on the

following:

- New ADs had been introduced and were welcomed. Tournament

managers were again thanked for the great job they do.

- Annual disbursement – The annual disbursements to the schools will

be made in October. It appears that there will be a substantial

disbursement to each school.

- Region passes – Region passes were distributed and ADs were

reminded that these are for school officials. They should not be given

to students to use for admission to events.

-Tournament report procedure – ADs reminded that they are to use the

Region Tournament Report form for any section event they host.

This form should be sent to the secretary within 5 days after the event

is held even if the receipts check will be later.

- Annual meeting – The annual meeting will be at 11:30, at the Hubbell

House in Mantorville. ADs, principals, superintendents, honorees and

one honoree guest are at Region expense.

- MSHSL Officials’ consortium – The executive secretary attended the

MSHSL Officials’ consortium in July. Recruiting and retaining officials

was the focus. Information will be coming to the schools regarding

strategies that can be used.

- Update of Region Handbook – The Region Handbook will be updated

when information is available.

8. Financial committee report/recommendations - Mark Kuisle summarized

the finance committee recommendation for the Committee. There were

basically no changes recommended for ticket prices, coordinator, site

manager, worker and official pay. No changes are recommended for

officials’ mileage, entry fees or streaming fees. There is no recommended

penalty to schools opting out of a section tournament after the seeding has

occurred, as this rarely happens. Trainers for non-athletic events and trainers

traveling to sites already covered should not be paid. It is recommended

that food expenditures for officials and workers at all-day events remain at

$10 per individual. Motion to approve by Sexauer/Malone. Passed.

9. Streaming ad hoc committee report – Mike Zweber sent an email summary of

of the committee’s recommendations to the ADs. After a brief discussion it

was suggested that the ADs take time to study the proposals and formulate a

recommendation for the Committee at the October meeting.

10. Protocol for weather related decisions – This item was tabled until the

October meeting.

11. Coops approved – The following coops had been approved electronically:

GSWD – Northfield HS/Arcadia Charter School

GSWD – Albert Lea HS /Glenville-Emmons HS

GSWD – Winona HS/Hope Lutheran School

BHOC – Century HS/John Marshall HS

12. Review and provide input on the spring advisory recommendations – There

were 6 proposals reviewed:

SOFT – add a third day to the State Tournament. Vote – 8 yes, 0 no.

SPCH – visual aid need not be sited orally. Vote – 8 yes, 0 no.

SPCH – entrants body parts not considered a prop. Vote – 8 yes, 0 no.

SPCH – clarify tie breaker. Vote – 8 yes, 0 no

B/GTRK – add 400 meter race in wheelchair division. Vote – 8 yes, 0 no.

B/GTRK – change qualifying by standard calculation. Vote – 7 yes, 1 no.

13. Update Region Directory – A copy of the directory was circulated for

the ADs to update. The updated version will be sent. This is not a public

document and will be sent to the Committee and ADs only.

14. Confirm VB, GBB, BBB venues for semis and finals. AA B/G TRK site,

A/AA B/G SW/D sites, MUS S/E dates and sites – It was determined

that VB, GBB, and BBB will continue to have the semi-finals at the hi

seed and the finals at the Rochester Mayo Civic Center. It was decided

that the AA B/GTRK would be hosted by Faribault contingent on finding

a willing manager. A/AA B/GSWD will be at Lakeville this year and then

alternate north and south if venues are suitable. The MUS dates and sites are

correct as posted; January 20 at Austin, January 27 at JM, April 5 at Byron.

15. Triple “A” timeline 2023-24 – The Triple “A” timeline has been posted on the

Region website. Nomination forms available on League website in late

October. Nominations due to Region Secretary on January 2. Selection

committee meets on January 24. Region 1AA winners’ forms due to League

on February 7. Triple “A” recognition banquet March 23.

16. Region 1AA Awards Committee report – Mike Zweber has taken over as the

chair of the Awards Committee. He sent out a summary of current nominees

and recipients for each award. Curt Hughes and Katie Carter have agreed to be

a part of the committee which now includes Mike Zweber, Curt Hughes, Paul

Hartmann, Katie Carter, Jeff Whitney, Tom Graupmnn, Ken Hubert, and Don

Featherstone. ADs were reminded to include any State championship coaches

from their school.

17. Review 2023-2024 Calendar – The calendar was reviewed by the ADs and the

BTEN team dates were corrected – May 13, 15, 17. The calendar has been

posted on the Region web page.

18. Confirm tournament managers – Tournament managers were confirmed.

Paul Hartmann is willing to take BASE when Jeff Whitney is ready to step

aside. They will talk.

19. Activities Directors and Region Committee meeting dates for 2023-24 -

Thursday, August 10th – Cabela’s

Wednesday, October 4th – Cabela’s

Thursday, October 12th – Annual meeting, Hubbell House

Wednesday, January 3rd – Cabela’s

Wednesday, April 10th – Cabela’s

20. Items from the floor:

- The Region Secretary will need to know your numbers for the annual

meeting.

- Mike Zweber has some proposals regarding BASE,SOFT and BHOC

Section tournaments that will be discussed at the October meeting.

21. Adjourned. Motion by Malone/Achterkirch. Passed.