

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SYNOPSIS

TUESDAY, AUG. 9, 2016

WELCOME

- Welcome by Board President Tom Graupmann.
- Reflection given by Board Member Brian Hegseth, Activities Director, Centennial High School.
- Gymnastics proposal added as an Action Item. Agenda approved.
- Minutes from June 6, 2016 meeting approved.
- MSHSL Associate Director Kevin Merkle recognized for a NFHS Citation Award received during the NFHS Summer Meetings.
- MSHSL Associate Director Jody Redman recognized for her work with the “Why We Play” program.
- New board members were welcomed.

LOBBYIST REPORT

- Lobbyist Roger Aronson alerted the board that a Special Session of the Minnesota Legislature might be forthcoming.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

- MSHSL Attorney Kevin Beck reported there are two pending cases.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Fall mailings have been distributed to Member Schools.
- Board goals for the 2016-2017 school year will be available via email for discussion and action at the board meeting in October.
- Reflections by board members and MSHSL staff were shared about the induction of Minnesotan Eugene “Lefty” Wright into the NFHS Hall of Fame in July.
- The draft of a Constitutional Change was shared with the board. It will be sent to member schools following the Fall Area Meetings. It is a Constitutional Amendment to designate a guaranteed position on the MSHSL Board of Directors for a School Superintendent representing Administrative Regions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Approved the replacement of the boilers at the League Office.

- Approved the Grand Rapids lacrosse program (a new program) the ability to ask other schools with a full schedule to schedule an additional game.
- Approved the request from Hayfield wrestling to remain in Class A.
- Executive Committee actions were approved by voice vote.

ACTION ITEMS

- Passed a resolution in Appreciation and Recognition for Service and Dedication to the MSHSL Board of Directors: Bob Grey, Shelly Hotzler, Erich Martens, Chris McDonald, Lea B. Olsen, and Mike Olson.
- Approved Board of Directors committee assignments.
- Approved a recommendation by the Finance Committee for disbursement of \$535,855 for school expense reimbursement. The League will use the reimbursement point value of \$3.92.
- Publication of MSHSL Official Handbook, Board Policy Manual and Guidelines, Region Secretaries Manual, Officials Policy Manual and Employee Handbook were approved.
- Approved a proposal by the Gymnastics Coaches Association to expand a varsity roster of competitors from five to eight for non-conference and non-qualifying invitationals, if the host team offers this option.

DISCUSSION

- Online School Eligibility was discussed.
- Information about educational modules in Sports Medicine were shared.
- Shared information from the Tennis Coaches Advisory Committee regarding postseason participant conduct. More information will be available prior to the October board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eligibility Committee

- Minutes were approved as presented.

Audit/Finance Committee

- The board approved the May financial statement.
- The board approved the June financial statement.
- The board approved a motion to accept the State Auditor's Engagement Letter.
- The board approved a motion to accept the insurance premiums for 2016-2017.
- The board approved a motion for the ticket structure at U.S. Bank Stadium. Soccer tickets will be \$12 adults, \$8 students; Football, \$14 adults, \$9 students.

- The board approved a motion to increase the pay for state tournament officials.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- Committee Chair Beals reviewed mission and goals of the committee for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Staff members shared a reflection on their roles and how it relates to the MSHSL mission.
- Staff reported on publications updates, promotional video plans and State Fair outreach.

Technology/Coaches and Officials Education Committee

- Discussed updates and ongoing technology initiatives.
- An online media credential process will be presented in the coming weeks.
- A tournament pass for coaches was discussed.
- The “Why We Play” Conference this summer was a success.

BRIEFLY

- The next MSHSL Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016.