



Minnesota State High School League

Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis

Monday, June 3, 2019

MSHSL Office, Brooklyn Center, MN

Welcome

- Board President Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.
- Board reflection from Bill Adams was read by vice president Craig Anderson.
- An amended meeting agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the April 4, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were approved.
- Public comments were shared with the Board of Directors.
- Reports and comments from Board Members were shared.

Lobbyist Report

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared an update on the final days of the Legislative Session.
- There was no new legislation regarding any MSHSL issues during the session.
- The next Legislative Session begins Feb. 11, 2020.

Legal Counsel Report

- Legal Counsel Kevin Beck shared an update on the settled lawsuit allowing boys to participate on Dance Team.
- Shared an update on two eligibility cases.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Erich Martens introduced incoming Board Members Amanda Kaus, Rochester Century (Music Representative); John Ostrowski, Dover-Eyota (Regions 1A-2A); John Vraa, New London-Spicer (Boys Sports Representative). Incoming Board Member Troy Stein, Edina (Regions 5AA-6AA), was absent from the meeting, but announced.
- Recognized Board Member Frank White, who was the keynote speaker for the 43rd Annual Winfield Awards on June 2, 2019.
- The League is exploring hosting the NASO Officiating Summit in 2024.
- Provided an update on the nine Spring Area meetings.
- League Staff provided updates from Spring activities that have been held so far.
- The MSHSL has partnered with Arbiter to manage the registration of Officials for the 2019-20 school year.
- Three amendments regarding eligibility were presented at the Representative Assembly on May 13 and were passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Report

- Approved an annual co-op agreement between Cloquet High School and Fond du Lac Ojibwe School.
- Approved participation in the WHSFA for La Crescent-Hokah High School Forensics Team.
- Approved Bylaw Implementation Language as it relates to Multiple Transfers.
- The Executive Committee Report was approved by voice vote.

Action Items

- **Item 9A** --- Election of Officers: Blaine Novak, New York Mills, was elected vice president and Thomas Jerome, Badger/Greenbush-Middle River, was elected treasurer. Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz, Eden Valley-Watkins, will continue in her role as president.
- **Item 9B** --- 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget: Treasurer Eric Christensen, on behalf of the Finance Committee, proposed tabling of the budget until the August board meeting. The proposal was approved by voice vote.
- **Item 9C** --- Fall/Winter Advisory Recommendations:

Classification, Implemented 2021-22

Cross country --- Approved a proposal to change the format to a three-class tournament with eight sections divided as follows: Class AAA (64 largest schools); Class AA (96 next largest schools); Class A (all remaining schools).

Soccer --- Approved a proposal to change the format to a three-class tournament. Classes will be divided as follows: Class AAA (64 largest schools); Class AA 64 next largest schools); Class A (All remaining schools).

Boys and Girls Tennis --- Proposal was submitted, but no action taken on the proposal.

Volleyball --- Approved a proposal to change the format to a four-class tournament. Classes divided as follows: Class AAAA (64 largest schools); Class AAA (Next 64 largest schools); Class AA (Next 128 largest schools); Class A (All remaining schools).

Tournament Format, Implemented 2021-22

Boys and Girls Basketball --- Proposal was submitted, but no action taken on the proposal.

Dance Team --- Proposal was submitted, but no action taken on the proposal.

Nordic Ski Racing --- Approved a motion to add a Sprint Relay to the Nordic Skiing State Meet.

Wrestling, consolation --- Proposal was submitted, but no action taken on the proposal.

Playing Rules

Basketball Shot Clock --- A proposal to implement a shot clock was defeated in a 13-5 roll call vote with one abstention.

Policy Language, Implemented 2021-22

Wrestling, participants --- Approved a motion to enter into Board Policy the current approved practice that allows a wrestling team to enter more than one wrestler at a specific weight in an individual regular-season tournament if byes exist. The additional wrestlers would help fill the open spots that currently exist in individual tournaments.

Wrestling scrimmages --- Approved a motion to allow a policy exception to the scrimmage bylaw which would allow programs with 20 or fewer participants to participate in up to two scrimmages per week.

- **Item 9D** --- AD's Education Requirement: Approved a motion to make an addition to the current Continuing Education Requirement policy that all athletic administrators be required to complete a Minnesota Head Coaches Course prior to the fall of 2022. Activities Administrators will have three years to complete the requirement.
- **Item 9E** --- Approval of Complimentary Ticket List: A motion to accept the Complimentary Ticket List was approved.
- **Item 9F** --- 2019-2020 Speech Season Book Topic to be used: Approved the following books, "All the Light We Cannot See" (prose); "The Seashell Anthology of Great Poetry" (poetry); Selected stories from Project Gutenberg (storytelling); "A Culture of Violence" (Discussion Task).
- **Item 9G** --- Calendar Modification: Approved moving the Feb. 6, 2020 Board of Directors meeting to Feb. 4, 2020.
- The board approved Dance Rules Committee recommendations for the 2019-20, 2020-21 seasons.

Discussion Items

- League Staff shared two recommendations from the Music Advisory Committee. The committee is recommending a rewriting of the Music Rules and Policies Manual and the exploration of creating a Rubric to scoring sheets, moving from a 40-point scale to a 100-point scale. League Staff will work with Music Advisory Committee members on both recommendations.

Committee Reports

Eligibility Committee

- A League recommendation for additional review by League Staff and the Eligibility Committee of an eligibility case was approved
- The Eligibility Committee report was approved as presented.

Audit/Finance Committee

- The March and April financial statements were approved.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- A sponsorship update with Wells Fargo was provided by League Staff.
- Approved recommendation of a Publications Package to be presented for full board approval. The board approved by voice vote.

- League Staff shared a Media Advisory Committee recommendation to implement an annual photo-ID media credential.
- An update on the Hall of Fame selection process was provided by League Staff. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 13.
- The Waseca High School Theater Department was selected the Section 5 recipient of the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award. League Staff presented the award during an assembly at Waseca High School.

Education and Leadership Committee

- Coaches Education updates were shared.
- A parent-education video is in the works and will be provided to our member schools for use with their parents.
- Officials updates were shared, including a report on a recruiting event at Tartan High School.

Information Items

- New Board Member Orientation Meeting, League Office, Tuesday, July 9, 9 a.m.
- The MSHSL will operate on the following hours beginning, Monday, June 10 and continuing until Friday, Aug. 29: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Friday.
- August Workshop, Sunday, Aug. 4 – Tuesday, Aug. 6; Ruttger's Bay Lake Conference Center, Deerwood.
- NFHS Summer Meeting, Indianapolis, June 28-July 2.
- Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 6, Ruttger's Bay Lake Conference Center
- Board Members Bill Adams, Kris Amundson, Brian Hegseth, Eric Christensen and Craig Anderson were honored and thanked for their service to the Minnesota State High School League as they depart the Board of Directors.