

PRESIDENTS/DELEGATES MEETING

Minutes 3/23/18

A. Call to order - MSHSCA President Gary Prantner

The Spring Delegate was called to order at 9:03am by President Gary Prantner

B. Role call of delegates and sports association officers

The following sports associations were absent: Adapted Athletics, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Synchronized Swimming & Track. Administrative region absent 4A.

The following Board of Director members were present: Gary Prantner, Mike Peterson, Terry Sadler, John Schumacher, Bernie Schumacher, Rick Ringeisen, Jim Baker and Becky Leuer.

C. President Welcome Message

President Gary Prantner thanked all delegates for attending the meeting and their continued contributions to the association.

A. MSHSL updates and information - Dave Stead - MSHSL Executive Director

Dave Stead, MSHSL Executive Director addressed the assembly. Introduced Erich Martens as the new Executive Director of the MSHSL. Erich Martens introduced himself to the assembly. Dave addressed the amendments from sports associations. Any amendments go to the regions and 9 of the 16 regions must say yes for the amendment to move forward to the rep assembly.

Amendments that were proposed:

- Limit athlete-coach contact days to 20 days during the summer waiver period. Amendment did not pass with a 7/16 vote. Dave stated that the group should propose again next year.
- Eliminate captains' practices, the amendment did not pass with 7/16 vote.
- Boy's hockey extend season by 1 week and have a conditioning week, region vote 0/16.
- Boy's volleyball was proposed to have it in the spring. Concerns are that it would take up to much space being used by other spring sports. Amendment did not pass with a 5/16 region vote.
- Amendment submitted to assembly on baseball with arm conditioning and strengthening was submitted just for clarification of language.
- Adaptive Athletes proposed to allow SPED students who have reached age limit/semester eligibility to be able to continue participating in activities. Brought to adaptive committee and will be discussed.

Any proposals must be made by October 1st.

Erich Martens discussed classification and tournament format. They want to have classification done by the end of this year. Next Wednesday is Board of Directors workshop where they will discuss classification and tournaments. Questions to be posed: Is geographic representation important? What does each sport want for their tournament? Consolations, venues, cost, etc. Erich encourages discussion with AD's and reps to discuss this topic. They are aiming to have proposals that have been made by sports associations discussed at their October meeting and decisions potentially made around December. Marty Kiebel (Volleyball president) asked if they are looking for suggestions from sport associations. Erich suggested getting any feedback to board reps or directors this spring. Share with AD's as well as the MSHSL has reached out to the athletic directors.

Dave Stead addressed the assembly and what they pay for concussion insurance, catastrophic insurance, venue fees, etc. There is significant costs involved with those topics and they are continually trying to find ways to financially support these topics.

There was also discussion on coaches protection and how do we protect coaches from being unjustly nonrenewed. Dave noted pg 76 of the MSHSL handbook where the statute is printed and individuals can gain information pertaining to specifics of the statute there.

Becky Leuer asked about the MSHSL putting together a piece that AD's or schools can use to educate parents about appropriate protocol of how to address concerns/complaints. Dave discussed that there could be some general comments/concerns looked at, but that different schools may have different procedures.

Rick Ringeisen discussed how communication and contact between parents, coaches and athletes is very different these days. It was asked if the MSHSCA can work with national levels on how proper communication can occur. Also, how do we help young coaches who have not been taught how to address these issues learn the proper communication channels. Dave Stead did express that this could be something to look into as a resource for coaches, parents, and administration.

E. MSHSL Board of Directors Report: Craig Anderson - Pine Island Jill Johnson - Waconia
Jill Johnson and Craig Anderson asked that any input be sent to them. Craig Anderson mentioned coaches education has been a positive and the connection from the state high school league is a positive. KSTC has provided great coverage of state tournaments and have been able to use instant replay in football. Thanked John and Mary Erickson for their time and what they have done. Craig stated that even if rule proposals may not have passed, keep working on the proposals if they are of importance. Coaches passes were asked about again and the logistics is what is holding up the decision. It is continued to be looked at and they are trying to put pieces together that might work and how all would be generated.

F. Executive Directors Report - John Schumacher

a. Membership

Executive Director John Schumacher discussed membership reports through February 2018. We are seeing a large amount of increase for this spring. We appreciate the effort of the sport associations working with communication to coaches and getting them to sign up for their membership. John discussed how the addition of Dance to the association has helped increase the overall membership numbers.

b. Financial Report

Rick Ringeisen discussed the transition from John and Mary Erickson to John and Bernie Schumacher and discussed the current financial report. Association has encouraged larger sport associations to get their own 5013C. We had an increase in revenue due to the increase in dues. Money has been moved and transition is close to being complete. Motion to accept - Gordy Klomps Second - Mike Lhotka Discussion - told to expect an increase in insurance. It did not happen this year but is still expected to happen in the future. Passed unanimously.

c. NOCAD Update - Todd Smrekar (Cambridge-Isanti)

Todd and his wife went to the NOCAD and discussed the meeting. Jason foundation spoke and a lot of information was presented about mental health - A Friend Asks is an app that was displayed. Security issues were presented and discussed at the NOCAD and how to address large crowds. Patriotism presentation and how to respect veterans, etc. Great networking and the MSHSCA is looked at as a leader and greatly respected by other state associations.

d. Update on court case/appeal - John Erickson

John Erickson discussed the legislative statutes that give coaches the right to have a hearing, etc. The National High School Coaches Association in New York has joined the MSHSCA along with another group of lawyers from the metropolitan area in addressing the rights of coaches.

G. 2nd Reading of Constitution

The 1st reading of the Constitutional changes was presented in March 2017. Most of the changes that were made were editorial and not procedural. Motion - LeeAnn Steen Second - Jim Baker Discussion - A few editorial changes were suggested and approved. The 2nd reading passed unanimously.

H. Updates Each Sport Association

- 7A - Jon Wagner - That track coaches & cross country have discussed a 3 class system. Concerns with non-renewal of coaches.
- 6AA - David Boone - % of athletes to state cross country/track was a concern.
- Jim Baker - discussed coaches passes for state tournaments.
- 8AA informed the assembly that Dave Hartman at Alexandria has cancer and is going through treatment.
- Sports Medicine - Tom Sharp - encouraged coaches to keep up to date with resources that are available. Check website - proposing a chart for wet bulb for climate acclimation. Any topics/concerns can be brought to Tom Sharp. Next meeting of Sports Medicine is April 18th at the MSHSL league office.
- Boys Hockey - Mike MacMillian thanked the association for the support of their proposal to increase the season by 1 week and add 1 week of conditioning. Proposal was denied - will continue to approach this proposal. John Ammerman - new president.
- AD - Charlie Campbell - spring conference is coming up April 3-5. Administrative Assistants will also have a part of the AD conference. How much push for the AD's to join MSHSCA was asked by Jim Baker. A suggestion was given to have an option on registration form for link to MSHSCA.
- Baseball - Was happy to have conditioning week back. Have a good relationship with Minnesota Twins - gave coaches a pass to get free tickets to games. All Star series, donated over \$20,000 and gave scholarships to athletes.
- Girls Basketball - Carl Pierson - All Star April 7th at Carlton College Northfield. Have discussed having a shot clock, more boys coaches than girls coaches agree with this - issues become costs, additional table worker and training. Smaller rule change - charge arc. Seed class AAAA seed 1-64, they don't have as much travel constraints.
- Cross Country - Jesse Nelson - St. Olaf construction issues check on state tournament. Classes/alignment - looking to survey their coaches.
- Dance - Jennifer Bladow - worked with MSHSL with music licensing, boys wanting to join girls team. They are the newest addition to the association and are excited to learn from others. They also just joined the National Dance Association.
- Football - Jim Dotseth - Spring clinic coming up. They went over \$1 million in tackle cancer fundraiser.
- Gymnastics - LeeAnn Steen - new state qualification format was used. Gymnastic coaches worked closely with Amy Doherty of the MSHSL and the format change was greatly supported.
- Girls Hockey - Tim Morris - Supported the boy's proposal but did not want the proposal themselves. Turn over of head coaches is very high and a concern. President changes - Shawn Reed from Blake taking over in September.
- Boys Soccer - Jason Arnebeck - Keith Randa will be the new Executive Secretary. They are waiting for proposal on reclassification from MSHSL. Looking for newer and less costly location for All-Star match.

April - meet with MSHSL to discuss rule changes/movement. Work with Minnesota United to have MN State High School history in the new arena.

- Softball - Laura Olson - spring conference in Becker had good numbers. They seeded state tournament for the first time - went well. Are also in partnership with Twins. Based on poll of coaches - re-submitting proposal of 1 week arm conditioning and looking to eliminate allowing kids to play on all-star team during the regular season.
- Swimming - Andrew Michelson - Looking how to fill all heats for state meets. Clinic May 4-5th.
- Tennis - Dave Wareham - exploring universal online score reporting for all teams, working with MSHSL on rule changes - further review of lineups for state tournaments, adding wording to rule (no electronic devices), looking into 5013C, waiting on proposal of reclassification.
- Volleyball - Marty Kiebel - Association had winter meeting - positive feedback, moving clinic from St. Cloud State to Sauk Rapids (July 25-26) - All Star Match on July 25, updated constitution, section reps are on 4 year term. Sue Alstrom informed the delegates that Janet Golden-Landquist's son was in a major car accident
- Wrestling - Neil Jennison - looking into 3 day team tournament for state, trying to find proposal to do true wrestlebacks during state. Track Wrestling was used to see individual wrestlers at the state tournament this year.

I. Introduction of VP Candidates - Nathan Youngs, Dassel-Cokato & Tom Critchley Jr. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton

VP candidates were introduced and each was asked to comment on their background. Both candidates were given the opportunity to speak. They both have extensive experience with the sports they are involved in and leadership attributes.

J. Web Site Update - Rob Nielsen

Not much has changed after roll over. A few associations need to update material on their sites. All sport associations have access to their websites, reach out to Rob Nielsen to get login information to get stuff up to date. Can do all academic awards online, coaches awards, etc. Prep Coach - please get articles in on time...are looking at adjustments to when prep coach goes out based on end of seasons.

K. Scholarship Report & update Gregg Martig

We should look at priority status a little more and how that plays in to the requirements/parameters. Closes at the end of the month. 10-\$1,000 scholarships

L. Hall of Fame Banquet & Hall of Fame nominations

Jim Baker discussed the banquet and stated that it includes championship coaches, assistant coaches, etc. Please get nominations in. Date of the banquet is October 13th.

M. Distinguished Service Award for Officials - Mike Peterson

Mike asked that each sport association send in nominations of deserving officials to him. He also stated how past DSA winners appreciated receiving this award from the MSHSCA.

N. Other agenda items

Becky Leuer discussed the criteria of academic awards for each association and thanked the sports association for their replies on this matter.

John Schumacher asked for sport associations to send emails to either Bernie or himself if there are any changes in sport association leadership.

O. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

John Schumacher Executive Director