

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF SPRING DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 3/24/17

The Spring Delegate Assembly was called to order by President Todd Smrekar at 8:45 a.m.

The following sports were absent: Adapted Athletics, Boys Basketball, Golf, Girls Lacrosse, Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, and Synchronized Swimming. All Administrative Regions were present except 4A.

Dave Stead, MSHSL Executive Director addressed the Assembly. Dave addressed the question regarding home school and eligibility. Dave reviewed the Legislation that was passed in 1973 that says all high schools are eligible to participate if they meet the requirement of attendance. Dave offered many different scenarios regarding how the private or home school students can gain eligibility. Tom Sharp addressed the questions that Cross Country has been facing with the all star teams. Rick Ringeisen addressed the issue and said that a fissure is developing that is getting worse. Rick feels that this is leading to club teams rather than school teams.

Dave addressed the issue of not following the rules we now have in place and who is to enforce those rules. Coaches boxes and coaches behaviors properly registering etc. and issues that need to be addressed. Rick Ringeisen asked if we can back to our coaches and assure them that the issue of Minnesota On line high schools is being looked at. 1

John Millea was presented with an honorary Life Membership in the MSHSCA

Jill Johnson (MSHSL) Board of Directors. Craig Anderson (MSHSL Board of Directors) Craig said the one of the things the League is trying to do is to be transparent. If you have questions get in touch with Jill or myself and we will do all we can for you? Craig addressed the issue of Coaches Passes. Craig addressed the home school issue.

John Erickson, Executive Directors Report. Erickson updated members on the current membership. The total number of members is in line with what is normally in this time of year. Erickson stated that membership has been quite stable around the 9,000 member mark for the past few years but could see somewhat of an increase as Girls Hockey and Dance Line have now affiliated with the MSHSCA. Tim Morris, Executive Director, Girls Hockey and Jessica Jones representing Dance Line were both in attendance. Erickson called on Rick Ringeisen, Chairman of the finance committee for the finance report.

Rick Ringeisen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reviewed the finance report. Rick reviewed the 2016 finance report. There was a motion by Mike Lohtka and second by Mark O'Neill passed.

Rick addressed the transition salaries. The Schumachers would be paid \$36,000 and the Erickson's \$6,000 Rick talked about the future review and plans for future compensation. There was motion by Gordy Klomps and second by Dave Hulgren. Passed

The issue of camp insurance was discussed and Rick Ringeisen spoke to the issue and provided information regarding Loomis LaPann and the camp insurance program.

Approval of the Assistant Director for the MSHSCA as selected by the incoming Executive Director, John Schumacher was given. Tink Larson made the motion Terry Sadler the second to hire Bernie Schumacher as the new Assistant Director. Motion passed.

Erickson reviewed the past NOCAD meeting held in Biloxi Mississippi. Our insurance will see a 7% increase and that was anticipated when the dues were raised for this current year. Erickson spoke to the concern by NOCAD states regarding AAU wanting to enter the football summer programs. Erickson reviewed the current court cases involving defamation of coaches. Erickson stated that he hopes to have more information for the membership at the September meeting

VP candidates were introduced and each was asked to comment on their background. Terry Sadler, Warroad and Tim Morris were given the opportunity to speak. Both candidates have extensive experience with their sports and leadership.

Rob Nielsen addressed the conversion to Sport Engin and said that for the most part it went very smoothly. Rob reviewed all the possibilities that site offers and how you can use it for all you needs.

Rob addressed the Constitution as it is now written. Rob said that as he reviewed the constitution there was some errors that need to be updated and amended. Rob reviewed all the areas that need to be addressed. This was the first reading of changes Gregg Martig motioned that we accept the first reading and Jim Baker with the second to approve for vote at fall meeting.

The sport Associations were called on and section to bring up issue. 3A Gary Hildenbrand will be the new girl's rep. 5A A shout out to Darien and Mary DeRocher. 6A Tavia Bachman asked about summer transportation to various leagues etc. Am I liable if there is an issue. What are other schools doing? Byron had it in writing that the parents were responsible for the transportation. Glad to have Dave Boone with us for 6AA.

Girls Basketball is searching for an new Executive Director. They will name that person by the end of April. They made significant changes to their bylaws. Cross Country. The home school issue is still on our radar. Dance, Golf, Gymnastics. We are reviewing how our section competitors are selected for the state. There are changes in who qualifies for state competition.

Boys Hockey. Mark Maney talked about the change hockey is asking for a change in the limited waiver period to the fall. They would also like to add two games to put them in line with basketball. There was a request for 20 minute periods. The armature sport association has asked for 6 exhibition games and 20 minute periods. This is going to legislative action not the hockey coaches.

Girls Hockey. Our biggest problem we are running into is coaching turnover. This has been a continuing problem with a 20% turnover over the past 5 years. AAU hockey is trying to move into the sport. This creates a new atmosphere. We need help in keeping our coaches. The girl's hockey coaches are not in favor of the legislative action that is being taken. Baseball addressed the issue of pitch counts and the

implications in this. The association has grown and has been doing a lot of great things. Football Next weekend is our annual clinic. It is at the Doubletree in St. Louis Park. We had a fall all-star game and the Vikings stepped up and sponsored the game. Boys Lacrosse. We don't get to start practice until April 5<sup>th</sup>. We have the shortest season and fewest games. There was discussion and suggestions of how Lacrosse might be able to move their agenda forward. Soccer We have 190 teams playing in two classes. We submitted a proposal to go to three classes. The League response is that they have to look at the overall alignment. Soccer is trying to work with the regional people to balance the sections. Soccer says QRF sucks.

Softball We went to four classes last year. The tournament went well. We have a new mercy rule. We are seeding the state tournament. Swimming Todd Welsh is the new Secretary. We are concerned about on line schools. We have issues with the joining to form all star teams.

Tennis. We are looking at going to three classes. We ran our own banquet this year. Track and Field. There has been an offer by someone else to host the tournament. Our membership is growing and the clinic has grown as well. Wrestling we want to increase the number of individual matches a student can wrestle. We are asking to change the number of matches from 36 to 45 We would have two less meets.

Sports Medicine. Tom Sharp. The issue of access to trainers in some schools is being addressed. We are working on more educational modules and addressing mental health and concussion issues. Opiate addiction is an issue. There is some study regarding climate control and taking a look at the state by regions and the different patterns. New charts are being formulated.

Gregg Martig gave an update on the scholarship applicants

Jim Baker reported on the Hall of Fame Banquet to be held on October 14, 2017 at the Sheraton West in Minnetonka. Jim asked that sport associations forward their hall of fame members into the MSHSCA nominees pool.

John Schumacher asked those present to please get in nominations for the DSA award for officials. This award is one that the officials have really appreciated over the years and we are woefully short of candidates.

Fred Sailer, retired AD from Perham addressed the Assembly. Fred spoke to areas that he feels that are particularly important things coaches bring to their players. Integrity, Mentoring and Hope. Fred brought forward a great message that was very well received by the members of the Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

John Erickson Executive Director