

MHSLA Meeting Minutes

Objective: Monthly Meeting

Date: 4/8/2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Facilitator: President Thesing

Members Present:

Entity	Designated Representative	Other Representative	Other Representative
MHSLA President	Todd Thesing		
MHSLA Vice President	Pat Marron		
MHSLA Treasurer			
MHSLA Secretary	Brad Koon		
Sheridan	JR Wright		
Billings Beartooth	Desarae Detling		
Billings Rimrock	Howard Ruzick,		
Bozeman	Rob Leder		
Cody	TJ Gionet		
Jackson	Tori		
Last Chance	Nathan Nachtsheim		
Butte	Dan Carroll		
Great Falls	Jeremy Comstock		
Missoula Wild	Steve Amish		
Missoula Spartans	Steve Crass		
Northwest Avalanche	Chris McLaughlin		
Cheyenne	Colton		

1. President's Report
 - a. Received a state bid from Bozeman.
 - b. Jeremy said location changes weren't updated on website.
 - c. Howard was missing a couple players
 - d. There's a bunch of people that don't have access.
 - e. Brad will check with John Noble

 2. Vice President's Report
 - a. Rosters
 - i. Pat is working on getting rosters out to everyone.
 - ii. He almost has all rosters

 3. Secretary Report
 - a. Comments on the 3/11/2025 MHSLA Minutes?
 - i. None
 - b. John Noble has Sports Engine/Website in good shape.
 - c. Page managers have been assigned for each team to get rosters, stats, scores.
 - i. John is preparing instructions.
 - d. Any changes to schedule need to go through Chris or Tori, who will communicate with John and MHSLA.
 - e. MHSLA Meeting minutes for the end of 2024 and 2025 have been posted on the website.
 - f. Minutes will be posted to website going forward.

 4. Treasurer Report
 - a. Have \$67,036.32
 - b. \$40,730.00 2025 Ref Fees
 - c. \$22,250.00 2025 Registration Fees

Colton to get with Eric and Brad regarding registration.

 5. Scheduling update
 - a. Chris has been working with John.
 - b. Worried that Arbiter is not updated with SE
 - c. Couple of location changes were made that were not reflected in Sports Engine
 - i. Chris sent to John.
 - ii. Brad will check with John to make sure changes are made.

 6. State Tournament
 - a. MHSLA has committed to \$5,000 to state
 - b. Helena bid was approved at last meeting.
 - c. There are two bids.
 - i. Helena was the only option at the last meeting.
 1. No blocking available.
 2. People are calling around and rooms are expensive.
 3. Some have secured hotels at ~\$130 range
 4. Some are trying to get hotels now and cost is ~\$250
 5. Are there enough rooms
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- ii. Bozeman now has a bid.
 - 1. Rooms are reasonable.

- iii. Discussion on where State should be.
 - 1. Nathan said Bozeman would be a great place for State
 - 2. Bids were due before last meeting and Helena put in Bids
 - 3. Helena board would probably be okay with it, but has put some time in.
 - 4. Concern about people who already secured rooms.
 - a. Can people get their money back if they change
 - 5. Chris doesn't like going back and forth and would like to keep as is.
 - 6. Steve Amish thinks it is more fair to stay where we are at.
 - 7. Brad asked if people that can't get rooms in Helena could stay at neighboring towns
 - 8. It was decided it is a better experience if everyone can stay in town of tournament.
 - 9. Do we want to have a meeting Monday night?
 - 10. Give people till the weekend to see if they can find rooms.
 - 11. Need 300+ Hotel Rooms
 - 12. Looks like Bozeman has 300 rooms
 - 13. Sheridan said most of people that have booked VRBO's can cancel
 - 14. Chris said 70% have booked.
 - 15. Move State to Bozeman
 - a. Motion: Nathan
 - b. Second: Howard
 - c. Discussion: None
 - d. VOTE:

Sheridan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Billings Beartooth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Billings Rimrock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Bozeman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Cody	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Last Chance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Butte	<input type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Great Falls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Missoula Wild	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Missoula Spartans	<input type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Northwest Avalanche	<input type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Cheyenne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
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- **State will be in Bozeman.**
 - Todd said he will find a way to make it right if people lose refunds, etc.
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7. Other
 - a. Concern about parent referees
 - i. There is a shortage and sometimes there aren't options.
 - ii. Try not to have parents referee kids
 8. Next Meeting: May 13, 2025 @ 7:30 PM
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