

MHSLA Monthly Meeting Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 Minutes

Call to Order: 7:33 pm by Kevin T.

Roll Call – Kevin Terry, Camden Walters, Dane McCollum, Jeremy Comstock, Stephen Crass, Dan(Butte), Josh Hale, , Steve Amish, TJ Gionet, Brad Townsend, Bill Stoddart, Nathan

Motion to Approve December Meeting minutes by Jeremy Comstock,
second by Camden Walters. Motion Passed, none opposed

Coaches packets are due on the 21st for the boys and the 25th for the girls.
Helena may submit late due to still looking for a coach

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$21,237.48 New budget is coming.
The tentative balance is 14,803.8 due to an outstanding check to Treasure State

Some money was withheld from treasure state due to staff stipend

Kevin recommends paying the staff stipend even though it is a lot

Motion to approve payment of staff stipend by Nathan second by bill Stoddart. All in favor

Vice President's Report –

Bylaws to be posted. Minor change to the rules regarding the four-game rule for changing players on the roster.

We still need to check on the website. John and Ethan were working on this. Registration will be extended to the 21st at minimum

Scheduling:

Teams want two games min when driving distance.

Games on Sunday – Teams would want games to be in the morning to help with traveling before school on Monday. A lot of clubs would prefer it over Friday games. Butte may have trouble with Sunday games.

Blackout dates – How do teams feel about out-of-state games? Northwest has the tradition of going to Sandpoint. Bandits and bearcats are going to phoenix

Q: Is it a necessity for everyone to play each other twice? Maybe keep it open-ended/more of a goal than a rule?

A: Teams May want to play out-of-state games as a group rather than just one program.

A: For Butte, they'd like to stay at ten games. The schedule already has that down.

Q: Are we going to allow blackout dates on Saturday for playing other teams?

Motion to allow blackout dates for one out-of-state game/weekend in addition to proms. Motion made by

Steve Amish, second by Camden Walters. All in favor except for Brad Townsend

Proposed Rule Changes:

Minimum Rest Requirements – Below are the suggested rule changes by Kevin Terry on the agenda

In order to fit the necessary number of games in on Saturday when combined with youth and considering the limitation on officials, several girls teams have expressed an interest in reducing the minimum required rest from 120 minutes down to 90 minutes in between games. Since most girls' games fit in a 90 minute game slot, that would mean that a girls' team that has its first game at 10:00am could have a second game at 1:00pm (three hours in between start times). For the boys' games, the 2 hour minimum rest would remain in place. Since most boys' games are 90 minutes, that would mean that a boys team that has its first game at 10:00am could have a second game at 1:30pm (3.5 hours in between start times). I have provided possible language for the rule revision below if adopted by the board:

9.7 Starting times for any boys team playing more than one game on the same day shall be scheduled no less than 3.5 hours apart. Starting times for any girls team playing more than one game on the same day will be scheduled no less than 3 hours apart. However, should the first game run long, teams will be given no less than 20 minutes to warm up, otherwise the 2nd game will start at scheduled time. With a Division I/Division II doubleheader, the play of the Division II game will be adjusted (shorten duration, cancel or reschedule) so the Division I game is played per rule. When possible, adjustments should be agreed upon prior to the start of the first game of the doubleheader and must be agreed upon by both coaches.

9.7.1 If a player competes on two teams on the same day (for example, D2 game and then a D1 game), the player may not play in back to back games and must have the minimum rest to prevent injury. As such, the game times for that player must also comply with Section 9.7 above – 3.5 hours between game start times for boys games and 3 hours between game start times for girls games.

Due to the precedent of not changing rules beyond the fall meeting, this will be tabled until the next rules meeting.

The boys' coaches meeting starts January 21st at 9 am via zoom

Girls meeting set to be on January 26th at 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 by Camden Walters, second by Nathan