

MHSLA
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021

Attendees: John Noble (LCLC); Tina Drain (Bearcats); Mike Power (Cody); Dave Madeira (JH); Steve Amish (Hellgate - nonvoting member); Sheryll Stewart (Sentinel); Dan Carroll (Butte); Jeff Craig (Bandits); Aaron Gibbs (for Shawn Skinner, Big Sky); Sara Jane Hampton & Matt Bailey (Rimrock); Chris Frasier (Glacier)

Programs not represented: Mike Flaherty (Great Falls); Lance Wepler (Bozeman – received notification would be absent); Matt Rizzolo (Whitefish - nonvoting member)

Agenda:

- 1) Neutral site reimbursement
 - a) For games played at neutral sites
 - b) Cost of field rental/usage fee only
 - c) Cost of lining if no local/host games were played same day
 - d) Deadline to submit request Friday, June 11th
 - e) Submit to MHSLAtreasurer@gmail.com
- 2) State tournament schedule and seedings
- 3) All-State selections progress
- 4) All-State awards ceremony; MLOA Honoring the game ceremony
- 5) General membership meeting attendance, agenda, etc.

Motion by Dan Carroll, **second** by Sara Jane Hampton. **Motion carries.** Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

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 - a) For games played at neutral sites – Missoula, Helena, Great Falls, others?
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Girl's games are jamboree style with a different location each weekend. Are these treated the same as the boys neutral site games? Noble will provide MLOA contact information for questions regarding referee costs. Asking clubs to please provide itemized invoices. Cody still owes balance of MLOA fees. Noble will follow up but believes invoices will be sent out by MLOA after State.

- 2) State tournament schedule and seedings

Noble - Talked about clarification on Game 5 vertical layout W4 v L3 – just posted link at 7:35 p.m. Sentinel requested clarification on Hellgate games pre-merge with Wild. Where in the rules does it reference D2 players/teams playing on D1 teams if there are not enough D2 teams? Noble will confirm when this issue was settled. Only 2-D2 teams so they will operate in D1 bracket. Allows opportunity to continue to play and get experience to grow program and league. Concern that there are shared players on JH team. What happens when the JH teams play at the same time? #10 on D1 is #22 on D2. JH trying to balance team to get experience. Knew that needed to finalize rosters for state. No intention to

sandbag teams. 32 girls – should be able to separate rosters for State weekend. Trying to be in compliance with rules. Just want Orange team to play. Are rosters correct now for State weekend? Suggesting 2nd JH team isn't playing in State weekend? Goes to point that when look at D2, there could've been 4 D2 teams. Fix the roster before state. Let's follow the rules. Seems the board is less concerned with Jackson than Bozeman. Another issue is rosters for State weekend. Significant discussion. Don't need to vote. Sentinel is removing 1-2 players.

Reminder of Honor the Game ceremony on Friday at 6 p.m. Please submit names. Please be there! Put information in boys & girls scheduling channels.

3) All-State selections progress

Awards will be printed and picked up on Friday. Kevin Flynn is assisting as well as Matt Rizzolo. For the Girl's teams/coaches – no Jackson girls were included due to rostering and statistic entry issues. Rule was enforced. No statistics were entered for Jackson Hole girls for reference by coaches. Communications with Dave and coach. JH not happy and don't blame them. Nominations went out, have been returned and are being compiled. Question - Is there something that can be done without a rule change to recognize the JH players? **Motion** to extend deadline for 24 hours to reconsider the JH Girls All-State nominations by Sheryll. **Second** by Mike Powers. Yes – 3, No – 5, Abstain - 2. **Motion fails.**

4) All-State awards ceremony; MLOA Honoring the game ceremony

2:10 p.m. on Saturday either at pavilion or turf field. TSL will handle. 20 min for each. MLOA Honoring the Game ceremony. Approximately 90-minute program. Hoping to keep awards quiet before presentation with no notification to awards winners prior.

5) General membership meeting attendance, agenda, etc.

Friday night @ 8:30 p.m. following the final games at the Pavilion. Pizza and drinks will be provided. 2 reps per team plus Executive Board members. Reps should let their clubs know. Come prepared with ~90 seconds of the good, the bad and the ugly of 2021. Talk about rule changes for next season. All-State, rostering, etc. Each club show up with ideas of what they would like to see, 1-2 minutes per team.

Request received for roll call vote for All-State selections: Yes – 3 (Cody, JH, Rimrock), No – 5 (Bandits, Bearcats, Butte, Glacier, Sentinel), Abstain – 2 (Helena, Hellgate)

Motion to adjourn by Tina Drain, second by Jeff Craig. **Vote: Motion carries.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.