



**Region 2A Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.**  
**Happy Chef – Mankato**

**Members:** Ted Simon, Chris Sonju, Taylor Topinka, Darla Remus, Tim Collins, Marsha Franek, \*Cory Haala, \*Paul Carpenter, \*Kathleen Walker, \*Jim Callahan, \*Crystal Lamont, \*Craig Morgan

**Absent:** Marsha Franek

*(\*indicates Tournament Committee members)*

1. Call to order and roll Call  
Meeting called to order by Chairperson Simon
2. Approval of the agenda  
Motion by Jim C., second by Taylor T., to approve the agenda. Motion Carried
3. Approval of minutes of the February 6, 2023 committee meeting  
Motion by Tim C., second by Taylor T., to approve the minutes. Motion Carried
4. Public Comments  
No public comments were made.
5. Financial reports – (February & March)
  - 5.1 Review and approve February & March financial reports
  - 5.2 Review and approve February & March payment of bills
  - 5.3 MSHSL Foundation Grant received for \$3,900.
  - 5.4 Approve Mileage reimbursement of \$161,000 to member schools.

Motion by Tim C., second by Taylor T., to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried
6. Action Items
  - 6.1 Basketball: Seeding 1-8 (11-0 in favor)
  - 6.2 Dance: Order of Competition at State Tournament (3-3 with 5 members abstaining)
  - 6.3 Debate: Rules & Policy Modifications
    - a. All forms of debate use the same qualifying process. (11-0 in favor)
    - b. Simplify the running of the section tournament. (11-0 in favor)
    - c. Change in the pairing protocols for section and state tournaments. (11-0 in favor)
    - d. Add qualifiers in each event from 20-24. (11-0 in favor)
  - 6.4 Nordic Ski Racing
    - a. Add medals for the two alternates at state meet. (11-0 opposed)
    - b. Add pursuit qualifiers from teams not going to state from 4 to 6. (11-0 opposed)
    - c. Change the state tournament schedule. (11-0 in favor)
    - d. Substitutions – Allows more flexibility with your alternates. (9-0 in favor with 2 abstaining)
    - e. Tie Breaking Procedure. Eliminate step one in the 4-step process. (11-0 in favor)
  - 6.5 Wrestling
    - a. 14 classes allowed for individual. (13 for team competition.) (11-0 opposed)
    - b. Add a half day to the state tournament. (Allow full wrestlebacks.). (9-2 in favor)
  - 6.6 Coop Approvals
    - a. Baseball: Mankato Loyola, Immanuel Lutheran, Grace Academy
    - b. Track & Field: Martin County West, Butterfield-Odin

c. Soccer: St. James. Windom, Madelia

Motion by Tim C., second by Taylor T. to approve the coops. Motion Carried

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Speech update – Kathleen Walker

7.2 Athletic update – Cory Haala

7.3 Music update – Jim Callahan

7.4 Review Winter Tournaments

7.5 2023-2024 Working Calendar

7.6 Rep Assembly (Boys Volleyball & Adaptive Athletics)

**May 9, 2023 at 9 a.m.** at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

8. Secretary Update

8.1 Event/Ticket Reports from Winter Activities

8.2 Competitive Section Placements

8.3 Executive Secretary Evaluation

8.4 Executive Secretary Salary for 2023-2024

8.5 Future Meeting Dates Mon. 9/18, Mon. 12/11, Mon. 2/5, Mon. 4/15, Wed. 6/5

8.6 Committee Replacements

9. Committee Member comments and/or concerns

10. Adjourn

Motion by Tim C., second by Craig M. to adjourn. Motion Carried

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m., Happy Chef in Mankato**