

The Region 7A Committee
Minnesota State High School League

Sub Section 25

Dan Manick Bd. of Ed.
Dave Foster A.D.

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Jay Belcastro Supt.
Jeff Salo Bd. of Ed.

Sub Section 27

Jeff Burgess Supt.
John Vukmanich Prin.

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Brent Schimek A.D.
Ken Decoster Prin.

At Large

Jeff Gronner, Rhaya Tomberlin-Anderson, Kristen Cooper, Cassie Thuen.

Region Executive Secretary

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Region 7A Minutes
September 29, 2021
Valentini's

Not Official until approved on December 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Foster at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken and a quorum was certified. Jeff Burgess and Rhaya Tomberlin-Anderson were absent, Cassie Thuen was represented by John Peterson, and Jay Belcastro was represented by Scott Ross.

1. Motion Gronner second Salo to adopt the agenda with additions. **Motion Carried**
2. Motion Salo, second Peterson to approve the minutes of August 18, 2021. **Motion Carried**
3. The financial report which covered the August bank reconciliation and a review of the region secretary expenses since the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion Vukmanich, second Salo to approve the financial report. **Motion Carried**
4. Executive Secretary Report: Reviewed the September 15, 2021 MSHSL Area Wide meeting and Region AD's meeting including; updates on progress with the new MSHSL website, that we have 9 new AD's in our region and at least 60 in the state, communicated the tournament report process and payments for site managers (AD's), discussed Arbiter pay and the future of online ticketing, and reviewed the post tournament survey process requesting AD's to consult with coaches and administration before voting on behalf of their school. Shared that our FY 21 audit is under final review and will be complete by our next meeting. Communicated that the MSHSL postseason guidance and current requirements include COVID Interruption guidelines that mirror those from the Spring and everyone is required to wear masks on buses with local control of mitigation and quarantine policies that in many cases are more stringent than current requirements set by MDH and the MSHSL.
5. Old Business
 - a. Updated Region Committee Directory - the directory was distributed to committee members.
 - b. Updated Region Sub Committee Assignments - assignments were also handed out to committee members.
 - c. Update on the 2021-2022 Region Calendar - including date changes in 7A Golf at Virginia.
 - d. March Region Committee Meeting - The March Region Committee Meeting will be on March 23, 2022 and was moved to avoid a conflict with the MNIAAA state AD's Convention on March 30, 2022. Motion Salo, second Cooper to approve the date change. **Motion carried**
6. New Business:
 - a. Scott Patrow Retirement: The Committee voted to replace Scott Patrow after his retirement in September as Principal at Bigfork. Current Bigfork Principal Ken Decoster was approved as Scott Patrow's replacement, motion Vukmanich, second by Manick. **Motion Carried.** Special thanks to Scott Patrow for his years of service to Region 7A.
 - b. Payback to Schools - Preliminary findings of our FY21 audit indicate that Region 7A will pay back to schools approximately \$113,000 in excess revenue based on our FY19 managing expense formula provided by the MSHSL. This will be on the December agenda for approval.

- c. Fall Tournament Formats: In general Fall tournament formats, dates, and times will return to that of 2019:
 1. Cross Country - reviewed the site, date, and times of this year's races and that the Cloquet Country Club has indicated they will not host the event in 2022 due to the anticipated course seasonal closing date for future years.
 2. Tennis - reviewed the site, date and times of this year's tournament. Shared that tickets will be sold for admission whenever possible and communicated the majority of tennis coaches would like the tournament to return to a neutral site and in particular to Stayfit located in Sartell, MN.
 3. Swim - will be hosted by Lincoln Park Middle School and managed by Tom Pearson.
 4. Football - Shared the sites and dates for this year's Championship games.
 5. Volleyball - Indicated the location rotates this year to the North for 7A VB and the semi and finals will be in Hibbing. 7AA will return to the South and either Hermantown or Denfeld will host the semi and finals depending on the AAA home site location after seeding.
 - d. COOP
 - 6 Ely and Northeast Range - 7A Football. Motion Schimek, second Ross. **Motion Carried**
 - 7 Moose Lake and Willow River - One Act Play. Motion Schimek, second Ross. **Motion Carried**
 - 8 Rock Ridge 21-22 (E/G and Virginia) - Football, CC, B. & G. Swim, B. & G. Hockey, B. & G. Golf, B. & G Track, B. Tennis, Baseball. Motion Schimek, second Ross. **Motion Carried**
 1. Not Cooped in Volleyball, G. Tennis, B. & G. Basketball, and Softball
 - e. WDIO Hockey Contract - reviewed the WDIO television contract and rights to broadcast the championship on live TV and live stream both the semifinals and final game. Motion Salo, second Cooper to approve the contract. **Motion Carried**
7. The next committee meeting is set for December 1, 2021 at 10:30 am at Valentini's in Chisholm.
 8. Adjourn: Motion Gronner, second Vukmanich to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**
The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Foster at 11:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Stoskopf, Exc. Secretary

Date

Dave Foster, Chairman