

The Region 7A Committee
Minnesota State High School League

Subsection 25

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

Subsection 26

Jay Belcastro Supt.
Jeff Salo Bd. of Ed.

Subsection 27

Jeff Burgess Supt.
John Vukmanich Prin.

Subsection 28

Travis Vake 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

December 20, 2022

Valentini's

Not Official until approved on February 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Foster at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken and a quorum was certified. Jeff Salo and Dan Mannick were absent. Cassie Thuen was represented by John Peterson, Jay Belcastro was represented by Scott Ross, and Jeff Burgess was represented by Jim James.

1. Motion Jeff Gronner, second John Vukmanich to adopt the agenda. **Motion Carried**
2. Motion Jim James, second John Peterson to approve the minutes of September 28, 2022. **Motion Carried**
3. Open Forum: None.
4. The financial report which covered the September, October, and November bank reconciliation and a review of the region secretary expenses since the last meeting was shared by Finance Chairperson, John Peterson. Motion James, second Kristen Cooper to approve the financial report. **Motion Carried**
5. Executive Secretary Report: Shared highlights from past Region Secretary meetings. Of note, was an update on the leagues adoption of a programs task force and their focus developing language and policy to provide structure to activities to move from an "emerging status" to a sanctioned MSHSL activity, they will also provide a process for the potential sunseting of activities. Shared an update on the Together We Make a Difference league initiative and workshop planned for January 13, 2023 at 9 am in the metro area. Finally, a reminder that the Competitive Section Placement and District Football placement process is ongoing and will continue this Spring. The timeline for both are on the MSHSL website.
6. Old Business
 - a. We reviewed the 22FY Audit including comparisons of both revenue and expenses from one year to the next, discussed internal controls such as segregation of duties, and explained operating transfers (fair shares) to and from other Regions. Motion Ken DeCoster, second Vukmanich to accept the audit findings. **Motion carried**
 - b. Fall Tournament Recap: Overall we had a very nice fall and the tournaments went well. We had good weather for our outdoor competitions and the fan turn outs were great.
 - c. Handed out the updated Region Calendar for 2022-2023
7. New Business:
 - a. Explained the intent of MSHSL Foundation Form B1 and B2. There is \$25,000 specifically set aside to reimburse schools for transportation costs associated with the Together We Make a Difference workshops, this form is due on January 20, 2023. The remaining \$300,000 is attributed to form B2 that schools can request reimbursement for training and health and safety costs as in the past, this form is due on February 15, 2023.
 - b. The committee approved the payback to schools in the amount of \$91,604. The money will be mailed to the attention of each schools athletic director and is based on the schools participation in Region 7A activities. Motion Vukmanich, second by Scott Ross to approve the payback. **Motion Carried**
 - c. Briefly discussed our Winter Tournaments with a few items of note: Shared the ¼ sites for Basketball, the boys hockey semi's moved to Thursday, Music will be held at Virginia with two days

for instrumental and two days designated for vocal competition, and One Act sections will be on a Friday this year.

- d. Rep Assembly Proposals: The committee discussed the three rep assembly proposals that have been moved directly from the Board of Directors to the assembly this Spring. The committee supports the adapted athletics amendment requesting their own bylaws, is opposed to the requirement to have a registered official at all cross country regular season meets, and considers the potential addition of boys volleyball to be a challenge logistically in our region.
- e. Fall Advisory Recommendations: The committee supports both soccer proposals and seeding class A team tennis unanimously but opposes seeding the football state tournament, the addition of a third class in tennis, and an increase in the volleyball squad size.
- f. Updated the committee about the possibility of the league moving the last date for volleyball sections to Friday from Saturday. A decision will ultimately be made very soon if this has any chance of taking place. There are many calendar conflicts with moving the date up because of football playoffs.
- g. The following Coops we reviewed, motion Cooper, second by Gronner to approve. **Motion Carried**
 - Silver Bay and Two Harbors - Boys Basketball
 - Marshall and LCA - Boys Basketball
 - Ely and Northeast Range - Girls Basketball
 - Chisholm and Hibbing - Girls and Boys Golf, Robotics
 - Carlton and Wrenshall - Boys and Girls Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball.

8. Other: None

9. The next full committee meeting is set for February 1, 2023 at 9:00 am at Valentini's in Chisholm.

10. Adjourn: Motion Vukmanich, second James to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**
The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Foster at 12:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Stoskopf, Exc. Secretary

Date

Dave Foster, Chairman