

## **Minnesota State High School League**

### **Board of Directors meeting synopsis**

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Two administrative support positions in the League office are in transition. Candidates will be interviewed next week for the position that will be vacated when Sharon Bahma, Accounting Assistant, retires. Katie Schulte, Administrative Assistant: Officials, recently announced her resignation. Her position was posted on July 29, 2015.
- It was announced that MSHSL Associate Director Craig Perry is the winner of the prestigious Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award, given by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.
- Maplewood Toyota has renewed its sponsorship of the John's Journal Car.
- Twenty-two Bethel University doctoral students visited the League office in July.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Discussions were held regarding the continuation of the 100-year celebration.
- Looking at new and unique things for the state tournaments was discussed. One possibility included a skills competition in certain activities.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A resolution was passed in appreciation and recognition for service and dedication to the MSHSL Board of Directors to Steve Eklund, Dan Johnson, Scott McCready, Lane Powell and Mark Solberg.
- Committee assignments for 2015-16 board members were approved.
- The school expense reimbursement calculation ended in a surplus of \$32,734.00. The finance committee recommended, based on the small amounts that would be returned to the 380 member schools, that the surplus be placed in the League's reserve account. A motion was made, seconded and approved.
- A Drone Policy was approved which prohibits the use of Drones in all postseason competitions. It was suggested that schools develop a policy for regular season activities as well.
- The DCD Level criteria for Adapted Athletics was approved for all CI Division activities.
- Spectrum High School was officially placed in the Minnesota Christian Athletic Association
- The contract for Carl Lipke, MSHSL Music Consultant, was approved for 2015-17
- The contact for legal services for Kelly and Lemmons was approved for 2015-17.
- The contract for Lobbyist and Special Projects Counsel was approved for 2015-17.
- The following publications were approved: Official Handbook, Board Policy Manual and Guidelines, Region Secretaries Manual, Officials Policy Manual and Employee Handbook.

- The board approved a tennis coaches association recommendation to seed the Class AA team tournament and the Class A and AA individual singles tournaments.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Board goals for the 2015-16 school year, identified during workshop sessions, were highlighted. They are:  
State tournament formats, seeding, enhancing the state tournament experience, programs  
Electronic gathering of information  
Public relations and outreach by the League  
Cooperative sponsorships  
Enrollments, exploring 9-12 versus 10-12  
Exploration of adding activities  
Marketing
- Discussion regarding the policy and penalty for a coach touching an official was discussed, as was the penalty for a non-registered official working a game. Discussions will continue on both topics.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Eligibility**

- The minutes were submitted and approved.

### **Finance**

- The May and June financial statements were approved.
- The implementation of a \$1 increase to member schools will not be a part of the 2015-16 membership service fee at this point in time.
- The 2015-2016 school year marks the ninth consecutive year the League has not increased membership service fees and the fifth year in a row of not increasing ticket prices for state tournaments.
- The state auditor's engagement letter was approved.
- The insurance summary for 2015-2016 was approved.

### **Marketing and Communications**

- In-arena promotions and interaction with fans was discussed for state tournaments.
- The names of the Hall of Fame inductees are close to being finalized. The recognition banquet will be held Oct. 25, 2015.
- An evaluation of publications is ongoing.
- The 100-year anniversary celebration plans continue for the fall and winter tournaments.

### **Technology/Coaches/Officials Education**

- Rule changes for dance team were approved as developed by the rules committee.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, Minnesota State High School League, Brooklyn Center