

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**Monday, June 6, 2016**

Minnesota State High School League

2100 Freeway Boulevard

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

- *Opening reflection presented by board member Craig Anderson*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Discussion Item 10F, Tournament Programs, was approved as an Action Item.

**LOBBYIST REPORT**

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared that the MSHSL's tax exemption status was not included in the final tax bill submitted by lawmakers. He reported that Gov. Dayton has said it will be included in a special session, if one is called.
- Aronson thanked the supporters of the sales tax exemption.

**LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

- Legal Representative Patrick Kelly said there are no notices of claim and one pending matter has been dismissed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Board member Craig Anderson was congratulated on his retirement as baseball coach at Pine Island.
- The Executive Director attended a legal seminar with Roger Aronson and Patrick Kelly held by the National Federation of High School Associations in Indianapolis.
- At the NFHS legal seminar, there was a presentation of Anyone Can Save A Life.
- Eight Area Meetings were held this spring. Information was gathered on cooperative sponsorships, tournament classification and Bylaw 111.
- Assistant Director Rich Matter provided a summary of the adapted bowling and adapted softball state tournaments.
- Program Specialist Amy Doherty provided a summary of the Robotics state tournament.
- On May 31, League staff met with officials of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority to discuss the partnership with regard to using U.S. Bank Stadium for soccer and football state tournaments.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Board members whose terms begin in the fall were welcomed.
- Board President Erich Martens thanked board members that served on the Executive Committee.
- The committee approved the contract of Associate Director Jody Redman between the League and Coach for America.
- Approved the agreement between Cloquet High School and Fond du Lac Ojibwe High School.
- Approved the request from LaCrescent High School to participate in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association when needed.
- Approved the hockey co-op between St. Cloud Tech and St. Cloud Apollo. The program will be placed in Class AA.
- Announced that Eagle Valley High School is closing. The committee approved varsity eligibility if students attend a school that borders the Eagle Valley School District.
- Denied a request for Minnetonka to play in a 16-team baseball tournament in Cary, N.C., per MSHSL Bylaw 410-3-D.
- Set Representative Assembly dates: Nov. 14, 2016 (tentative) and May 15, 2017.
- In a unanimous voice vote, the board affirmed its position that League championships end at the state level, and therefore, reject the concept of a national championship for high school athletic teams.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Board officers for 2016-2017 were approved: Tom Graupmann, Northfield, President; Troy Urdahl, St. Anthony Village, vice president; Deb Pauly, Jordan, treasurer.
- Complimentary ticket lists were approved.
- The three books to be used for the 2016-2017 Speech season were approved.
- The 2016-2017 budget was approved as presented.
- The board denied a proposal from the hockey advisory committee to experiment with 20-minute periods for boys and girls hockey.
- A proposal from dance team coaches to allow section realignments to achieve balance 30 days prior to section meets was denied.
- A proposal from dance coaches requiring video exchanges between teams before section and state tournaments was denied.
- A proposal by the gymnastics coaches to allow up to eight gymnasts in regular-season invitationals was tabled and returned to committee for clarification.
- District Football assignments for 2017 and 2018 were approved.
- Approved two football rules experiments regarding “pop up” and “bunch” kickoffs.
- A proposal to change the format of state tournament programs was approved.

## **DISCUSSION**

- Cooperative sponsorships, tournament classification formats and Bylaw 111 will be topics at the summer workshop.
- Baseball pitch count limits were discussed.
- Return to Play protocol, Anyone Can Save A Life and Heat Acclimatization for fall sports will be discussion topics at the summer workshop.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- All Eligibility Committee recommendations were approved as presented.

### **AUDIT/FINANCE**

- The March and April financial statements were approved.
- The Charitable Organization report was approved.
- The Catastrophic Insurance premium was approved.

### **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- The digitizing of past televised state tournament events for the League's archives is ongoing.

### **TECHNOLOGY/COACHES AND OFFICIALS EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- Upgrades to the League's computer system will take place this summer.
- The "Why We Play" conference is June 20 at Minnetonka High School.
- The NFL Initiative will enter four new markets in the coming year: Atlanta, San Diego, Los Angeles and Ohio (Cleveland and Cincinnati).

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- New board members workshop is July 11 at the League's offices.
- Summer hours, Monday-Thursday, June 13-Sept. 1, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- The August workshop is Aug. 7-9.