

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING SYNOPSIS

Thursday, April 6, 2017, Brooklyn Center

WELCOME

- Board President Tom Graupmann called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- Honored retiring Steve Cook for his more than five decades of service as a state soccer officials' coordinator.
- Honored retiring Bob Meslow for his 42 years of service as the state football officials' coordinator.
- Minnesota Vikings' representatives Lester Bagley, Kevin Warren and Steve Poppen shared information on the construction of the team's practice facility in Eagan and possible partnership opportunities with the League.
- Reflection given by Board Member Eric Christenson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Moved Discussion Item C --- Cooperative Sponsorship --- to Action Item D. Under Discussion Item A --- Classification/Section Placement --- the words "and appeal process" were added. Both were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the Board of Directors meetings on Feb. 2, 2017 and March 24, 2017 were approved.

LOBBYIST REPORT

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared information and review on the evaluation report performed by the Office of the Legislative Auditor. Discussed the recommendations and directives outlined by the Legislative Auditor.
- The Sales Tax Exemption for the MSHSL Foundation is a part of tax bills in both the House and the Senate.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

- League Legal Counsel Kevin Beck reported there are two pending lawsuits.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director Dave Stead thanked all for their roles in a "great" winter tournament season.

- Stead thanked an Ad Hoc committee for its work on cooperative sponsorships.
- League staff participated in presentations at the AD's conference in St. Cloud.
- Area meeting sites and the agenda are posted on the League's website: www.mshsl.org

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The committee approved a request by St. Paul Preparatory School granting international students varsity eligibility during the regular season only.
- Reviewed materials submitted by Totino-Grace in its request for boarding school status. A final plan is needed by the school for further review.
- Meetings will continue with U.S. Bank Stadium personnel regarding the ticketing for state soccer and football games.
- State tournament tickets for coaches continues to be discussed.
- Approved a request by Red Rock Central to allow one baseball player from Westbrook to finish his high school career with the team without moving Red Rock Central to a higher classification.
- Approved baseball doubleheaders to be shortened to five-inning games if the games are delayed because of inclement weather. Both teams must agree to the shortened games, and in all cases, the final approval must be granted by League staff.
- Approved the co-op of Tri-City in Class A girls tennis.
- Approved opponents of Rochester Lourdes to play additional games provided the game is against Lourdes, which is a new girls hockey program.
- Approved St. Thomas Academy's request to opt up to Class AAAAA in football.
- Approved the travel expense for a parent and/or guest to accompany both the Spirit of Sport and the Heart of the Arts student winners to the NFHS national conference in Providence, R.I.
- Approved an opt-up request by St. Louis Park to Class AA in boys hockey.
- Postponed a decision on a request by Cook County, Silver Bay and Two Harbors to have students from Cook County attend school at Silver Bay or Two Harbors during the hockey season. The arenas are located in Silver Bay and Two Harbors.
- All motions approved by the board.

ACTION ITEMS

- Future Meeting Dates** --- Approved by the board.
- Future Tournament Dates** --- Approved by the board.
- Officers for the 2017-2018 school year** --- Troy Urdahl, president; Dave Swanberg, vice president, and Wade Johnson, treasurer, were approved by the board.
- Cooperative Sponsorship** --- Approved submitting a proposed language change in Bylaw 403 to the Spring Area Meetings and the Representative Assembly for further discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Classification/Section Placement and Appeal Process** --- League staff members Kevin Merkle and Chris Franson shared information on the recent appeal process related to the tournament classification and section placement process. It will continue to be discussed by the AD advisory committee and others.
- B. **Tournament Classification** --- Information continues to be gathered from board members.
- C. **Amendments to the Representative Assembly** --- Five amendments will be addressed by the Representative Assembly on May 15. Any amendment approved will become effective on Aug. 1, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eligibility Committee

- The board approved the Eligibility Committee's minutes as presented.

Audit/Finance Committee

- The January (2017) and February (2017) financial statements were reviewed and approved.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- Approved a recommendation by the committee to enact a two-year option with Carlson Print Company.
- Agreed to a two-year sponsorship agreement with Wells Fargo
- The League is in preliminary discussions with a sport drink company about sponsorship.
- Shared discussion information on board goals, including developing public relations tools on the League's website.

Technology/Coaches and Official Education Committee

- Have met, or nearly met, goals in three areas: Heads Up Football, Return to Play Protocol and Emergency Action Plans.
- The CER renewal is scheduled for July 1. Modules covered: Why We Play, Concussion/Return to Play, Anyone Can Save a Life, Emergency Action Plans, and Asthma.
- A committee recommendation to keep registration fees at \$15 for a new official and \$30 for a second-year official was approved by the board. There is a 63 percent retention rate of officials from the 2015-16 school year.

NEXT MEETING

- Monday, June 5, 2017 at the League Office in Brooklyn Center.