

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SYNOPSIS

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017

Minnesota State High School League Office, Brooklyn Center, MN

Welcome

- The meeting was called to order by board member Dave Swanberg.
- Board member Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz gave the reflection.
- The meeting agenda was approved.
- Board meeting minutes from Aug. 8, 2017 were approved.

Public Comments

- Dan Gustafson of www.wayzata.com addressed the board on proposed media policy guidelines.

Lobbyist Report

- Roger Aronson shared that he attended the Area Meetings and stressed the great resource they are for communications.
- State Legislators were thanked for their support of the MSHSL Foundation.
- The Legislative Session begins on Feb. 20, 2018.

Legal Counsel Report

- Legal Counsel Kevin Beck had no updates to share.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Dave Stead attended the Section 5 meetings in Fargo, N.D. Among topics discussed were concussion insurance and catastrophic insurance. Minnesota is one of eight states that provides concussion insurance to high school participants.
- Fall Area Meetings at eight sites were well attended.
- A second meeting site for the metro Spring Area Meeting is being considered.

Executive Committee Report

- Approved the co-op request between Thief River Falls and Goodridge in baseball for Class AA during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 placement cycle.
- Reviewed a draft to amend the QRF policy. The change will address forfeits. This will be on the November meeting agenda.
- Approved GrandStadium as the League webcast partner as determined by 45TV for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Discussed a policy change for the use of a non-registered official. This will be an action item on the November meeting agenda.
- Discussed a request by U.S. Bank Stadium to change the date of the 2020 football quarterfinals. No motion was made because the committee believes a change would negatively affect member schools, attendees and 45TV.
- Discussed a possible staff addition for technology.
- Reviewed a request from Warroad High School regarding employees from Canada that would like their children to attend school and participate in activities.
- Discussed the classification and format input process to receive information from member schools.
- Reviewed the timeline to hire an Executive Director. A candidate to fill the position is projected to be identified by the November board meeting.
- The Executive Committee report was approved by voice vote.

Action Items

- In a vote of board members, Dave Swanberg of LeSueur-Henderson High School was elected board president for the 2017-2018 school year. Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz was elected vice president.
- Approved the board goals for the 2017-2018 school year.
- The board reaffirmed its support of the Continuing Education Requirement (CER) policy and application of any prescribed remedies. Also clarified that the CER requirement renews every three years.

Discussion Items

- Jimmy Bell of the Student Angler Organization made a presentation on Bass Fishing for consideration as an activity with the League as a potential presenting sponsor.
- A survey on tournament classification/format was distributed. Results and feedback will be compiled on the administrative side of the League's website. Input will be shared with board members, professional organizations, and at Area Meetings to determine the direction of formats in the next two-year cycle.
- Updates on tournament venues for boys' basketball and girls' basketball were shared. The venues --- Target Center and Williams Arena -- are set for the 2017-2018 school year. Both will be venues in the future as well, but could vary as primary site.

Committee Reports

Eligibility Committee

- The minutes from the Eligibility Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Audit/Finance Committee

- The financial statements from July and August, 2017, were approved.
- The State Auditor is performing its annual review. The review is expected to be ready for the November board meeting.

Marketing and Communications

- Reviewed League services to member schools.
- Received sponsor updates on McDonald's and Jostens.
- Received a marketing and communications update on the "Thank A Ref" campaign.
- The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is Oct. 22 at the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront Hotel.
- Approved guidelines for photographers and websites in the League's Media Policy Manual. Presented to the board for approval. Board approved on a voice vote.

Education and Leadership Committee

- An update on the recruiting and retaining of officials was presented.
- Technology updates on website enhancement were shared.

Next meeting: Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017