**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

**REGION 1AA MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 6, 2021**

**Welcome and introductions –** This Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Indra. All members were present except Mark Bartusek and Tony Market

**Approve minutes of October 7th –** Motion to approve by Hillmann/Berg passed.

**Approve Region disbursements from October 7th to January 6th –** Motion to

approve by Kuisle/Quednow passed.

**Public comments –** There were no public comments.

**Fall financial report –** Copies of the financial report had been sent out. The executive secretary summarized the fall finances noting an unexpected profit resulting largely due to the gate receipts from girls’ and boys’ soccer. There were 14 games hosted at high seeds and, despite restricted attendance because of the Covid protocol, there were substantial receipts. This, together with the host schools assuming all expenses other than the tournament manager, site manager and awards, resulted in the profits. 4A and 5A football also showed a slight profit. Volleyball was the only fall activity that was cancelled due to pandemic. Motion

to approve the financial report by Quednow/Achterkirch passed.

**Fall tournament reports –** Chair Indra summarized the reports presented by

 the ADs and tournament managers:

 Girls’ tennis – Everything went well. The entire tournament was held

outdoors.

 B/G cross country – Things went well in spite of some last minute changes

 imposed by the League

 B/G soccer – Everything went well. The tournament was seeded using QRF

 because of the limited regular season competition among the schools due

 to Covid 19.

 Volleyball – No report. Tournament was cancelled.

 4A/5A football – Everything went fine in spite of the last minute

 cancellations and reformatting due to the pandemic.

 Girls’ A/AA swim/dive – the executive secretary shared some comments he

 received praising the work of manager, Sam Bailey in reformatting the

 events at multiple sites to accommodate the Covid protocol.

**Region secretary’s report –** The Region secretary provided some reminders for the winter tournament managers regarding his new email address and the signing of contracts and tournament reports. The audit was completed and there were no red flags for Region 1AA. The final MSHSL audit results were not yet available. Potential adjustments in the temporary Region financial policy approved in October will be reported by the Finance Committee.

**Finance Committee report –** Mark Kuisle served as the recorder at the Finance Committee meeting and summarized the meeting results as follows:

 - Fall 2020 review – For non-revenue multi-team events the Region paid

 all expenses and invoiced the participating schools for their share of 100%

 of the expenses.

 - For dual, revenue generating events held at the high

 seed, the host site paid all expenses except the tournament manager,

 site manager and awards. These items were paid by the Region.

 This policy resulted in a net profit for the fall of approximately $12,500.

 - Winter 2020-21 review and discussion – The committee offered the

 following revisions for consideration by the ADs.

 – For non-revenue multi-team events the Region would pay for the tournament manager, site manager and awards. All other

 expenses would be shared by the participating schools via an invoice.

- For dual, revenue generating events the Region would pay for the tournament manager, site manager, awards and officials. The host site would assume all other expenses. Site managers would submit independent contractor forms to the Region secretary for paying the officials as normal. These contracts should accompany the tournament report that is submitted.

 - Streaming review and discussion – The committee offered the following

 for consideration by the ADs.

 - Host sites may live stream play-in games and quarter

 final games at no charge if they are not charging viewers and providing

 a service. Local streamers are required to get approval from the Region and

 MSHSL in advance through the Region secretary. School Space Media will

 be contacted about steaming the girls’ and boys’ semi-finals and finals for

 basketball and hockey. Local school streamers will have the option to cover

 events not done by School Space Media. AT THIS TIME, THIS IS AN OPTION FOR THIS YEAR ONLY.

The ADs recommended approval of this financial policy revision for this winter.

Motion to approve by Kuisle/Timmer passed 10-0

**Review and respond to the proposed Representative Assembly amendments –** The following comments and recommendations were made by the

committee:

 -- For girls’ wrestling the vote was 10 yes and 0 no. Some questions about the number of weight classes and the number of sections.

 -- For unified basketball the vote was 0 yes and 10 no. Question about the impact on existing adapted athletic programs. If you don’t have a winter

adapted activity, this may be a good thing. Gym space may be an issue.

**Review and respond to Fall Advisory recommendations –** There were no fall advisory recommendations.

**Music management situation –** Chair Indra summarized the music situation. Julie Brott, our music manager, is looking to step away from that role. The Region secretary reached out to two people she mentioned as possible replacements and neither were interested. The ADs are going to check with their music people to see if there is any interest in managing the event and to determine the level of interest in participation in music for this winter. Joe Timmer, our music

representative, made a point of the fact that this is a huge event and takes a lot

of space and personnel to host. There is the possibility that music will be cancelled for this year.

 **Triple “A” Awards – timetable.** Chair Indra reviewed the timetable. Each school’s nominations were due to the executive secretary on January 5th. The selection committee will meet on January 27th. The Region 1AA nominees are due in the League office on February 10th. The Triple “A” banquet is on March 20th.

**Confirm the dates and sites for the 2021-2022 Section Tournaments.** Casey noted that we are working to confirm winter and spring schedules for this current year, in the midst of the pandemic, and has asked the ADs to review the 2021-22 dates and sites for the tournaments they manage and to report any changes or questions to the Region secretary.

**Review the winter calendar.** Chair Indra noted that the winter calendar is still uncertain. We continue to wait for confirmation and guidance from the League office.

**Meeting dates.** April 14th is the one remaining meeting date for the activities directors and Region Committee. It appears at this time that it will be a Zoom meeting.

**Items from the floor.** Chair Indra shared two items that were brought forward

from the floor at the AD meeting:

 - Spring tournament managers were reminded to look ahead to the

 spring schedule and make necessary contacts with facilities even though we

 are still uncertain what is going to happen.

 - Trent Hanson’s term on the Representative Assembly expired last

 spring. He is eligible for a second consecutive term and is willing to serve.

 The ADs recommend 15-0 that he continue. Motion to approve Trent

 Hanson for the Representative Assembly by Kuisle/Achterkirch passed 10-0.

**Adjourn -** Motion by Berg/Indra to adjourn. Passed**.**