Region 8AA held the Summer meeting at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, July 26, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria.

PRESENT:

John Ross, Secretary  
*Ben Kvidt, Alexandria, AD  
Charlie Campbell, Brainerd AD  
*Ryan Blahosky, Willmar, AD  
Tom Baumann, Buffalo AD  
*NaDean Schroeder, Sauk Rapids, AD  
Rob Nielsen, Detroit Lakes, AD  
Ryan Hauge, Sartell, AD  
Kevin Jordan, Little Falls, AD  
*Gary Revenig, Monticello, AD  
*Annie Krause, Little Falls Speech Rep  

*Eric Olson, Monticello Superintendent  
Nick Guida, Buffalo AD  
Alex Badger, Apollo AD  
*Troy Hendricks, Bemidji AD  
*Charlie Eisenreich, Tech, Principal  
Joel Baumgarten, Rocori, AD  
*April Thomas, Detroit Lakes, Board Member  
*Tim Bjorge, Little Falls, Principal  
Dave Niemi, Becker AD  
*Brad Kelvington, Rocori Superintendent  
Jared Matson, Big Lake AD

*Indicates Committee member or Proxy

ABSENT:  
*James Turner, Sauk Rapids, Equity Rep  
*Meagan Orgeman, Alexandria, Girls’ sport Rep  
Paul Schmitz, Willmar Principal  
Dean Haugo, Moorhead AD

David Langerud, Tech AD  
*Seth Freundschuh, Bemidji, Music Rep  
*Jon Ammerman, Moorhead, Boys Sports Rep

Charlie Campbell, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:05 AM

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Kvidt, to accept minutes of 5/19/21 region meeting. Motion Carried.

Ross reported a financial update on the spring tournaments. Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Thomas to approve the spring financial report. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Bjorge to accept transaction and reconciliation report with 7/15/21 balance of $161,105. Motion carried.

Ross reported on fine arts financial report. Report to be finalized and approved at September meeting.

Ross reported on pending mileage supplemental allowance issue.

Motion by Bjorge, seconded by Thomas to accept placements committees’ recommendation to put Little Falls in the South half for 2021 Sub Section Girls Tennis. Motion carried.

The following Fall sports recommendations were approved:

Girls Tennis dates and site-  
North and South Sub-sections for Team and Individuals will take place on Oct. 7-9. With the team being on Oct. 7 and the Individual Tournament taking place on Oct. 8-9
North will be at Grand Forks (pending approval) and the South will be at Sartell.
Section Finals will be at Sartell on Oct. 15-16.
All previous policies will remain in place (same as 2019).

**Volleyball playoff date 11/2/21 – Approve start time of 8:01 for VB semifinals due to election.**

The following Winter Sports tournament recommendations were approved:

**8AA Girls Hockey**- No change to format. Dates: 2/12, 2/15, 2/18 Final at Neutral Site

**8AA Boys Hockey**- No change to format except Play In Game. Dates: 2/19 (#9@@#8), 2/22, 2/26, 3/2 Finals – Neutral Site (TRF, Sanford, MAC)

**5A Boys Hockey**- Use previous 6A format, except High Seed home SF. Dates: 2/19, 2/22, 2/26, 3/3 Final – MAC (if Cathedral in move to Elk River).

**8A Nordic Ski**- New 2 day format due to added races.
Tuesday February 8th
2:00 Coaches meeting
3:00 Interval start 5km classic race Girls
4:00 Interval start 5km classic race Boys
Wednesday February 9th
9:30 morning check-in/meeting
10:00 Freestyle Sprint Relay one half Girls
10:30 Freestyle Sprint Relay other half Girls
11:00 Freestyle Sprint Relay one half Boys
11:30 Freestyle Sprint Relay other half Boys
12:30 Pursuit start 5km Freestyle race Girls
1:30 Pursuit start 5km Freestyle race Boys
2:30 Sprint Relay Finals Girls
3:00 Sprint Relay Finals Boys
Awards 4:00

**8AA Gymnastics**- No change in format. Update rotation with Monticello replacing STMA.

**4AA Dance**- No format changes. Updated teams. Site: Sauk Rapids High School – 2/5/22

**6AA Wrestling**- New section to 8AA. Use same format. Dates: Team 2/17 (QF), 2/18 (SF, F @ Big Lake), Individual 2/25, 2/26 @ Monticello. Gold country officials.

**8AAA Wrestling**- Team: QF @ High Seed 2/16, SF & F @ Bemidji- Individuals @ Sartell, Friday, 2/25.

**8AA Boys Swim**: No change to format. Date/Site: @ Tech 2/25, 2/26.

**3A Boys Swim**: No change to format from 2019. Date/Site: @ Hutchinson 2/24, 2/26

**8AAA Girls Basketball**: No change to format. Dates/Site: 3/3 QF, 3/5 SF at high seed, 3/10 Final at High School neutral site. QRF, film exchange from SF games.

**8AAAA Girls Basketball**: Tabled until September meeting due to potential 9 team section affecting dates.
8AAA Boys Basketball: No change to format. Dates/Sites: 3/8 QF (8:01 start), 3/11 SF at High Seed, 3/17 Final @ Neutral High School site. QRF seed Saturday.


**Fine Arts Recommendations**

8AA One Act Play- Placement committee to place final North team at September meeting. Dates/Sites:
North Sub Section @ Detroit Lakes 1/27/22, South Sub Section @ Sartell or Monticello 1/27/22 pending placement, Sections @ Little Falls 2/3/22

8AA Speech: New liaison Anne Krause- Little Falls. No format change. Judge coordinator: Tom Lucas. Date/Site: 4/1/22 @ Brainerd

**Motion by Blahosky, seconded by Revenig (proxy for Olson) to approve all existing cooperative teams and approve new coops proposed by St. Cloud Tech and Apollo in several sports. Motion carried.**

Ross presented the concept for hiring tournament managers. Proposal included hiring a volleyball manager for the fall and from an ad hoc committee to study and develop an overall plan for fall/winter/spring tournaments.

**Motion by Revenig, seconded by Hendricks to approve hiring of Volleyball tournament manager and forming ad hoc committee on managers and to bring recommendation for September meeting. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blahosky, seconded by Thomas to approve Ben Kvidt as new region chair replacing Charlie Campbell. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Revenig, seconded by Thomas to approve Ryan Hauge to replace Charlie Campbell on region committee as Sub district 3 AD rep. Motion Carried.**

**Motion by Bjorge, seconded by Hendricks to table Spring recommendations until September meeting. Motion carried.**

Discussion on streaming fees. No motion. General consensus was to charge any outside group with advertising and/or profit potential. Ross will review with MSHSL staff at August meeting and bring back more information to September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

John Ross