

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
REGION ONE AA
COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2022

Cabela's

9:30 Activities Directors

11:30 Committee

In the temporary absence of a chairperson, the meeting was called to order by executive secretary Gary Addington. All Committee members were present except Jason Berg and Isaac Heins.

- Welcome and introductions - Region 1AA Committee has three new members: Mark Kuisle serving the last year of Casey Indra's term as sub region 1 principal's designee, Jason Berg serving the last year of Michael Baumann's term as sub region 4 superintendent and Curt Hughes serving the remaining year of Lisa Quednow's term as sub region 2 girls' sports representative. There is one additional Committee position that needs to be filled by sub region 4 for a board representative. That is in progress.

- Elect a chairperson – The first item of business for the Committee was to elect a chair person. Nominations were opened and Mark Kuisle nominated Marc Achterkirch at the request of the ADs. There were no other nominations. Marc was selected and took over presiding the meeting.

- Approve the minutes of the April 13th meeting – Motion to approve by Kuisle/Timmer. Passed.

- Approve Region disbursements from April 13th to July 31st – Motion to approve Skaar/Hughes. Passed.

- Name a bank depository – The following bank was presented by the executive secretary:
First Alliance Credit Union
320 Alliance Place NE
Rochester, Minnesota 55906
(507-288-0330)

Motion to approve by Threinen/Malone. Passed.

- Spring financial report – The executive secretary summarized the Spring financial report noting an increase in net cost for boys' tennis, speech, boys' golf and girls' golf. Net gain was up for boys' lacrosse.

- Spring tournament reports – Reports on Spring tournaments were presented by managers who were present at the AD meeting and were summarized as follows by Chair Achterkirch:

- Baseball – Jeff Whitney shared that for the first time he could recall, there were no weather related postponements. Because there were only 6 4A teams in the Section, receipts were down some. Farmington won the 4A and Winona won the 3A. The 3A tournament will return to Red Wing next year and a site has to be determined for the 4A.

- Softball – Casey Indra reported that all went well with only minor weather issues. Lakeville South won the 4A and Winona won the 3A. The Austin site has been secured for next year.

- Lacrosse – Mike Zweber reported that Lakeville South won the girls' and Farmington won the boys'. He will be working to address graduation conflicts that were an issue.

- Boys' Golf – Keith Badger shared that the weather was good and things went well. The Wanamaker system worked better this year. It helped having two officials on site. Lakeville North won the tournament. The Jewel in Lake City is secured for next year.

- Girls' Golf – Casey Indra reported that all went well. The Cannon Falls course has been scheduled for next year.

- Girls' and boys' 2A and 3A Track – At the suggestion of meet manager Greg Utecht, it is recommended that we continue to have both meets at Lakeville South High School on the same day. Lakeville South has indicated a willingness to host these meets.

There was no report for Boys' Tennis or Speech. Both appeared to have gone well.

- Region Secretary's report. Gary Addington reported on the following topics:

- Annual disbursement – It was a good year for Region 1AA revenue. The calculation has been made and the preliminary indication is that each school will receive in excess of \$10,000. The League financial director, Rich Matter, recommends delaying the disbursement until October to allow for any late adjustments from the auditor.

- Region passes – Passes were distributed to each school and to Committee members.

- Tournament Report procedure – The tournament report procedure was reviewed at the AD meeting and the importance of adhering to this procedure was emphasized so that we stay in compliance with the audit narratives. When a school hosts a Section event, they are to submit a Region Tournament Report Form to the Region Secretary within 5 days of the event. Page one summarizes the gate receipts with ticket numbers, electronic sales reports and dollar amounts. Page two shows all expenses,

including those paid by the school, which will be reimbursed by the Region, and those to be paid directly by the Region from accompanying invoices. Both pages need to be signed by the tournament manager or site manager. The report should include an Independent Contractor Form for any official or worker that is going to be paid directly by the Region.

- Audit report – The audit has been completed and Region 1AA has no issues. The auditor continues to state concerns for the League regarding “segregation of duties”.
- Annual meeting – Due to a change in ownership at the Hubbell House, it was necessary to change the meeting from Wednesday to Thursday, September 8th. (Later in the AD agenda, following the Awards Committee report, the meeting was changed to October 13th.) It will be an 11:30 meeting with a buffet style lunch. Invitees continue to include each school’s superintendent, principal, activities director and any person being honored plus one extra, at Region expense.
- Financial committee report/recommendations – The finance committee (Broc Threinen, Kevin Kleiner, Keith Badger, Mark Kuisle and Gary Addington) met on August 4th and made the following recommendations for the ADs to review:
 - Ticket price remain at \$10 for adults and \$6 for students.
 - Tournament coordinator stipends increase across the board by \$50. Additionally, all coordinator positions be looked at and adjusted based on an agreed upon criteria and the responsibilities, to create more equity among activities. Spread sheet provided.
 - Site manager pay be increased from \$85 to \$90. The adjustment for non-school days to stay the same.
 - Worker pay be increased from \$45 per event to \$48. The adjustment for non-school days to stay the same.
 - Officials’ pay will continue to be negotiated with the officials’ associations. The recommendation would be to pay \$5 more than they get for regular season events.
 - Officials’ mileage would be adjusted to be more consistent with Region 1A. The new rate of mileage would be 0-50 miles = \$20, 51-100 miles = \$40 and 101 and over = \$60. This would be one way mileage and would be paid to each official.
 - No entry fees for non/low revenue activities at this time.

- No change in streaming fees is recommended at this time. Each streaming request requires MSHSL and Region 1AA prior approval 48 hours before the event.

- Increase worker and official food allotment for all-day events to \$10.

The ADs supported these proposals and recommend Committee approval.

Motion to approve by Timmer/Freiheit. Passed

- Review and provide input on the spring advisory recommendations – Chair Achterkirch summarized the ADs position on each of the proposals. The Spring Advisory proposals were reviewed by the Committee and voted on.
 - Baseball – Add 4 more games. Vote – 0 yes, 9 no.
 - Clay target – Add a girls only division. Vote – 9 yes, 0 no.
 - Music – Add a guitar category. Vote 9 yes, 0 no.
 - Softball – Add 4 more games. Vote – 0 yes, 9 no.
 - Speech 1 – Allow body contact during introduction. Vote – 9 yes, 0 no.
 - Speech 2 – Allow internet/computer use for research. Vote – 9 yes 0 no.
- Update Region Directory – the directory was circulated and updated by the ADs.
- Confirm VB, GBB, BBB venues for semis and finals – ADs recommended no change. AA B/G TRK site – ADs recommended no change. A/AA B/G SWD sites – Lakeville has a new facility and would like to host. After a lengthy discussion about pool speeds it was decided that the ADs would talk to their coaches and report back to the executive secretary before a recommendation is given to the Committee. MUS S/E dates and sites – Dates and sites are set for two of the three locations, Mayo HS on January 28 and Albert Lea HS on February 4. The third date and site will be determined soon.
- Triple “A” timeline 2022-23 – The timeline has not yet been set by the League Office.
- Region 1AA Awards Committee report. Jeff Whitney reported to the ADs that there was still a shortage of nominees, but enough to make awards. No selections have been made yet and it would be helpful to postpone the annual meeting until October. October 13 was the recommended date and the executive secretary was going to check the availability of the Hubbell House. (It has since been determined that October 13 will work.) This recommendation is given to the Committee. The meeting change will be announced.
- Review 2022-2023 Calendar – The calendar was reviewed and was confirmed by the ADs with the addition of two of the three MUS S/E dates and sites, Mayo HS on January 28 and Albert Lea HS on February 4. One remains to be scheduled.
- Activities Directors and Region Committee meeting dates for 2022-23 - the dates

were reviewed and the annual meeting was changed to October 13th.

Thursday, August 11th – Cabela's

Thursday, October 13th – Annual Meeting – Hubbell House (11:30)

Wednesday, October 5th – Cabela's

Wednesday, January 4th – Cabela's

Wednesday, April 12th – Cabela's

- The following tournament managers were recommended for approval:

- 3A/4A volleyball, Broc Threinen
- 3A/4A softball, Casey Indra
- girls' tennis, Keith Badger (boys' tennis, TBD)
- girls' swim/dive, Ken Hubert
- boys' swim/dive, Dale Magnuson
- visual arts, TBD

Motion to approve by Kuisle/Timmer. Passed.

- Representative Assembly member replacing Trent H. – (2 year term)
ADs recommended Broc Threinen. Motion to approve by Kuisle/Malone.
Passed.

- Items from the floor: Chair Achterkirch shared the following:

- The executive secretary will need each school's numbers for the annual meeting on October 13th.
- Two new coops were announced: BHOC with Kasson Mantorville, Byron, Triton, and Hayfield. GHOC with Kasson Mantorville, Byron, and Hayfield.

Mark Kuisle requested that data required by the League for coop applications, be included in future coop requests for approval.

- Casey Indra indicated that a coop request for hockey may be coming from Winona.

19. Adjourn. Motion by Kuisle/Freiheit. Passed.