

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
REGION 7AA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday September 29th, 2022 10:00 AM (Hinkley)

Members Present: Beth Clark, Mike Cunningham, Anne Campbell, Ranae Seykora, Andy Richardson, Tom Tusken, Glenn Morehouse Olson, Dale Gunderson

Members Absent: Wayne Whitwam, Nate Rudolph, Heidi Sprangel, Sara Weis

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Clark

The following business was conducted.

1. Proposed agenda was accepted

- **Motion to approve**
 - **Cunningham, second Gunderson. Motion Passed 8-0**

2. April 27th, 2022 Minutes were approved.

- **Motion to approve**
 - **Campbell, second Morehouse Olson. Motion Passed 8-0**

3. Public Comments

- None

4. Board of Directors Update - Gary Revenig

- Gary sent us a written report with various updates from the board of directors meetings. This update will be emailed to committee members not in attendance with the meeting minutes.
- Topics covered were: NIL, MSHSL Insurance and sponsors, Officials recruitment, DEIB, Transfers Bylaw 111.

5. Treasurer's Report.

- Itemized Category report was presented.
 - Year End balances for 7-31-22 were available
 - Also listed account activity from 8-1-22 to present
- Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report
 - **Motion Cunningham, second Tusken. Motion Passed 8-0**

6. Executive Secretary Report

- Handout will be included with minutes and has been previously emailed.

7. Region Handbook Modifications

- Appendix F Modification
 - Per Diem amongst are controlled by the state so our modification from last spring was not valid
 - WE need to change them back to amounts listed in Region Sec Handbook

- **Motion Gunderson, Second Campbell. Motion to support Passed 8-0**
- Appendix E Modification
 - Change baseball and Softball from Metro +\$5 to Metro +\$12
 - No Mileage will be paid for these games.
 - **Motion Gunderson, Second Campbell Motion to support Passed 8-0**
- Appendix M Discussion
 - AD's recommend eliminating policy on not using 2 school days for spring tournaments
 - Attendance issues are not exacerbated by athletes missing school vs other students
 - Online options allow for student athletes to keep up
 - Parents take students out at all times anyway.
 - Alleviates hardships for host schools and outside event locations by avoiding some Saturdays (ie.. golf)
 - Student Athletes are typically the most conscientious about catching up.
 - Many of our 7AA schools compete in other Regions, no other Region has this policy
 - **Motion Richardson, Second Cunningham Motion to support AD's Passed 8-0**
 - Appendix T Request - B/G 7AAA Golf
 - Change dates from June 1 and 3rd to June 5 and 6
 - **Motion Gunderson, Second Campbell Motion to support Passed 8-0**
 - Approve all other Appendix M modifications
 - Fine Arts will be approved via email when finalized next week.
 - **Motion Cunningham, Second Richardson Motion to support Passed 8-0**

8. TV or Web Live

- All contracts are current

9. Audit Review and Excess Fund Distribution

- Audit will be finished in next few weeks
- Distribution will be over \$7000 per school and will be delivered by the deadline in November.

10. AAA Awards Info

- Secretary Lenarz will email application forms to AD's when available
 - It is also available on the mshsl website
- Sec Lenarz will also ask about the possibility of this form being available in Google Docs because that's what the majority of students have access to.

11. Spring Advisory Recommendations

- Baseball - Committee DOES NOT SUPPORT proposed change (6-2 against)
 - Disadvantage for northern teams
 - tough to fit all games in already
 - ump shortage
 - safety for players is a concern
 - Limits room for re scheduling games
 - **Motion Cunningham, Second Richardson Motion to not support Passed 6-2**
- Clay Target - Committee DOES NOT SUPPORT proposed change (8-0 against)
 - Female advisors for member schools did not support the split
 - State level isn't the best place to start growing the activity
 - Not clear on how the 25 girls would be added
 - **Motion Gunderson, Second Richardson Motion to not support Passed 8-0**
- Music - Committee SUPPORTS proposed change (8-0 in favor)
 - Neat addition
 - **Motion Morehouse Olson, Second Campbell Motion to support Passed 8-0**
- Softball - AD's DO NOT SUPPORT proposed changes (13-2 against)
 - Those against said same rationale as Baseball
 - Softball can be played on turf fields
 - Are domes an option for softball?
 - **Motion Tusken, Second Cunningham Motion to not support Passed 6-2**
- Speech - AD's SUPPORT both proposed changes (15-0 in favor)
 - **Motion Campbell, Second Seykora Motion to support Passed 8-0**

12. MCMS Fee Discussion

- Proposed change in media policy (Appendix J) to address "On Demand" tape delay streams.
 - MCMS policy for 7AA is they are allowed to broadcast tape delay for free
 - Some MCMS groups have been putting these on the web and streaming as "on Demand" and charging for them.
 - Region 7AA will add language that charges a fee for any use of tape delay for "on demand" purposes.
 - Sec. Lenarz will provide this language via email and the committee will vote to approve.

13. Other

- We will use Google Meet for virtual meetings going forward. Zoom costs \$150 a year to have meetings over an hour long.

13. 2022-2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 7AA Committee Meetings
 - Thursday September 29th, 2022 (Hinkley)
 - Wednesday January 18th, 2023 (Google Meet)
 - Wednesday May 3rd, 2023 (Duluth)
 - Wednesday July 12th, 2023 (Google Meet)
- 7AAAD Meetings
 - Wednesday September 21st, 2022 (Hinkley)
 - Wednesday January 11th, 2023 (Google Meet)
 - Wednesday April 26th, 2023 (Duluth)

Adjournment: 11:40 AM

- **Motion Campbell, Second Gunderson. Passed 8-0**