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 thats 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 rescheduling 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)

● 7AA AD 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