

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
REGION 7AA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday January 18, 2023 (ZOOM)**

**Members Present:** Beth Clark, Mike Cunningham, Tom Tusken, Anne Campbell, Sara Weis, Heidi Sprangel, Glenn Morehouse-Olson, Andy Richardson, Dale Gunderson, Nate Rudolph, Ranae Seykora, MSHSL Board Rep Gary Revenig

**Members Absent:** Wayne Whitwam

**Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chair Clark**

The following business was conducted.

**1. Proposed agenda was accepted**

- **Motion Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 10-0**

**2. September 21, 2022 Minutes were approved.**

- **Motion Cunningham, second Richardson. Motion Passed 10-0**

**3. Public Comments**

- 3 Class representative David Wareham presented information on the tennis 3 class proposal.

**4. Board of Directors Update - Gary Revenig**

- NFL Game Emergency reminded us to make sure game/site managers have their Emergency Action plans updated.
- Be sure that they are aware of site crisis plans as well
- Spectator conduct has improved
  - “No feet on the floor” rule has helped
  - Education of younger students is the key
  - “No Names, No Numbers, No Negatives
- January 27th Opt Ups are due
- Classification
  - Appeals can be made
  - Feb 20th they will announce updated sections
  - March 20th is appeal deadline
- AD turnover continues to be an issue... 1/3 of AD's were new this year
- Jerseys/Uniforms must follow the rules, even for special events
- All coaches must have requirements done on website to be certified

**5. Treasurer's Report.**

- Checking balance is \$112,917.58.
- Year by Year comparison data was shared for all categories and just sport
  - **Motion Gunderson, second Cunningham. Motion Passed 10-0**

## **6. Executive Secretary Report**

- December Region Sec notes were emailed to committee members.
- January meeting notes will be sent out this week.

## **7. Fall 2022 Tournament Review**

- No problems this fall. Several positive comments
- No Committee action needed

## **8. Appendix M - 2022 Winter and Spring Tournament Review**

- Winter, and Spring Tournament date/location/manager adjustments were approved
  - **Motion Campbell, Second Tusken. Motion Passed 10-0.**
- Fine Arts date/location/manager adjustments were approved
  - **Motion Gunderson, Second Rudolph. Motion Passed 10-0.**

## **9. Appendix M - Fall 2023 Recommendations**

- Campbell asked what happens if they change teams in section.
  - If dates or sites need to be modified then we will bring them back to the committee for approval this spring.
- Preliminary dates/sites/mangers approved by AD's last week
  - **Motion Seykora, Second Morehouse Olson. Motion Passed 10-0.**

## **10. Activity Advisory Proposals**

- Football Seeding
  - Some coaches were not in favor as it would reduce geographic representation
  - Some coaches like it because 6A does it and other sports do it
  - Location of games from outstate regions would be problematic
  - It would create championship games with "best" two teams.
  - Favors private schools
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Cunningham, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 8-2.**
- Soccer - Mercy Rule
  - Coaches support it
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Gunderson, Second Cunningham. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Soccer - Eliminate OT
  - Coaches want to keep OT
  - If you cant settle it in 80 minutes why not just leave it a tie
  - **Motion to NOT Support the proposal**
    - **Motion Richardson, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Tennis - Add a third class
  - Proposal is hard to accept when they do not follow the by laws
  - Boys and Girls should have both been added
  - This proposal needs revision

- Could see adding a 3rd class but NOT going top 32
- **Motion to NOT support the proposal**
  - **Motion Cunningham, Second Gunderson. Motion Passed 7-3**
- Tennis - Seed Single A Tournament
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Campbell, Second Gunderson. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Volleyball - Add roster limits for section/state
  - Why do we need more when not everyone plays as it is
  - Would allow more kids to go to state tournament
  - Basketball has 18
  - Would be an added cost for state tournament
  - **Motion to NOT support the proposal**
    - **Motion Rudolph, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 9-1**

### **11. Representative Assembly Amendments**

- Cross Country Run - Require Officials
  - Its hard enough to find officials as it is
  - Do not see the need for it
  - **Motion to NOT support the proposal**
    - **Motion Richardson, Second Morehouse Olson. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Adapted Sports - Create separate By Laws
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Cunningham, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Volleyball - Add Boys to By Law for 24-25 season
  - No vote, just comments
  - Impossible to vote for this until we know what season it would be placed in
  - Still have concerns about Title IX
  - Confused as to why we need to vote this year if it won't be added until 24-25

### **12. Other**

- Modify Appendix K
  - Increase the Tournament Managers to comparable levels, especially in the fine arts
  - Simplify site managers stipends and bring them to comparable levels
  - Will increase cost of Appendix K about \$4500
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Morehouse Olson, Second Tusken. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Sec Lenarz will continue to explore the use of Arbitrator Pay for officials with full implementation targeted for the 24-25 season

### **13. AAA Selections - 2023**

- 7AA Boy Recipient: Brady Johnson (St. Francis)
- 7AA Girl Recipient: Ava Lowman (Cambridge-Isanti)

## **10. Future Meetings**

- 7AA Committee Meetings
  - Wednesday May 3rd, 2023 (Duluth)
  - Wednesday July 12th, 2023 (Zoom)

## **Adjournment: 11:52 PM**

- **Motion Gunderson, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 10-0.**