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… ½ 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
     o Motion Campbell, Second Tusken. Motion Passed 10-0.
   ● Fine Arts date/location/manager adjustments were approved
     o Motion Gunderson, Second Rudolph. Motion Passed 10-0.

9. Appendix M - Fall 2023 Recommendations
   ● Campbell asked what happens if they change teams in section.
     o If dates or sites need to be modified then we will bring them back to the committee for approval this spring.
   ● Preliminary dates/sites/managers approved by AD’s last week
     o Motion Seykora, Second Morehouse Olson. Motion Passed 10-0.

10. Activity Advisory Proposals
    ● Football Seeding
      o Some coaches were not in favor as it would reduce geographic representation
      o Some coaches like it because 6A does it and other sports do it
      o Location of games from outstate regions would be problematic
      o It would create championship games with “best” two teams.
      o Favors private schools
      o Motion to support the proposal
        ■ Motion Cunningham, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 8-2.
    ● Soccer - Mercy Rule
      o Coaches support it
      o Motion to support the proposal
        ■ Motion Gunderson, Second Cunningham. Motion Passed 10-0
    ● Soccer - Eliminate OT
      o Coaches want to keep OT
      o If you can’t settle it in 80 minutes why not just leave it a tie
      o Motion to NOT Support the proposal
        ■ Motion Richardson, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 10-0
    ● Tennis - Add a third class
      o Proposal is hard to accept when they do not follow the by laws
      o Boys and Girls should have both been added
      o 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
  - It’s 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 - Crate 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 Arbiter 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
     o Wednesday May 3rd, 2023 (Duluth)
     o Wednesday July 12th, 2023 (Zoom)

Adjournment: 11:52 PM
   ● Motion Gunderson, Second Campbell. Motion Passed 10-0.