The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League convened at the League Office in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. President Stein called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All current members of the Board of Directors were present except May Thao-Schuck. All members of League Executive Staff were present.

Others attending all or portions of the meeting included:

- Roger Aronson, MSHSL Lobbyist/Special Projects Counsel
- Kevin Beck, MSHSL Legal Counsel, Kelly & Lemmons, P.A.
- Amy Doherty, Assistant Director, MSHSL
- Amanda Johnson, Executive Assistant, MSHSL
- Tim Leighton, Communications Coordinator, MSHSL
- Laura Mackenthun, Assistant Director, MSHSL
- Rich Matter, Assistant Director, MSHSL
- John Millea, Media Specialist, MSHSL
- Jason Nickleby, Coordinator of Officials, MSHSL

Reflection by Member Lilleberg

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Lilleberg and second by Heier to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved

Motion by Rocheleau and second by Guthmueller to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Directors Members’ Reports and Comments

President Stein shared that Edina High School along with other member schools are grateful for the opportunity to host a State Quarterfinal Soccer Game. He expressed appreciation to League staff and School Administrators for their work as fall tournaments approach and the care and expertise they demonstrate in preparing host sites for this event and all other events.

Member Thornton, Jr., the Region 3AA-4AA representative, shared that the Saint Paul Cup soccer matches will be played Friday, Oct. 7 at Allianz Field in St. Paul. St. Paul Harding and St. Paul Washington Technology Magnet School will play the boys game at 5:30 p.m., followed by a girls match between those two schools at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission and all are invited.

Legislative Report Received

League Lobbyist Roger Aronson provided an update from the State Legislature. Mr. Aronson reported that the upcoming election will be significant and at this time, it is too early to be able to predict the outcomes in many of the races. With the redistricting and a large number of retirements, there will be many new members in the Legislature.

Legal Counsel’s Report Received

Legal Counsel Kevin Beck reported that there is no threatened or pending litigation.
Executive Director's Report Received
The Executive Director’s Report was shared and received. The report included:

• A welcome to Playfly representative Josh Anderson who started his work with the MSHSL on September 12.
• A quick update on his speaking engagement with student leaders at the Granite Ridge Conference Leadership Meeting on October 5.
• A summary of the Section 5 Meeting August 30-September 2, hosted by the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) in Lincoln, Nebraska. Also in attendance were NFHS Leaders Karissa Niehoff and Davis Whitfield, along with NFHS Board President Sally Marquez and Rochester Century Director of Bands Amanda Kaus, an NFHS Board Member, representing Sections 5 and 8. Six executive directors from surrounding states were also in attendance.
• Summary statements from Executive Staff who provided the League’s Fall Area Meetings over three consecutive weeks in September at nine locations throughout Minnesota. The League thanks all who attended and are grateful for the work and preparation of activities administrators and other administrative staff.
• The League’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Committee met on Thursday, September 29. The committee is focused on a more strategic approach to the school year after its inaugural year, and is focused on actions to educate the committee, educate League membership and take action to expand our actions to increase the work in the DEIB space. Similar to the Board, the committee will engage in a book study with “From Athletics to Engineering, 8 Ways to Support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for All.”
• An update that the NFHS has provided member state associations the opportunity and responsibility to select the number of weight classes it would like to have for both males and females. The options are 12, 13 or 14 weight classes. The League, in collaboration with the Wrestling Coaches Advisory Committee, will survey member schools that host wrestling to provide their preferences to the League. The survey will take place in October and November. Any changes would be implemented for the 2023-2024 school year. Updated information will be shared at the December Board of Directors meeting.

Executive Committee Report Received
The Executive Committee Report from the October 5, 2022, meeting was received and included updates on the following:

• The committee reviewed two student eligibility appeals in accordance with the new process outlined in Bylaw 111. Based on additional information provided to the committee, varsity eligibility was granted to both students.
• The committee received an update on the hiring process to fill the vacant Administrative Assistant position.
• The committee approved the expanded 2022-2023 Strategic Directions document as presented.
• Legal Counsel Kevin Beck provided information on the increase in requests for media rights to use video of both section and state level competitions. Those rights are protected through the League’s policies, as well as contracts with broadcast partner 45TV and streaming partner School Space Media.

Motion by Peschel and second by Engebretson to approve the recommended change in dates for the Alpine Skiing State Meet. The Alpine Skiing State Meet will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at Giants Ridge near Biwabik. The Nordic Skiing State Meet will be at the same venue on Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by McDonald and second by Tauer to approve the Executive Director’s Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION
Spring Activity Advisory Proposals
(Appendix A)

Baseball
Motion by Heier and second by Osei to deny the baseball proposal to increase the number of regular-season games from 20 to no more than 24. The four additional games were intended to be played on Friday nights, Saturday or when member schools have mutual days off from school. Motion passed by voice vote.
Softball
Motion by Lilleberg and second by McDonald to deny the softball proposal to increase the number of regular-season games from 20 to no more than 24. The four additional games were intended to be played on Friday nights, Saturday or when member schools have mutual days off from school. Motion passed by voice vote.

Clay Target
Motion by Revenig and second by Rocheleau to approve a proposal to add a girls-only division to the individual competition of the Clay Target State Meet. The proposal keeps the top 100 competition participants and adds an additional 25 female participants that would compete in a girls-only individual division. Motion passed unanimously.

Music
Motion by Timm and second by Peschel to approve a proposal to include Guitar as its own category for music contests. The proposal adds Guitar in these events: Guitar Solo, Guitar Ensemble (2-4 participants); Guitar Ensemble (5-16 participants) and Guitar Orchestra (8-30 participants). Motion passed unanimously.

Speech
Motion by Rocheleau and second by McDonald to approve a proposal to allow body contact during the introduction of Duo Interpretation participants. Examples include shaking hands or a dance move. Motion passed unanimously.

Speech
Motion by Vraa and second by Heier to approve a proposal to allow participants in the Extemporaneous Speaking category to use electronic devices and the internet to conduct research during the preparation period. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved Music List
Motion by McDonald and second by Lilleberg to approve a proposal (Appendix B) that was a recommendation from the Music Advisory Committee to update the Approved Music List for Band for section contests. The updated list includes an increase in representation of diversity in composers and musical selections and is more representative of the evolution of today’s educational music. Motion passed unanimously.

Cross Country Eligible Officials
Motion by Thornton, Jr. and second by Kaus to approve the submission of a bylaw amendment (Appendix C) which would require the use of at least one eligible official in varsity cross country running meets. The approved amendment proposal moves to the Administrative Regions for review, and if the required number of regions approve, it will advance to the Representative Assembly for consideration on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Timeline for Competitive Section Placement and District Football for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
Motion by Schimek and second by Smokrovich to approve a timeline (Appendix D) for the Competitive Section Placement process and District Football Placement for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. The placement of teams in competitive sections and football teams in districts takes place every other year. The motion passed unanimously.

Activity Advisory Proposal Form
Motion by Guthmueller and second by Ostrowski to approve the latest draft of the Activity Advisory Proposal process (Appendix E). This updated form will assist Activity Advisories in the information-gathering process, will create a more complete proposal and aim to ensure that all impacted stakeholders are included in the process. Motion passed unanimously.
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Adoption of Programs Task Force
Vice President Smokrovich shared an update on the Adoption of Programs Task Force. This task force is defining a process for a more gradual and step by step process which will likely develop criteria for an emerging activities and sports process which ultimately will lead to approval of activities and sports by the Representative Assembly. The task force is charged with providing a recommended process to the Board of Directors prior to the Board Meeting on Dec. 1, 2022.

Together We Make A Difference
League Staff and Board of Directors members shared significant positive feedback from the initiative “Together We Make a Difference” regional meetings that have taken place over the past month at seven locations throughout Minnesota. League Staff also thanked seven schools, Detroit Lakes, Grand Rapids, Rochester Century, St. Louis Park, St. Cloud Tech, North St. Paul and Redwood Valley, for hosting regional meetings. More than 1,500 students from more than 150 member schools have participated in these engaging and discussion-filled sessions led by Forbes Solutions. Participants will be invited to a statewide event that is scheduled for late November or early December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eligibility Committee
Motion by Heir and second by Smokrovich to approve the Eligibility Committee Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit/Finance Committee
League Staff provided updates on the following items:
- Received the year end July 31, 2022, audit entrance meeting with State Auditor Julie Mader.

Motion by Lilleberg and second by Timm to approve the July 2022 and August 2022 financial statements as presented (Appendix F). Motion passed unanimously.

Marketing and Communications Committee
League Staff provided updates on the following items:
- Welcomed Josh Anderson, Playfly General Manager and member of the MSHSL Team.
- The Committee approved updated language for the Media Policy Manual. The language further defines rights fees at the section tournament level.
- Ongoing relationship-building, along with Playfly, as they meet with national and local companies on marketing and sponsorship opportunities.
- League Staff has conducted state tournament site visits along with Signature Concepts in preparation for apparel sales during state tournament events.
- Nine Fall Area Meetings took place over the course of three weeks in September. Technology sessions were held and information was provided on media, publications and communications from the League.
- Website development update from Gravity Works, the League’s website partner, which includes the creation of on-demand resources and tools for users.

Education and Leadership Committee
League Staff provided updates on the following:
- State tournament officials for Soccer and Volleyball took place this week. The selection of Football officials for the state tournament will occur the following week.
- Shared an update on the League’s Student Advisory and Leadership Team (SALT) for juniors and seniors in Minnesota. The newly formed council will provide student voice to many topics while developing student leaders. Applications are available on the League’s website.
- Continuing Education content will be further defined and prepared for approval at the December Board Meeting.
INFORMATION ITEMS

• Board of Directors Workshop: Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022
• Next Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022

Assignment of New Member Schools

1. FHL Academy – 8A

Dissolutions of Cooperative Sponsorships

1. Apple Valley/Eagan/Eastview - Nordic Ski, Girls
2. Avail Academy/Bock Home School/Hagen Home School - Soccer, Boys
3. Bagley/Fosston - Swimming & Diving, Girls
4. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa/Minnewaska Area - Golf, Girls
5. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa/Minnewaska Area - Tennis, Boys
7. Bloomington Jefferson/Bloomington Kennedy - Hockey, Girls
8. Caledonia/Spring Grove - Softball, Girls
9. Central Minnesota Christian/Community Christian - Track & Field, Boys
10. Central Minnesota Christian/Community Christian - Track & Field, Girls
11. Chisholm/Hibbing - Tennis, Boys
12. Chisholm/Hibbing - Tennis, Girls
13. Climax/Fisher/Sacred Heart - Football
14. Columbia Heights/Park Center - Baseball
15. Cretin-Derham Hall/Minnehaha Academy - Gymnastics, Girls
16. Crookston/Fisher/Hatton (ND)/Mayville (ND) - Hockey, Girls
17. DeLaSalle/Minnehaha Academy/North - Hockey, Boys
18. Detroit Lakes/Frazee - Swimming & Diving, Girls
19. Duluth Marshall/Two Harbors - Football
20. Ely/Northeast Range - Football
21. Fourth Baptist Christian School/Maranatha Christian Academy/West Lutheran - Baseball
22. Great River School/Nova Classical Academy/St. Agnes/St. Croix Lutheran Academy/St. Paul Academy & Summit School/Twin Cities Academy - Hockey, Boys
23. Hope Academy/Minnehaha Academy - Cross Country, Boys
24. Hope Academy/Minnehaha Academy - Track & Field, Boys
25. Houston/La Crescent Montessori and STEM School - All Activities
26. Irondale/St. Anthony Village - Hockey, Girls

Cooperative Sponsorships

1. Academy of the Lynx/Avail Academy/Bock Home School/Hagen Home School - Soccer, Boys
2. Alma (WI)/Pepin (WI)/Wabasha-Kellogg - Cross Country, Boys
3. Alma (WI)/Pepin (WI)/Wabasha-Kellogg - Cross Country, Girls
4. Alma (WI)/Pepin (WI)/Wabasha-Kellogg - Wrestling
5. Apple Valley/Eastview/Rosemount - Nordic Ski, Girls
6. Arcadia/Northfield (Non-Exclusive) - Football
7. Avail Academy/Doolittle Academy/Bock Home School - Cross Country, Girls
8. Bagley/Crookston/Fosston - Swimming & Diving, Girls
9. Bethlehem Academy/Faribault/Mn State Academy for the Deaf - Cross Country, Girls
11. BlueSky/Martin County West - Non-Exclusive - Volleyball, Girls
12. Central Public Schools/Lester Prairie/Sibley East - Soccer, Boys
13. Climax/DNA Home School/Fisher/Sacred Heart - Football
15. Columbia Heights/Maranatha Christian Academy/Park Center - Baseball
16. Concordia Academy/Hand-In-Hand Montessori - Basketball, Girls
17. Concordia Academy/Hand-In-Hand Montessori - Cross Country, Boys
18. Concordia Academy/Hand-In-Hand Montessori - Cross Country, Girls
19. Concordia Academy/Hand-In-Hand Montessori - Soccer, Boys
20. Concordia Academy/Hand-In-Hand Montessori - Soccer, Girls
21. Concordia Academy/Mahtomedi/Roseville - Hockey, Girls
22. Cretin-Derham Hall/Minnehaha Academy/Mounds Park Academy - Gymnastics, Girls
23. Cristo Rey Jesuit/Hiawatha Collegiate - Cross Country, Boys
25. Crookston/Hatton (ND)/Mayville (ND)/Sacred Heart - Hockey, Girls
26. Crosby-Ironton/Lake Region Christian - Dance Team (Jazz)
27. Crosby-Ironton/Lake Region Christian - Dance Team (Kick)
28. Detroit Lakes/Frazee/Hawley - Swimming & Diving, Girls
29. Duluth Marshall/Lakeview Christian Academy/Silver Bay/Two Harbors - Football
30. Elk River/Rogers - Dance Team, Jazz
31. Elk River/Rogers - Dance Team, Kick
32. Elk River/Rogers/Zimmerman - Adapted Bowling, ASD
33. Elk River/Rogers/Zimmerman - Adapted Bowling, CI
34. Elk River/Rogers/Zimmerman - Adapted Bowling, PI
35. Ely/Northeast Range/Vermilion Country School - Football
36. Eveleth-Gilbert/Virginia - Volleyball, Girls
37. Fourth Baptist Christian School/West Lutheran - Baseball
38. Great River School/Minnehaha Academy/Nova Classical Academy/St. Agnes School/St. Paul Academy and Summit School/Twin Cities Academy - Hockey, Boys
39. Hope Academy/King School/Minnehaha Academy - Cross Country, Boys
40. Hope Academy/King School/Minnehaha Academy - Track & Field, Boys
41. Hope Lutheran/Cotter - Speech
42. Irondale/Mounds View/St. Anthony Village - Hockey, Girls
43. Kaleidoscope Charter/Trilogy STEM - Cross Country, Boys
44. Kaleidoscope Charter/Trilogy STEM - Cross Country, Girls
45. La Crescent Montessori and STEM School/La Crescent-Hokah - Cross Country, Boys
46. La Crescent Montessori and STEM School/La Crescent-Hokah - Cross Country, Girls
47. La Crescent Montessori and STEM School/La Crescent-Hokah - Football
48. La Crescent Montessori and STEM School/La Crescent-Hokah - Soccer, Boys
49. La Crescent Montessori and STEM School/La Crescent-Hokah - Soccer, Girls
50. La Crescent Montessori and STEM School/La Crescent-Hokah - Volleyball, Girls
51. Lakeview Christian Academy/Loban Home School - Cross Country, Boys
52. Lakeview Christian Academy/Loban Home School - Track & Field, Boys
53. Lakeview Christian Academy/Mallett Home School - Basketball, Boys
54. Lakeview Christian Academy/Sather Home School - Volleyball, Girls
55. MACCRAY/Renville County West - Dance Team (Jazz)
56. MACCRAY/Renville County West - Dance Team (Kick)
57. Martin Home School/Park Christian - Volleyball, Girls
58. Mountain Lake Christian/St. James - Tennis, Boys
59. New Life Academy of Woodbury/Van Wyk Home School - Basketball Boys
60. New Life Academy of Woodbury/Van Wyk Home School - Soccer, Boys
61. Osseo/Park Center - Softball
62. Red Wing/Zumbrota-Mazeppa - Hockey, Boys
63. Red Wing/Zumbrota-Mazeppa - Hockey, Girls
64. Silver Bay/Two Harbors - Soccer, Boys
65. St. James/Windom - Soccer, Boys
66. St. James/Windom - Soccer, Girls
67. Trinity School at River Ridge/Unity - Basketball, Boys
68. Trinity School at River Ridge/Unity - Wrestling

**Ejections - Violation of the Coaches Code of Ethics**

1. Ben Jurgens, Girls Soccer, Fergus Falls High School
2. Brennen Baldwin, Boys Soccer, Big Lake High School
3. Chris Weddle, Football, Bigfork High School
4. Dylan Rahn, Girls Soccer, Eagan High School
5. Grant Johnson, Girls Soccer, Rocori High School
6. Jamie Plaisance, Boys Soccer, Minneapolis Southwest High School
7. Joe Warren, Boys Soccer, Mounds View High School
8. Kevin Donohue, Boys Soccer, Providence Academy
9. Matthew Jahnke, Boys Soccer, Mankato West High School
10. Sean McNattin, Boys Soccer, Park Center High School

There being no further business, motion by Lilleberg and second by McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director