



MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE Region 8AA

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MEMBER SCHOOLS

Alexandria
Becker
Bemidji
Brainerd
Detroit Lakes
Fergus Falls
Little Falls
Monticello
Moorhead
Rocori
St Cloud Apollo
St Cloud Tech
Sartell-St Stephen
Sauk Rapids-Rice
Thief River Falls
Willmar

Region 8AA held the Spring meeting at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria.

PRESENT:

John Ross, Region Secretary
*Ben Kvidt, Alexandria, AD
*Jack Freeman, Brainerd, AD
*Kim Bowen, Girls Sports Rep, Big Lake
*Jon Ammerman, Moorhead, Boys Sport Rep
Joel Baumgarten, Rocori, AD
*Phil Klaphake, SRR, AD
Dean Haugo, Moorhead, AD
Kevin Jordan, Little Falls, AD
*Annie Krause, Little Falls, Speech Rep
*Rob Nielsen, Detroit Lakes, AD
*Paul Schmitz, Willmar, Principal

Ryan Blahosky, Willmar AD
*Tim Bjorge, Little Falls, Principal
Karl Heine, Apollo AD
Eric Ruska, Tech, AD
Bruce Thompson, Sartell, AD
Jared Matson, Big Lake AD
Gary Revenig, Monticello, AD
*Eric Olson, Monticello, Superintendent
Dave Niemi, Becker AD
*Nick Guida, Buffalo AD
Keith Cornell, STMA, AD

***Indicates Committee member or Proxy**

ABSENT:

*Bradley Bergstrom, SRR Superintendent
*April Thomas, DL, Board Rep
*Bob Sansevere, Buffalo, Board Rep

*Seth Freundsuh, Bemidji, Music Rep
Derek Abrahams, Fergus Falls, AD
Kristen McCrae, Bemidji, AD

Ben Kvidt, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:15 AM

Motion by Bjorge, seconded by Guida, to accept minutes from 1/18/23 region meeting. Motion Carried.

Gary Revenig gave a MSHSL Board update.

John Ross gave an update from recent Region Secretary meeting.

Ross presented transaction report for 1/1/23 – 4/15/23, with a balance of \$175, 083.20. **Motion by Bowen to accept, seconded by Ammerman. Motion carried.**

Ross presented bank reconciliation reports for January, February and March 2023. **Motion to accept by Schmitz, seconded by Ammerman. Motion carried.**

Ross presented Winter tournament financial draft report and 5 year report. Still missing some gate receipts and the winter tournament financials will be approved at July meeting.

Winter Advisory proposals were reviewed and feedback votes and comments were recorded. These will be sent to the MSHSL for board review.

Kvidt reviewed the region secretary evaluation, contract and salary for 23-24.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Nielsen to issue a contract with John Ross for 2023-24 with a salary increase of \$1,500, to an annual salary of \$50,000. Motion carried.

New Section assignments were reviewed. The following Fall 2023 tournament details were approved:

Motion by Schmitz, seconded by Nielsen to accept the dates presented for Girls 8AA tennis. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowen, seconded by Olson to adjust the 8AA Boys and Girls Soccer dates (flip corresponding date each year) to:

Girls Dates:

QF – Thursday, 10/12/23 @ High Seed

SF – Tuesday, 10/17/23 @ High Seed

Final- Thursday, 10/19/23 @ High Seed

Boys Dates:

Dates:

QF – Wednesday, 10/11/23 @ High Seed

SF – Saturday, 10/14/23 @ High Seed

Final- Tuesday, 10/17/23 @ High Seed

Motion Carried.

8AAA Boys and Girls Soccer dates were tabled until the May 10, 2023 zoom region meeting.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Ammerman to approve 5AA B/G Cross Country at Princeton on 10/26/23. Motion carried.

8AA B/G Cross Country site and details tabled until May 10 meeting.

Motion by Ammerman, seconded by Bowen, to approve 8AAA Cross Country at Buffalo on 10/26/23. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Ammerman to accept 8AAAA football corresponding dates and change to coaches vote and adjust language on film exchange. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Ammerman to accept 8AAAAA football as presented. No changes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Schmitz to approve the following dates for 8AAA Volleyball: QF - Thursday 10/26/23, SF - Tuesday 10/31/23, Final Thursday, 11/2/23. Motion carried.

Motion by Ammerman, seconded by Bowen, to approve the following dates for 8AAAA Volleyball:

Seed: Monday, 10/23 - coaches vote

Play in – Thurs. 10/26/23, QF - Sat. 10/28/23, SF – Tues. 10/31/23, Final - 11/2/23. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ammerman, seconded by Bowen, to have Brainerd as the site for 8AA Girls Swim and Dive for the next two years. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bowen, seconded by Ammerman to approve the newly elected committee members starting in July 2023.

Sub-Region 1 - Elected 2023 Term expires 2027 **Principal** * **Dave Kreft - Becker High School**

Sub-Region 2 - Elected 2023 Term expires 2027 **Activity Director** * **Ryan Blahosky - Willmar High School**

Sub-Region 4 - Elected 2023 Term expires 2027 **Superintendent** * **Rick Sensted - Alexandria High School**

Any Sub Region Elected 2023 Term expires 2027 **Boys Coach Rep- Scott Hentges – Sartell**

Any Sub Region - Elected 2023 Term expires 2027-- **Music Rep – Seth Freunds Schuh - Bemidji**

Region 8AA thanks the following committee members who have served on the region committee as their terms are coming to an end:

Eric Olson-Monticello, Paul Schmitz-Willmar, Jon Ammerman-Moorhead, April Thomas–Detroit Lakes.

Section passes were distributed to ADs for the Spring tournaments run by region 8AA

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Sartell High School. Lunch to follow at Blackberry Ridge Golf Course.

Motion by Ammerman, seconded by Krause to adjourn at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ross
Region 8AA Secretary