Members Present: Beth Clark, Mike Cunningham, Anne Campbell, Dale Gunderson, Nate Rudolph, Ranae Seykora

Members Absent: Wayne Whitwam, Tom Tusken, Heidi Sprangel, Glenn Morehouse-Olson, Andy Richardson, 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
     o Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 6-0

2. January 18, 2023 Minutes were approved.
   - Motion to approve
     o Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 6-0

3. Public Comments
   - None

4. Board of Directors Update - Gary Revenig
   - Board Rep could not be in attendance. Email update didn't have anything new.

5. Treasurer’s Report.
   - Itemized Category report was presented.
     o Some items have not been received (Profit In, Loss In, etc.)
   - Secretary Lenarz explained how Profit and Loss works between regions
   - If any committee member wants to see a fully itemized list of income/expenditures at any time they should email Sec Lenarz and he will send it via email.
   - Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report
     o Motion to approve
     o Motion Rudolph, second Seykora. Motion Passed 6-0
   - Motion to Approve using Licari/Larson as auditor for next year
     o Motion to approve
     o Motion Gunderson, second campbell. Motion Passed 6-0

6. Executive Secretary Report
   - April Region Sec notes were reviewed.
     o MCMS groups presented at MSHSL office
o Reg Sec evals and contracts are due June 30

7. Winter 2023 Tournament Review
   ● No problems reported. Several positive comments
   ● WDIO / DECC contracts have one more year
   ● No Committee action needed

8. Spring 2023 Tournament Approval
   ● All spring tournaments approved except 7AAA B/G Golf

9. Region Handbook Modifications
   ● Appendix E
     ○ Officials Stipends Discussion
     ○ Region 7AA has fallen behind in some aspects of officials pay compared to regular season and bordering regions
     ○ Will adopt AD recommendation of Metro +$10 for all sports
     ○ Will allow for one car mileage
       ■ Starts at North Branch from south to north
       ■ Starts at Duluth from north to south
       ■ Mileage will not be paid in situations where it isn't paid in regular season
       ■ Motion to approve AD recommendation
       ■ Motion to approve Cunningham, second Gunderson. Motion Passed 6-0
     ● Appendix M
       ○ Golf Times Discussion
         ■ Dispute regarding format for golfers on Day 1 due to graduation concerns.
         ■ AD's suggest early start for impacted boys schools plus 2 random schools. Girls would golf at normal times.
         ■ Committee members expressed concern regarding changing any dates this late in the season.
         ■ Sec Lenarz suggests tabling this item and allowing the Competition Committee to make a decision once region schools/AD's have had time to weigh in with a focus on maintaining current dates.
         ■ Next year we will run Boys and Girls at separate sites to alleviate the graduation / time issues.
         ■ Motion to approve Lenarz recommendation
         ■ Motion to approve Rudolph, second Gunderson. Motion Passed 6-0
     ○ Music Competitions Discussion
Piano Tuning
- AD recommendation of $500 maximum for this
- Motion to approve AD recommendation
- Motion to approve Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 6-0

Medals
- Medals will be distributed to AD's in September going forward

Coordinators
- Sec Lenarz suggests consolidating into 1 North and 1 South music coordinator.
- $750 stipend for each
- Goal of increasing efficiency and communication between directors and region.
- Motion to approve Lenarz recommendation
- Motion to approve Rudolph, second Gunderson. Motion Passed 6-0

Number of events
- No Changes
- Suggested that new coordinators establish a rotation for who will host events going out at least 3 years.
  - Approve Spring Tournaments
    - All approved except for golf
      - Motion to approve AD recommendation
      - Motion to approve Cunningham, second Campbell. Motion Passed 6-0

Changes in Tournament Management
- Lose 5AAA B/G Basketball (8AA)
- Gain 6AA B/G Soccer

10. Activity Advisory Proposals

Basketball
- Seeding #1-8: AD's voted 9-6 against the proposal
  - Some coaches don't like the randomness of current system
  - Sections seed 1-8, why not state
  - This would continue to hurt outstate teams
  - Further erodes chance for geographic representation at State tourny
  - Some coaches like the randomness of matchups
    - Motion to support AD recommendation against change
• Motion to approve Cunningham, second Clark. Motion Passed 6-0

• Dance
  o Order of Competition at State: AD’s voted 14-1 against the proposal
    ▪ Our coaches prefer keeping random nature of performance order
      • Motion to support AD recommendation against change
      • Motion to approve Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 6-0

• Debate
  o Rules Modifications: AD’s voted 15-0 in favor of the proposal
    • Motion to support AD recommendation supporting change
    • Motion to approve Rudolph, second Seykora. Motion Passed 6-0

• Nordic Ski
  o Medals: AD’s voted 10-5 in favor of the proposal
    ▪ No - all other sports will want extra medals now
    ▪ Yes - Its only a couple more medals.
      • Motion to support AD recommendation supporting change
      • Motion to approve Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 5-1
  o Pursuit Qualifiers: AD’s voted 8-7 against this proposal
    ▪ No - There are too many kids/parents for the venue as it is
    ▪ Yes - Some coaches want to see more kids participate
    ▪ No - WE should let this new structure play out for a few years.
      • Motion to support AD recommendation against change
      • Motion to approve Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 4-2
  o State Schedule Change: AD’s voted 15-0 in favor of the proposal
    ▪ Helps eliminate some issues with teams impeding passing during race
    ▪ Coaches are in favor of it
      • Motion to support AD recommendation supporting change
      • Motion to approve Gunderson, second Cunningham. Motion Passed 6-0
  o Substitutions: AD’s voted 14-1 in favor of the proposal
    ▪ WE do this in other sports
    ▪ Gives teams more flexibility with injuries and illness
      • Motion to support AD recommendation supporting change
      • Motion to approve Gunderson, second Cunningham. Motion Passed 6-0
• Tie Breaker Change: AD’s voted 15-0 in favor of the proposal
  ■ The new language would represent how almost all ties are currently broken anyway.
    • Motion to support AD recommendation supporting change
    • Motion to approve Seykora, second Gunderson. Motion Passed 6-0

• Wrestling
  o Weight Class issue NO VOTE
    ■ WE received information that this was withdrawn from league
      • No Vote Taken
  o Additional ½ day at state tournament: AD’s voted 9-6 in favor of the proposal
    ■ No - This is the same proposal as before, they want full wrestle backs
    ■ No - additional cost would be significant
    ■ Yes - Girls numbers are going up, will be necessary eventually
    ■ Yes - Shouldn’t be an additional cost since we set up wednesday anyway.
      • Motion to support AD recommendation supporting change
      • Motion to approve Gunderson, second Rudolph. Motion Passed 5-1

11. Representative Assembly Amendments
• Adapted Athletics By Laws Change
  o Add by laws that govern adapted sports alone
    ■ Allows them to govern themselves as they need and not be tied to rules for regular sports
      • Motion to support change
      • Motion to approve Gunderson, second Cunningham. Motion Passed 6-0

• Activity Addition – Boys Volleyball
  o Add boys volleyball as a sport without defined season
  o Task Force will determine season if approved as a sport
    ■ This feels like a done deal anyway, not sure why we would even vote
    ■ Very difficult to vote for something without knowing what the season would be
    ■ Impact on facilities and other sports will be significant
    ■ Unintended consequences for addition to MSHSL could be a significant reduction in number of teams due to having to form official cooperatives
Motion to support change
Motion to approve Seykora, second Gunderson. Motion Passed 3-2-1

12. Executive Secretary Evaluation
   • Sec. Lenarz will email forms to committee members to fill out.
   • Committee members will email them to Chair Clark by May 10th, 2023
   • Chair Clark will compile evals and send to MSHSL office
   • Chair Clark will hold a virtual conversation regarding continuing Sec Lenarz contract and salary.

13. Distribution of Region 7AA Profits
   • Motion to continue distributing funds equally among all Region 7AA schools
     ○ Motion Campbell, Second Gunderson. Passed 6-0

14. Summer Meeting Date
   • We will continue to meet via Zoom
   • July 12, 2023 this year

15. 2023-2024 MEETING SCHEDULE
   • 7AA AD Meetings
     ○ Wednesday September 13th, 2023 (Hinkley - Tobies)
     ○ Wednesday January 10th, 2024 (Zoom)
     ○ Wednesday April 24th, 2024 (Duluth - Buffalo House)
   • 7AA Committee Meetings
     ○ Wednesday September 20th, 2023 (Hinkley - Tobies)
     ○ Wednesday January 17th, 2024 (Zoom)
     ○ Wednesday May 1st, 2024 (Duluth - Buffalo House)
     ○ Wednesday July 17th, 2024 (Zoom)

Adjournment: 11:46 PM
   • Motion Campbell, Second Cunningham. Passed 6-0