

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
REGION 7AA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Wednesday May 3rd, 2023 Buffalo House, Duluth

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**
 - **Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 6-0**

2. January 18, 2023 Minutes were approved.

- **Motion to approve**
 - **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.
 - 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
 - **Motion to approve**
 - **Motion Rudolph, second Seykora. Motion Passed 6-0**
- Motion to Approve using Licari/Larson as auditor for next year
 - **Motion to approve**
 - **Motion Gunderson, second Campbell. Motion Passed 6-0**

6. Executive Secretary Report

- April Region Sec notes were reviewed.
 - MCMS groups presented at MSHSL office

- 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 tourney
 - Some coaches like the randomness of matchups
 - **Motion to support AD recommendation against change**

- o 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**