

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
REGION 1AA

COMMITTEE MINUTES, APRIL 12, 2023

Cabela's, Owatonna

9:15 - Activities Directors

11:30 – Committee

All members were present except Isaac Heins and Joe Timmer.

1. Approve the minutes from January 12. Motion by Malone/Skaar. Passed
2. Approve Region disbursements, January 12 to April 12. Motion by Kuisle/Freiheit. Passed.
3. Financial report on winter tournaments. The executive secretary distributed copies of the financial report and summarized each activity, noting that the increases in expenses were largely due to the increases the Committee made in manager and worker stipends. Also, events held at the Mayo Civic center saw a substantial increase in cost due to additional security expense. Motion to approve the financial report by Freiheit/Malone. Passed
4. Winter tournament reports. Chair Achterkirch summarized the reports that were made by tournament managers during the AD meeting.
 - G/B BASKETBALL – It was reported that everything seemed to go well. There is a need for discussion regarding future sites for the finals. There were several questions regarding seeding, but it was determined that everything was done as outlined in the tournament information. Team and band buses need to unload and enter at the pass gate. Stewartville won both the AAA girls and boys. Lakeville North won the AAAA boys' and girls.
 - DANCE – Everything went well. Kasson Mantorville is a popular venue.
 - GYMNASTICS – Everything went well. The supervision provided by several of the participating schools was helpful. Minor clerical issues were resolved. Owatonna won.
 - A/AA G HOCKEY – It was reported that things went well. Coaches need to be reminded to follow the guidelines provided. A few concerns were expressed about not having any cash tickets available. Lakeville North was the AA champion and Albert Lea won the class A.

- A/AA B HOCKEY – The tournament went well. There were some weather issues during the first round. It was suggested that some guidelines for weather related time, date, and site changes be established to provide some consistency. Lakeville South won the AA and Northfield won the A.
- ONE ACT PLAY – Broc Threinen and Chad Sexauer reported that everything was good at Lakeville South and Kasson Mantorville.
- BOYS SWIM/DIVE – There were some weather issues that caused some changes. It was suggested that the swim and dive be in the same community when there is a need for weather changes. Both boys and girls will be at Lakeville next year.
- WRESTLING – Things went well. Two teams chose, prior to the seeding, not to compete in the team tournament. The girls' wrestling at Hastings was a success and the increase in numbers required some adjustments. There will be a need for four sites next year.

5. Region Secretary's report. The following items were reported:

- Thanked tournament managers for their good work.
- New Committee members will be starting August 10th:
 - Sub-reg. 1 - sch.bd. rep./desig. – Paul Hartmann, Red Wing
 - Sub-reg. 2 – supt. – Dr. Mike Neubeck, Byron
 - Sub-reg. 3 – princ. – Joel Olson, Faribault
 - Sub-reg. 3 – girls' spts. rep. – Jasmine, Albert Lea
 - Sub-reg.4 – a.d.- Chad Sexauer, Lakeville South
 - Sub-reg. 4 – mus.rep. – Jayme Casperson, Lakeville North
- Thanked Committee members ending their terms. (Broc T., Mark K., Neal S., Jason B., Joe T., Curt H.)
- Additional Region disbursements of \$285 were made to the schools.
- Discussed finance committee considerations for August meeting.
 - Paying trainers to travel to sites already covered. ADs recommend no.
 - Trainers for non-athletic events, i.e. music, speech. ADs recommend no.
 - School Space Media streaming of boys'/girls' hockey finals proposal. ADs recommend reviewing the proposal.
 - Teams opting out of tournament after seeding. ADs recommend reviewing.

- Region 1AA has been assigned the administering of class A gymnastics for the next two years. After discussion the ADs recommend that John Marshall host both the A and AA event on February 17.
- 6. Appoint a financial committee to meet in early August. The ADs recommend Mark Kuisle, Broc Threinen, Keith Badger, Chad Sexauer and Secretary Addington. Jason Berg from the Committee volunteered as well. Motion to approve by Hughes/Lind. Passed.
- 7. Representative Assembly items. There were two items that will be going to the Representative Assembly:
 - Adapted athletics bylaw – Committee supported this proposal. 10 yes, 0 no. Comments: makes sense.
 - Volleyball bylaw, add boys’ – Committee did not support this proposal. 0 yes, 10 no. Comments: season needs to be set. See how it goes in an emerging sport status. There will be boys’ volleyball next year. A Title IX issue for schools.
- 8. Review and provide input on winter advisory recommendations. The following proposals were reviewed:
 - G/B BASKETBALL – Seed the State tournament 1-8. Vote - 6 yes, 1 no, 3 abst.
 - DANCE – Change the order of competition to be based on Section placement. Vote – 0 yes, 9 no, 1 abst.
 - DEBATE – Update qualification method, number of qualifiers and pairing process. Vote – 7 yes, 0 no, 3 abst.
 - NORDIC SKI- five proposals:
 - Medals for alternates. Vote – 7 yes, 0 no, 3 abst.
 - Number of qualifiers in pursuit. Vote – 0 yes, 7 no, 3 abst
 - Separate days for sprint and pursuit. Vote – 7 yes, 0 no, 3 abst.
 - Any team member to substitute. Vote – 7 yes, 0 no, 3 abst.
 - Change tie breaker procedure. Vote – 7 yes, 0 no, 3 abst.
 - WRESTLING – two proposals:
 - 13 weight classes for team and 14 for individuals. Vote – 0 yes, 9 no, 1 abst. Comments: Weight certification problems. I would support any proposal to reduce weight classes.
 - Add a half day to the State tournament. Vote – 0 yes, 9 no, 1 abst. Comments: I support full wrestle backs. Current format meets the needs for addition of girls’. Added expense for League and schools.

9. Girls' and boys' future swim sites. Both girls' and boys' will be at Lakeville next year. Future sites will be decided later.
10. Streaming ad hoc committee report/recommendations. Chair Achterkirch shared that Mike Zweber will be sending out a summary of the committee's discussion and recommendations. This will be on the August agenda.
11. Region passes discussion. The chair shared a concern expressed at the AD meeting regarding the abuse of Region passes. They have been duplicated and given to kids to use. The addition of an emblem preventing duplication, the addition of a "not transferable" statement on passes and better monitoring were suggested.
12. Awards Committee report. Chair Achterkirch shared comments from Jeff Whitney. The committee meets in May. There is a need for nominations in all categories and there is a need for a new chair with Jeff retiring.
13. Auditor report. The Region secretary reported that the audit went well. Segregation of duties is an annual audit concern. It is important for tournament managers to follow the narratives (processes) that we have committed to and that the Committee members take time to review the financial reports presented.
14. Discuss protocol for weather related site/date/time changes. Jeff Whitney suggested at the AD meeting that we establish some guidelines for tournament managers to use when weather issues create a need for time/date/site adjustments. This will be on the August agenda.
15. Confirm 2023-24 Calendar. The calendar was reviewed and the following Adjustments were made:
 - Annual meeting will be on October 12
 - A/AA gymnastics on February 17 at JM
 - A boys' hockey on February 19, 21, 24, 28
 - AA boys' hockey on February 19, 21, 24, 29
16. Meeting dates for 2023-24:

Finance Committee	Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Activities Directors and Committee	Thursday, August 10, 2023
Activities Directors and Committee	Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Annual Meeting (Hubbell House)	Thursday, October 12, 2023
Activities Directors and Committee	Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Activities Directors and Committee	Wednesday, April 10, 2024

17. Review and confirm spring calendar. The calendar was reviewed and updated by the ADs as seen below.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Manager</u>
Speech	April 13	Northfield	J. Saxton-West
Visual Arts	April 22	Century HS	M. Kuisle
Boys' Tennis (t)	May 15, 17, 19	hs, hs, Lkvl N	K. Badger
Boys' Tennis (i)	May 23, 25	LkvlN/CHC, CHS	
Boys' Golf	May 30, 31	Jewel GC	K. Badger
Girls' Golf	May 30, June 1	Cannon Falls GC	C .Indra
Softball(3A/4A)	May 23, 25, 30, June 1	hs, Austin	C. Indra
Baseball, 3A	May 27, 30, June 1,3,7	hs,hs,RW	J. Whitney
Baseball, 4A	May 29, 31, June 3, 6	hs, hs, Dundas	J. Whitney
Track AA/AAA	June 1, 3	Lakeville South	G. Utecht
Lacrosse G/B	May 30, 31, June 3, 6	hs	M. Zweber

18. Appoint an executive secretary for 2023-24 and authorize that person to write checks and make deposits. Set salary for the secretary. The ADs recommended hiring Gary Addington with a 2% increase in salary. A 2% salary increase on odd years was approved by Committee last year.

Motion by Kuisle/Skaar. Passed.

19. Items from the floor. None.

20. Adjourn. Motion by Skaar/Malone. Passed