

The Region 7A Committee

Minnesota State High School League

Subsection 25

TBD Bd. of Ed.
Nathan Libbon Supt.

Subsection 26

Jay Belcastro Supt.
Tim Rohweder Prin..

Subsection 27

Jim James A.D.
John Vukmanich Prin.

Subsection 28

Travis Vake A.D.
Jesse White Bd. of Ed.

At Large

Jeff Gronner, Sue Northey, Kristen Cooper, Jason Thurm.

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Region 7A Minutes

December 13, 2023

Valentini's - Chisholm MN

Not Official until approved on January 31, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Gronner at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken and a quorum was certified. Jesse White and Sue Northey were absent. Nathan Libbon was represented by Dave Foster, Jay Belcastro was represented by Scott Ross, and Tony DeLeon represented Subsection 25.

1. Motion John Vukmanich, second Kristen Cooper to adopt the agenda. **Motion Carried**
2. Open Forum: Les Zellman commented on the Girls Tennis Fall Advisory Proposal.
3. Motion Tim Rohweder, second Dave Foster to approve the minutes of September 27, 2023. **Motion Carried**
4. The financial report which covered the September, October, and November bank reconciliations and a review of the region secretary expenses since the last meeting was shared. Motion Foster, second Scott Ross to approve the financial report. **Motion Carried**
5. Executive Secretary Report: Shared an update for the FY23 Audit; we are waiting on a reconciliation of fair shares from other administrative regions. Reviewed highlights from Region Secretary meeting including the MSHSL Boards decision to table seeding proposals for both basketball and Dance, the league is considering adding 9th grade to our current 10-12 grade format which would expand catastrophic liability insurance coverage, and the league has 60 teams registered for the 2024-2025 boys volleyball season.
6. Old Business:
 - a. The 7A Basketball Subsections approved at our last meeting have been posted to the website.
 - b. Shared a recap of the Fall tournaments including the location of this year's competitions and the likely site for next Fall.
 - c. Handed out and shared updates on the Region Calendar including the due date for AAA applications (postmarked by Jan 3, 2024), the sites and managers for this year's music contest, the dates and locations for basketball tournaments, and the addition of Aitkin as host for subsection 3 in One Act. The calendar updates have been posted on the public side of the Region 7A website.
 - d. Updated the committee regarding the Visual Arts tournament manager position. Rachel Betterley of North Woods has agreed to assume the responsibilities with the help of activities director Crystal Poppler.
7. New Business:
 - a. The Fall Advisory Proposals were discussed and approved unanimously.
 - Football would like to seed the North and South half of the state for ¼ match ups and cross over the high and low seeds at USbank.
 - Soccer wants to resume State tournament games that have to be suspended at the point of interruption rather than restart the game from the beginning.
 - Girls Tennis would like to add a 3rd class.
 - Volleyball would like to seed 1-8 instead of the current 1-5 and random draw seeds 6-8.

- b. The committee discussed the WDIO exclusive contract for boys hockey and will permit the TV broadcast of the boys semifinal games. Motion Travis Vake, second John Peterson to approve the change to the contract. **Motion Carried**
- c. The Region 7A payback to schools is on hold until the State's auditor completes a reconciliation of all administrative regions fair shares.
- d. The committee discussed the recommendation of our Track manager for this Spring's contents. The committee discussed the possible rotation of the subsection meets and ultimately decided to return to the location of last Springs meets. Motion Vake, second Peterson to secure Esko (5/22) and Mesabi East (5/23) for this Spring's subsection meets. **Motion carried**
- e. Coops Approved:
 - B. & G. Alpine Ski MIB/RR/ME - 2024-2025
 - BBB Ely/Northeast Range/Krekelberg Home SchoolMotion Vukmanich, second Jim James to approve all Coops. **Motion Carried**
- f. The committee discussed a request from the MN Air National Guard who wishes to be present at neutral sites of postseason tournaments. Motion Rohweder, second Peterson to allow recruiting booths at postseason contests when possible. Motion carried
- g. Previewed Winter tournament locations and managers. Noting the subsection alignment of 7A basketball this year, changes to the participants in boys hockey, and our new Nordic Ski manager.
- h. Discussed the Representative Assembly Proposals and the date of the meeting (May 7, 2024).
 - The committee unanimously opposed the gymnastics proposal seeking to allow coaches to continue coaching members of their school team outside of the season of participation.
 - The committee unanimously approved the dance proposal eliminating the Spring team try out for the Fall activity.

8. Other: None

9. The next meeting is set for January 31, 2024 at Valentini's 10:30 AM in Chisholm, Minnesota.

10. Adjourn: Motion Foster, second Cooper to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gronner at 12:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Stoskopf, Exc. Secretary

Date

Jeff Gronner, Chairman