

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

REGION 4AA

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MINUTES OF REGION 4AA COMMITTEE

April 16, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Kraft, Kristine Schaefer, Jim Young, John Pohl, Andrea Schmidt, Jesse McCann, Brian Peloquin, Dan Wallaert, Jamil Payton, Aaron Hammerman, Tim Coleman, Jenny Patrek,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There was a motion by Jim Young seconded by John Pohl to accept the agenda.

MOTION APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion by Jim Young seconded by Brian Peloquin to accept the minutes of January 10, 2024. **MOTION APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

The committee was provided with copies of bank statements for the months of January, February, March 2024. This included deposits and debits and a copy of the checkbook register. Dan Wallaert made a motion to authorize payments for the period presented, Jesse McCann seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS

Our condolences to committee member Jed Helwig of the passing of his father.
Secretary Whisler gave the report for the BOD.

- Boy's Volleyball – The BOD approved that boys' volleyball will be a MSHSL sanctioned sport for the 2024-25 school year. The season will be held in the spring.
- MSHSL Calendar – The 2024-25 calendar was approved by the BOD.
 - Boys swim/dive will start a week later because the U of M is hosting the Big 10 Championships.
 - The date of the Prep Bowl will be determined after the NFL schedule is publishes.
 - The State Tournament for Boys' Volleyball will be held June 9-13
- Sunset Policy –
 - The BOD has put together a task for to look at the sunsetting of programs.
- Transition to 9-12 Organization
 - The BOD is continuing to look at making the MSHSL a 9-12 organization.
- Drone Policy
 - The BOD has established a drone policy for any MSHSL sponsored activity.

REP ASSEMBLY May 7, 2024

- Dance – Spring Tryouts Thanks to Andrea, Tim and Dan for attending this meeting.

2024-25 WINTER ADVISORY PROPOSALS

- Adapted Athletics – The committee voted 0-12 against
- Alpine Skiing - The committee voted 1-11 against
- Basketball
 - Basket Interference- 12-0 in favor of
 - State Tournament Seeding - 12-0 in favor of
- Boys Hockey
 - Method of Determining Classification - 12-0 in favor of
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- Girls Hockey
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- Nordic Skiing
 - Uniform Rule: Hat and Headgear Exemption - 12-0 in favor
 - Para Athlete Scoring Factor – The committee needed more information and did not vote on this proposal
- Wrestling
 - Increase in Number of Girls Events - 12-0 in favor of
 - Individual Section Tournament Format - 12-0 in favor of
 - State Tournament: Addition of Full Wrestle backs for Individuals - 12-0 in favor of

FINE ARTS UPDATE

- Music – Thanks to the following schools for hosting a music contest...North, Stillwater, East Ridge, White Bear Lake, Hill-Murray. There is still one more contest to be held.
- Speech – Section 3AA Speech tournament was held at Park C.G. All reports indicate that things went well.
- Debate – All four sections of debate were held at Eagan HS. All reports indicate that things went well.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

- A refund of \$1,943.05 was given back to each member school.
- Secretary Whisler reviewed the draft version of the audit report. A final presentation will be given at the May meeting.

WINTER TOURNAMENT REVIEW:

- Secretary Whisler reviewed a “draft” of the financial reports of the winter tournaments. He is still waiting on a few schools to send him the gate checks for the games they hosted. He is also working with HomeTown ticketing to finalize the ticket sales for the 4AA Boy Hockey Tournament.
- Special thanks to all the tournament managers for their work on creating a positive experience for the participating schools.

HOMETOWN TICKETING

- Processing Fee – Due to an oversight by a few member schools, it was recommended the region create a policy to hold the host school responsible for the processing fee if that happens. This new policy will appear in the 2024-25 handbook.

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

- All the spring tournaments are set to go. Secretary Whisler indicated the region has some of the best tournament managers possible. Welcome to Dave Hieb who will be the new 4AAA Baseball tournament Manager.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Purchase of ¼ zip for committee
 - There was a motion by John Pohl and seconded by Jim Young to purchase the committee members a ¼ zip shirt. **MOTION APPROVED**
- The following positions for the committee were tabled until the May meeting.
 - 2026-30 Committee Members
 - Subregion 1 ER/Stillwater/WBL/Woodbury– BOE
 - Subregion 2 Central/CDH/St. Anthony/Washington Tech – Supt.
 - Subregion 3 Como/HM/Mahtomedi/North/Tartan – Principal
 - Subregion 4 Harding/HP/Johnson/Roseville– AD
 - Boys’ Coaches Rep
 - Music Rep
 - Executive Secretary Evaluation/Salary Compensation
 - Secretary Whisler excused himself from the meeting while Chairperson Schmidt visited with the committee about Secretary Whisler’s evaluation and salary. These matters will be on the May meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

- There was a motion made by Tim Coleman seconded by Jamil Payton for adjournment. **MOTION APPROVED**
- **Next Meeting** – May 15, 2024