

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

REGION 4AA

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MINUTES OF REGION 4AA COMMITTEE

May 15, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There was a motion by Brian Peloquin seconded by Tim Coleman to accept the agenda. **MOTION APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion by Jim Young seconded by Jesse McCann to accept the minutes of April 16, 2024. **MOTION APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

The committee was provided with copies of bank statements for the month of April 2024. This included deposits and debits and a copy of the checkbook register. Tim Coleman made a motion to authorize payments for the period presented, Jim Young seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED**

REP ASSEMBLY

- Thanks to Andrea, Dan and Tim for representing our region.
- Dance –Spring Sports was eliminated unanimously at the rep assembly.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS

- Transition to 9-12 Organization – The MSHSL has created a task force. Have met 3 times and will meet again in June. Looking at the by-laws to see what impact this will have on them. This will be a member school vote.
- Drone Policy – Drones are not allowed.
- Transfer Eligibility Guide – Will continue to work on updating this and sharing it with member schools. One of the main topics is PSEO and Online learning.
- Name, Image, & Likeness Policy – Add language regarding collectives.

FINE ARTS REVIEW

- Music – Thank you to the schools who hosted this year's contests. There will be a continued effort to have additional schools hosting the contests. Daryl Timmer, Music Coordinator, has agreed to continue his role for the region.
- Speech/Debate – No update currently.

WINTER FINANCIAL REVIEW – Secretary Whisler reviewed the financial report from the winter tournament. He indicated the revenue is up a little over \$30,000 from the previous year. He also noted the cost of running the section tournaments was just under \$20,000 more than the previous year.

AUDIT REPORT – Secretary Whisler reviewed the final audit report with the committee.

SPRING SPORTS UPDATE – Secretary Whisler indicated we are all set for the upcoming spring tournaments. We are fortunate to have outstanding tournaments managers running the tournaments.

2024-25 PLANNING

- Sites – All of the sites are set up for next year’s tournaments. We will continue to review sites if other options become available.
- Ticket Prices – There was a discussion about the ticket prices for the 2025-26 school year. Part of the discussion included the importance of keeping the student prices at \$5.00 for all tournaments except boys’ and girls’ hockey. Tim Coleman made a motion to increase all tickets prices to \$10 for everyone for boys’ and girls’ hockey, Jenny Patrek seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED**
- Fees/Stipends – There was a discussion to review the fees and stipends paid by the region. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table the topic until the August meeting. At that time, we will form a sub-committee to look at the fees and stipend schedule.
- Purchase of bibs – Secretary Whisler indicated that we will be purchasing new Nordic ski bibs. We intended to purchase them last year, but the company failed to follow through on the purchase. No motion was needed for this purchase as it we already approved at a previous meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2024-25 Committee Members
 - At Large Member – Jamil Payton made a motion to invite Andrew Collins, Executive Chief of Schools for St. Paul, to fill the vacancy of the at-large position on the committee. Jim Young seconded the motion **MOTION APPROVED**
 - Student Representatives – The committee thanked Atta and Mary for being the student representatives on the committee. It was recommended that we continue to have student representatives on the committee. Secretary Whisler will review previous minutes to see what schools are in-line to select a student.
 - Executive Secretary Evaluation/Salary Compensation - Chairperson Schmidt shared the results of the secretary’s evaluation. She also indicated that the salary of the secretary’s position will be \$45,000 for the 2024-25 school year. Secretary shared his appreciation for both the evaluation and salary increase.

- Mileage Reimbursement – Secretary Whisler asked the committee members to complete and return mileage reimbursements sheets to him.

- Renewal of Zoom Account – A motion was made by Jim Young and seconded by Tim Coleman to approve the renewal of the region’s Zoom contract. **MOTION APPROVED**

- Meeting Dates for 2024-25
 - August 21, 2024 @ 10:30
 - September 18, 2024 @ 8:30/10:30 (AD/Committee)
 - November 13, 2024 @ 10:30
 - January 15, 2025 @ 8:30/10:30 (AD/Committee)
 - April 16, 2025 @ 8:30/10:30 (AD/Committee)
 - May 21, 2025 @ 10:30
 - June 4, 2025 @ 10:30

ADJOURNMENT

- There was a motion made by Brian Peloquin seconded by Jamil Payton for adjournment. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Next Meeting** – June 3, 2024