

# MHSLA Meeting Agenda

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**Objective:** Monthly Meeting

**Date:** 3/11/2025

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Facilitator:** President Thesing

Entity	Designated Representative	Other Representative	Other Representative
MHSLA President	Todd Thesing		
MHSLA Vice President			
MHSLA Treasurer	Eric Sutherland		
MHSLA Secretary	Brad Koon		
Sheridan	Jeff Shideman		
Billings Beartooth	Desarae Detling		
Billings Rimrock	Howard Ruzick		
Bozeman	Rob Leder		
Cody	TJ Gionet		
Jackson	Tori Hederman		
Last Chance	Nathan Natsheim		
Butte	Dan Carroll		
Great Falls	Jeremy Comstock		
Missoula Wild	Steve Amish		
Missoula Spartans	Steve Crass		
Northwest Avalanche	Chris McLaughlin		
Cheyenne			

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1. President's Report

- a. Thank everyone Chris, Tori, Steve, Rob, for stepping in and helping out.
- b. Make sure everyone is getting payment in.
- c. MLOA Refringing contract signed
  - i. Same as last year, but increased hourly rate by \$5
- d. Let Rhett know State location hasn't been finalized yet.
- e. Steve Crass asked if the MLOA has agreed to be more transparent
  - i. Todd said they are being more open, but doesn't know all the details yet.
  - ii. Doesn't want to push him too hard now because he is short staffed.
- f. Add Cheyenne to Slack. Todd will do that.

2. Vice President's Report

3. Secretary Report

- a. Comments on the 2/11/2025 MHSLA Minutes?
- b. John Noble has Sports Engine/Website in good shape.
- c. Talked to him today and he is going to address the following:
  - i. Update the board contacts
  - ii. Replace the 2023 rules with the 2025 Final Rules
  - iii. Set up the website so the MHSLA meeting minutes can be posted.
  - iv. Do we want to post the Zoom Link on the website?
    - 1. No
  - v. Consider inviting John to meetings
- d. Need to assign a page manager for each team to get rosters, stats, scores.
  - 1. Need name and email for each page manager.
  - 2. **Brad work with Todd and Krista to get a spreadsheet and quiz to get the information.**
- e. A link is on the home page of website for teams to register.
  - i. Please get your teams registered.
  - ii. All of the Bozeman teams have registered
    - 1. Did you have any issues?
      - a. **All questions were outdated.**
      - b. **Why is registration asking questions.**
        - i. **Just ask questions, that are needed.**
        - ii. **Brad will discuss with John**
- f. He asked that we have a more formal way of updating the schedule.
  - i. He sees schedule changes come through from multiple people and doesn't know what he should change and not change.
    - 1. There is currently an email from Steve and an email from Tori with schedule changes. Can John make these changes?
    - 2. Board to come up with a line of communication.
      - a. John only make changes when directly asked from Chris or Tori?
        - i. **John will only make changes to the schedule when directed to do so by Chris on Boys and Tori on Girls.**

- b. Should John see all the back and forth? Or just the final email from one person of what to change? **Just the final email from Tori or Chris.**
- c. Howard Ruzick asked about costs for tournament
  - i. How is Billings tournament being handled for payment.
    - 1. Todd recommended Howard reach out to Treasure State to make sure they have a clear understanding of payment.
- d. How does MLOA get looped in?
  - i. **Chris and Tori will communicate to John Noble and MLOA at the same time so everyone is on same page.**

#### 4. Treasurer Report

- a. Account Balance: \$24,715.32
- b. Beartooth, Cheyenne, Spartans paid
- c. No one else paid. Please send payment.
- d. Registration fees from Bozeman only so far.
  - i. Eric asked if questions are causing problems.
  - ii. Tori asked if she can register more than 1 team at once.

#### 5. Scheduling update

- a. Tori:
  - i. No update, good to go other than changes in Billings
- b. Chris:
  - i. Good on Boys side
    - 1. Steve Amish regarding 9:00 AM game time change
      - a. Requested move to 11:00 AM start on 4/12.
        - i. Helena East and Sheridan would move 11:00 AM game in Bozeman to 9:00 AM.
          - b. Doesn't make sense to change. Let's not change.**
  - ii. NW Avalanche isn't going to have a JV team
    - 1. Respond to Chris's email regarding teams that will be affected by NWA not having a JV team.**
- c. Jeff is new contact for Sheridan
  - i. **Jeff Shideman is new Sheridan contact [jshideman@icloud.com](mailto:jshideman@icloud.com)**

#### 6. MLOA Contract

- a. Contract signed

#### 7. Last Rules Clarification

- a. Need to clean up a few items in the future. Nothing to change now.
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8. State Bids

- a. Helena is only bid. State Lacrosse is in Helena.
- b. Request to make decision sooner next year so fields can be set up earlier.
- c. Consider putting it on a rotation.
- d. Vote was made for State in Helena:

a. VOTE:

Sheridan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Billings Beartooth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Billings Rimrock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Bozeman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Cody	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Last Chance	<input type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
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Great Falls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Missoula Wild	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Missoula Spartans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Northwest Avalanche	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Cheyenne	<input type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Tally:      PASS 11      FAIL 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>PASS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FAIL</b>

9. Referee assignments

- a. With two varsity teams in more towns, consider having referees that coach on other teams in the same town not be able to referee the other team's game.
  - i. There is an issue in Helena
    - a. Todd Recommended Nathan contact MLOA

10. Thrown out Friday Saturday for State. Will need to talk to Helena.

- a. College is trying to figure out Lacrosse lines.
- b. Suggestion is to use rolls of duct tape.
- c. One concern with Friday is AP testing.
  - i. Nathan and Brad talk to group to see if able to facilitate Friday/Saturday.
  - ii. Can Helena come back with a proposal
    - 1. Maybe just have games over by Noon on Sunday.
  - iii. Let everyone know if kids graduating.
  - iv. Helena see if it could be Friday Evening and Saturday.
    - 1. Consider playing a couple games the week before.
  - v. Single Elimination/Combination
    - 1. Chris will prepare a scenario for next meeting.
    - 2. Not going to know teams until seeding is done.

11. If 24 kids on varsity and want to register JV, need to be on JV roster and get invited to play up. Consider pickup games for JV teams. Make it work as a group. Chris will be going through each week and updating.

12. If State is Friday, Saturday, when is board meeting.

- a. Late Friday Night.

13. Next Meeting: April 8, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

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