

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION, INC.
16332 Deer View Road
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Spring Delegates Assembly meeting Friday March 22, 2019
Mancini's in St. Paul

MEETING MINUTES

- A. **Call to order:** MSHSCA President Mike Peterson (Perham) Meeting called to order at 9:05 am.
- B. **Introductions:** Executive Director/Asst to Director, Board, new delegates and new sports association officers. All sections were represented. The following Sport Associations were not represented Boys Basketball, Boys Hockey, Boys LaCrosse, Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing,
- C. **President Welcome Message:** Been a good year and so many things we are working on moving forward. Concentrate on being education based athletics. Need to be at the forefront. Building relationship with MSHSL and MnIAAA to grow relationships to reach the common goal. Working on Parent education video to be available this fall and inform them how to behave and approach coaches during difficult situations. Can be used at parent meetings and team meetings Share the knowledge so they can understand the correct way to approach difficult situations. Continue working on getting a state tournament coaches card. Share knowledge with younger coaches to handle difficult situations.
- D. **MSHSL updates and information:** Erich Martens - MSHSL Executive Director
1. Recognize the value of the coaches association and has been a member of the association.
 2. How do you define success and grab the value of it?
 3. Collaboration of association remember you are the MSHSL. The MSHSL is us- every coach, parent and athlete and we all have a hand in the success. Remember we are Education Based first and foremost. We want kids to represent well both on and off the field.
 4. Competitive section placement will be coming out soon. Why does the process take so long? Must get numbers from Dept. Ed and then see which schools want to opt up. Then look at appeals and see where schools will land. A rubiks has been developed to help with placement. Final decision will be out on April 4th.
 5. Start to look at proposals from fall and winter sports. Look at classification and adding classes for sports requesting changes. Must strive to get to state tournaments but need to focus on the value of the section tournaments.
 6. Recruitment and Retention of individuals for the different position. 5 out of 25 people have accepted different positions at the league office. Also the R & R of coaches, AD's and officials to maintain quality programs. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact people at the league office.
 7. Rep Assembly issues that have been brought forward. Three items being

forwarded to the Rep Assembly.

- A. International student can participate at the JV or lower level for
- B. One time divorce move. Are seeing more parents that have never been married so there is no divorce.
- C. One year ineligible from your last move, the athlete would have to sit one year.

8. Boys Volleyball and Girls Wrestling didn't pass the section requirements to move to the Rep Assembly.

E. **MSHSL Board of Directors Report:** Craig Anderson-Pine Island

Jill Johnson-Waconia

- 1. Pleasure to represent the MSHSCA on the MSHSL Board.
- 2. Craig will be done at the conclusion of the year. His position will be filled by an AD from the MnIAAA. Erich is very open to ideas and is willing to listen to ideas that you may have.

F. **Executive Directors Report:** John Schumacher (Park Rapids)

- 1. Approval of March 2018 Minutes-Motion Mike Lohtka 2nd Gordy Klomps. Approved.
- 2. Membership Report-Up from last year 314 as of March 1st. Robotics being new has bumped us up 55 so far. 2 membership years will be running starting next week. Coaches need to make sure that they select correct year when registering.
- 3. Financial Report-Rick Ringeisen (Lakeville South)/Nathan Youngs (Dassel-Cokato) Few revisions and changes with reports than in the past. Resetting financial report so it coincides with the membership year so the dates have been moved from 7/1 to 8/1. It started 7/1 in the past. Added more line items to provide transparency to the association. Liability insurance will increase to two million dollars. Ended the 2018 fiscal year with \$298,553.90 and membership year (2017-2018) at \$176,358. 53. (This number includes transitions monies transferred in so a little skewed. Financially strong and have enough money to run organization for a year if there was a crisis. Motion Mark O'Neil. 2nd-Jim Baker. Motion approved.
- 4. NOCAD Update-John Schumacher/Gary Prantner (Byron). Our coaches Assoc is very well organized. Other organizations at NOCAD are sometimes one sport. Ours is all inclusive. Looking at Digital membership cards. 2 million for liability insurance will kick in for 2019-2020 membership year at no additional cost to our members.
- 5. Update on court case/Appeal- We have filed an appeal with the Supreme court and less than 10% of cases are heard by the Supreme Court and they are hearing our case. Fighting to have classification of "public official" attached to coaches.
- 6. Membership Issues-We have coaches not affiliated with schools that are members. Our insurance company said only school affiliated coaches can be members of the association. If found to be not legitimate we will remove Them and no refunds. AD's are the front line to get a handle on this

Situation as they know who their coaches are.

- G. **Introduction of VP Candidates:** John Schumacher Tim Triplett (Holy Family Catholic), Juno Nayagam (Benilde-St. Margaret), David Boone (Edina), Barry Wohler (Orono). Each candidate introduced themselves and gave a verbal resume.
- H. **Website Update:** Rob Nielsen (Detroit Lakes) Continue partnership with sports engine. Most associations have worked well with them and it's very easy to work with. 7500 users on our website a month. Encouraged balance of Associations to run their own clinics.
- I. **Scholarship Report and Update:** Gregg Martig-Chairman (Pequot Lakes)-Down to last week to get applications in. Prioritizing preference to members to this association kids to receive the award. 10-\$1000.00 awards go out. Receive 200-300 apps a year. Focus has gone to applicants who have had parents or grandparents that have been members of our association. Has to complete first semester and send transcript to the Schumacher's for payment.
- J. **Hall of Fame Banquet and Hall of Fame nominations:** Jim Baker/Chair (South St. Paul) Banquet is Oct 12, 2019. It is a special event and opportunity to recognize the Hard working coaches.
- K. **Distinguished Service Award for Officials:** Mike Peterson Great Award and officials do really appreciate being recognized. Please submit any names, forms in packet.
- L. **Updates Each Sport Association:** Each sport is asked to give a brief update about their issues, concerns and initiatives. **Delegates:** 7A-Jon Wagner Eveleth-Gilbert. Track coaches want 3 classes up on the Iron Range. 6AA-Dave Boone-want 3 classes in track. **Presidents:** AD's-Mark Kuisle, is behind summer waiver. Issue with over exploiting coaches with coaching year round. Lost 14 Basketball coaches in last 5 years, burn-out. MNIAAA-will have next board rep to MSHSL Board. They need to be applying right now if you know of a great AD. Conference next week in St. Cloud. Putting education based athletics first and the importance of it. Carl Erickson and Megan Ewen are going into HOF. DSA-Jim Bowden, John Otto Dennis Moore, Fred Josting, Bruce Johnson. We are here to listen and help.

Bringing

back value and what's valued in our programs. Adaptive Athletics-Brett Kowelski-promoting our sport. Doing my first coaches clinic this summer. How to retain students and work with AD's, find spaces for our events. Baseball-Rick Zollner-377 teams in MN. The All-Star series 104 kids selected. 14 scholarships \$500.00. 140 invited to Juniors showcase. 75 college scouts at it. Do a Fall Clinic And HOF Banquet, close association with Twins and ticket partnership. 1 week of arm conditioning added back. 3rd year of pitch count. New initiatives' increase pitch count by 10 at sections. Add games to the schedule increase to 24 games and staying within 20 day scheduling. More double headers. 60 percent are in favor on survey. It would be optional. Boys VB coming in is concerning, gym time compromised with another sport, but it is a concern. We are for Boys VB but should be in the fall with girls. Girls Basketball-Carl Pierson, we work together as girls and boys, want to see the shot clock added. Main objection is cost and hiring table workers. Safety component would avoid deliberate following at the end of the game.

Change the way 4A is seeded for over a decade-2 best teams in the state were Wayzata and Hopkins. They are in the same section. They didn't get to play on the big stage. It was a blow out. Most recent, keep sections as is, play first 2 rounds as is, top 16 only in 4A coaches seed 1-8 and then a committee geographically place bottom 8 teams competitively and geographically. Hoping this compromise gets us to the ultimate goal. Dance-Jennifer Blaido-proposal to be heard by MSHSL. AAA-look more like a sport. Additional round of play is more than a one day event to go to State. Dance pending lawsuit-two boys sued MSHSL to compete in dance. Asked for an injunction by the judge to compete while the case is going on. They are being allowed to compete on a dance team. League has advised all AD's to let boys try out. As a Girls Dance team it is a big deal for us. Unless the lawsuit is finalized, there will be boys on girls teams. Looking for legal advice. We have a lot of questions. Historic decision the appeals court made. Not only concerned about dance but all sports moving forward. Football-Scott Gonnerman as President will be done at the end of month. Seeding for the state tournament, time and distance to travel, district FB and where you are placed in your sub-district. FB clinic March 28-30th, 2019. HOF March 30th. New-Assoc is with MSHSL FB summit to roll forward the game of FB coming up April 27th at Roseville. For coaches, parents, youth coaches and AD's. Has a mom component. Trying to grow the game with the concussion issue. Do a lot with social media. Constantly sending stuff out. Give out 16- \$500.00 scholarship. Tackle cancer brought in \$348,000+ this year. 1.7 million over the years. Golf-Eric Tollefson is the new President. Improve communications with Golf coaches at all levels. Gymnastics-LeeAnn Steen-2nd year of reformatting the qualifications to bring members to state. Rotating maybe the A and AA tournament around where one is in the morning one year and the next year in the afternoon. Girls Hockey-Shawn Reid. 25th Anniv of Girls Hockey in MN and promoted it and honored those in the past. Lots of partnerships. All kids got 25th Anniv decal for helmets. Encourage all teams to have some celebration. Lots of different ways programs did it. Host 150 senior class play, a top Junior game, and scholarships. Partnered with the Boys Assoc, Wild and USA Hockey. Great partnership. Girls La Crosse-Rick Reidt initiative the length of season 13 weeks long and haven't started the season yet. Our season is very compressed and concerned with injuries. Want one more week on the front end. Issue will be competing for gym time. Soccer-Looking for an indoor venue for the All-star game. Secured Health East. Main proposal for reclassification since 2012. Hope they honor our proposal. Robotics-Just started and joined MSHSCA this year. Starting this year with awards and hope to get to ACOY COY. At 51 members so far and growing. Softball-Laura Olson met with Lisa Lissamore at MSHSL. Big concern is working with travel ball issues. They can play travel ball during our season, Trying to grow the game and promote our sport throughout the state. Education based vs travel ball. Partnership with the Twins to grow with. Clinic held in Feb at Target field. 400++ coaches showed up and great speakers. All star event trying to grow. Got approved HOF inductees will be recognized July 14th at a Twins game. Boys Swimming-Doug Donaldson Girls and Boys. State meet was a great event and had a lot of All American athletes. All time State record set in diving. Megan Phillip from Edina set that record. First boys

swimmer under 20 sec in 50 freestyle. Larson from Edina. Great attendance at True Teams. Banquet May 3rd. Last year 680 attended. State Coaches Clinic is on May 3-4th. Great speakers. HOF-Mark Storhaug Marcey Weidner from Eden Prairie. Tennis-David Wareham. Fred Wells Tennis center. Has partnerships this year with the

USTA National and State Levels. Submitted proposal for 3 classes. It appears the MSHSL changed criteria and girls we should qualify but boys won't. This fall online results with an online company. All schools put team and individuals results in the database. 100 percent participation with girls season. Worked great. Very efficient to look at records head to head. Track -Aaron Berndt, heavy emphasis on recruitment of coaches. Launched 2 programs. Mentorship program. Old coaches mentoring younger coaches. We have 45 coaches doing this. Gross number of men vs female coaches. Woman for Woman program to grow female coaches numbers. 100 coaches are part of a google classroom. Good representation of men and women to support this effort. Iron Range coaches trying to see how things would look like with more classes. Proposal is drafted. Will present it in May. What would a meet look like and facilities are an issue. Currently at Hamline and it is a packed event. So checking to see if another facility would work but it is a huge cost to move to UM campus facility. \$10,000.00 for a HS meet at the campus. So very expensive. Volleyball-Becca Pulju Waiting for section results to come out. Hoping for 4 classes. Most girls in any sport in the state. Trying to find sites. Clinic this summer. Boys VB is an issue. We are in support of Boys VB and are concerned with dance. Have had boys join Girls VB out east. Wrestling-Neil Jennison-have a few proposals going forward. Had a 3 days team tournament for many years and changed to a one day team tournament. Fighting to get that back. Roy Wilkens, use it for the first round. It would give us the mat space we need. They may only get one match. Trying to get true wrestle backs back. Guarantee 2 matches. There's a Girls Wrestling proposal and came from a non host school. Went to rep assembly and got shut down because it didn't come from a school. Girls wrestling is growing. We have opportunities for girls. Need to figure out how to put forward a proposal. Proposal brought forward to let talented JV wrestlers fill a varsity slot if available. Outstate MN....struggling building weights. Analyzing that and see what The National Federation does with weight classes. People do cooperative programs because they want dual meets. If you have a rooster less than 20 kids, we will offer you have an opportunity for 2 scrimmages per week to have practice partners. State Tournament-right coaches getting right passes. Coaches Clipboard maybe can submit coaches clipboard to MSHSCA to help with issues of passes. We seeded state tournament our self great program that seeds it and it is fair. Sports Medicine-Tom Sharp Committee didn't meet this fall so nothing new. Next meeting April 10th for Sports Medicine. If anything in the medical world you need us to look at let us know. Figure out what's best for our kids.

M. **Other agenda items**

N. **Adjournment:** 11:45 am. Motion by Neil Jennison 2nd-David Boone Motion Passed

O. Lunch provided by MSHSCA

