



Minnesota State High School League

Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis

League Office, Brooklyn Center and via digital platform

Monday, June 1, 2020

Welcome

- Board President Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz called the meeting to order and reminded Board Members that roll call votes are required for all action items due to the virtual meeting setting.
- Board member John Vraa gave the reflection
- The meeting agenda as presented was approved by roll call vote
- The board meeting minutes from April 24, 2020 were approved by roll call vote

Lobbyist Report

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson reported the State Legislature adjourned on May 18, but is likely to reconvene on June 12
- A tax bill that includes a provision for the League's tax dollars on tournament tickets to be used for operations is on a list of bills that will be considered by the tax committee
- Approximately \$160 million in federal grants are very likely to be available to help state organizations and school districts, among others. The League's lobbyist and League Staff will explore what eligibility the League might have to receive a grant.

Legal Counsel Report

- Legal Counsel Kevin Beck reported there is one pending court case. A hearing date for a motion to dismiss is being sought.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Erich Martens reported the League office is closed to the public to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines. League Staff are now working in the office on a rotation basis and are working remotely when not in office.

- Incoming board members were introduced and welcomed: Rockford's Dawn Engebretson (Girls Sports Representative); St. Paul's Ceil McDonald (Speech) and Tracy Area's Bill Tauer (Regions 3-4A)
- Announced the board officers for the 2020-2021 school year: Blaine Novak (president-elect); Tom Jerome (vice president-elect); Troy Stein (treasurer-elect) as selected by the Board.
- Thanked board members that have participated in the League's LEAD Network, LEAD Liaisons, and AD's Advisory Committee.
- Thanked League Staff for their hard work, communication and decision-making during the challenges of COVID-19.
- Thanked the Twin Cities Dunkers for their annual fundraiser which raised \$90,000 for the athletic departments in member schools in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- The Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals conference is in early June and the MSHSL will present.
- The League is one of 70 youth sports providers that are represented on a roundtable with State of Minnesota Commissioner Tarek Tomes to help create a model for the reopening of youth sports. Maintaining health, safety and long-term success are the foundations of the model.

Executive Committee Report

- By roll call vote, the board of directors approved a committee recommendation to hold a board of directors meeting on July 14, 2020
- By roll call vote, the board of directors approved a committee recommendation to schedule the next Representative Assembly on Nov. 17, 2020
- The International School of Minnesota, based in Eden Prairie, is seeking to become a dormitory-based school. Executive Director Martens will provide information to the school's leadership on criteria and process
- The committee approved the closing of the associate director position that has been posted
- The League received \$790,000 through the Paycheck Protection Program. In following the requirements of the program, up to \$580,000 will be a grant.
- The League Office will begin traditional summer hours this week and is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Friday. League Staff will work fulltime and are reachable via phone and email.
- The board of directors approved the Executive Committee report by roll call vote

Closed Session

- The board of directors approved by roll call vote to move into a closed session at 9:45 a.m to discuss nonpublic educational data.
- The board of directors re-opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Action Items (Roll call votes were used on all Action Items because of virtual meeting protocol)

- **9A: Summer Waiver Coaching Period**

Approved a motion by the Eligibility Committee and declaration of the MSHSL to change the Summer Waiver Coaching Period start date to June 15

- **9B: Representative Assembly Proposed Amendments:**

Bylaw 110, Semesters Enrolled --- The board of directors approved the advancement of proposed amended language in the bylaw to the Representative Assembly

Bylaw 110, Board Policy Update --- The board of directors approved policy language that further explains the approved amendments including notice of students by schools and specific examples of situations.

Bylaw 403, Cooperative Sponsorship of an activity by two or more member schools --- The board of directors approved the advancement of proposed amendments to the cooperative sponsorship bylaw provided through the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaw 403.

- **9C: Winter Advisory Recommendations**

Wrestling

- The board of directors approved the proposal by the wrestling advisory committee to increase the size of the team roster for section and state tournaments. The increase is to add two wrestlers so that each alternate would cover two weight classes.
- The board of directors approved the proposal by the wrestling advisory committee to allow for a participant to compete in both junior varsity and varsity matches in the same dual, triangular or quad meets, and have the participation recorded as two individual matches, but only one event.
- No motion was made in support of a proposal by the wrestling advisory committee to add an additional half day to the state tournament for the purpose of creating a full consolation round for the individual portion of the tournament and spread the team tournament over two days.

9D: Approval of Complimentary Ticket List for 2020-2021

- The board of directors approved the Complimentary Ticket List as presented. The list includes League sponsors and outside organizations that are longtime partners.

9E: 2020-2021 Speech Season: Book and topic

- The board of directors approved the following for the 2020-2021 Speech Books and Topic

Prose:

All of the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Poetry

Americans' Favorite Poems edited by Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz

Storytelling

Selected stories from *Project Gutenberg*

Discussion Topic

Global Wellness

9F: 2019-2020 Membership registration fees

- The board of directors approved a motion that member schools would not receive activity fee rebates or credits as a result of the cancellation of the Spring 2020 season

9G: 2019-2020 Officials registration fees

- The board of directors approved a motion that registered spring officials would not receive fee rebates or credits due to the cancellation of spring sports and activities

Discussion Items

- **10A: 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget**

League Staff shared information on factors that will impact the creation of a 2020-2021 budget, which include but are not limited to, registration fees, tournament revenues, contracts and sponsorships, as well as projected expenses for programming, insurance and staffing. The League will continue to develop financial projections for presentation at the July 14 board of directors meeting

- **10B: Consolation and Third Place**

League Staff shared information related to consolation and third place rounds within many state tournaments. This information will be considered in future decisions regarding tournaments.

- **10C: Competitive Section Placement Process Timeline**

League Staff shared information on the classification and competitive section placement of member schools that is scheduled to take place in the spring of 2021. Prior to the process, the Region Assignments of member schools will be reviewed and adjusted.

- **10D: Pre-Participation Physical Forms**

League Staff presented information on behalf of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee related to pre-participation examination (PPE) that are required every three years and recommended that the Board adopt a one year waiver for renewal for any student who has already had a PPE.

- **10E: Community Media Systems**

League Staff shared information on a proposal submitted by the Community Media Systems to be included in the League's Radio Partnership.

Committee Reports

Eligibility Committee (conducted by virtual platform on May 26, 2020)

- The committee meeting minutes were approved as presented by roll call vote
- A motion for further review of an eligibility case was approved by roll call vote and the review will be done by the Executive Committee.

Audit/Finance Committee (conducted by virtual platform on May 28, 2020)

- The financial statement for April was approved by the board of directors by a roll call vote
- The League's Annual Report is due June 15 to the IRS and Minnesota's Attorney General
- The board of directors approved in a roll call vote the increase in registration fees for first-year officials to \$30 to more closely address the actual cost of officiating materials.
- The committee discussed the potential for Administrative Regions to carry more than the current 20 percent of operational expenses in the fund balance

Marketing and Communications Committee (conducted by virtual platform on May 27, 2020)

- League Staff provided an update on the technology build that is scheduled for a Phase 1 release in mid-July
- The board of directors approved by roll call vote a motion to renew the existing sponsorship with Wells Fargo
- The board of directors approved by roll call vote a motion to partner with the Minnesota Vikings for promotions of the Prep Bowl

- The board of directors approved by roll call vote a motion to partner with Hometown Ticketing, a digital ticketing company

Education and Leadership Committee (conducted by virtual platform on May 28, 2020)

- League Staff provided updates on the LEAD Network, InSideOut Initiative, Coaches Education Requirement and the MNHCC
- A concussion module will be available on the League's website on Aug. 1
- The general rules and sport-specific rules meetings will be available in early August
- League Staff provided an update on Arbiter registration and eligibility
- An Officials Recruitment Forum is scheduled for June 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Informational

- New board member orientation, time and date, TBA
- Workshop: August 3-4, time and location, TBA
- Next board meeting: July 14, 2020, time TBA