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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes

MPSSAA

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Ms. Kim Dolch called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Edward Sparks reported 52 voting members present. Ms. Dolch requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 2014. Mr. Ken Zorbach motioned and Mr. Mike Sye seconded. The motioned carried.

Mr. Ned Sparks reviewed the preliminary Fall and Spring Financial Report. No questions followed.

Old Business

A Fall Tournaments

- Golf - Mr. Ned Sparks commended the committee for their help in running the tournament during Mr. Woods medical absence. He acknowledged the winning individuals and team winners.
- Cross Country - Mr. Mike Sye provided a handout and thanked everyone who helped make this year's state championship at Hereford High School a success.
- Field Hockey - Ms. Phyllis Hemmes provided a handout and thanked the committee and Washington College for conducting a great tournament. Ms. Hemmes mentioned the last play date for games to count in the 2015 draw will be October 21. The draw will be conducted on October 22, 2015. The 2014 Sportsmanship Award was awarded to Kent Island High School.
- Soccer - Ms. Marianne Shultz provided a handout and reported on an outstanding tournament for both the boys and girls held at Loyola College. The Steve Malone Sportsmanship Awards were awarded to Howard High School (girls) and Brunswick High School (boys).

- Volleyball - Ms. Sybil Modispacher thanked everyone for their dedication for a successful tournament at Ritchie Coliseum.
- Football - Mr. Mike Calhoun provided a handout and thanked everyone for another successful year for the tournament held at M & T Bank Stadium. Mr. Calhoun mentioned that all four games were broadcasted live by Sinclair on Fox 45 and News Channel 8. The John Cox Sportsmanship Award was won by Frederick Douglass High School in Prince George's County.

B. Student Leadership Conference

Mr. Andy Warner summarized the Fifth Annual Student Leadership Conference that was held at North County High School. Mr. Warner thanked everyone for their help with the conference. Mr. Warner mentioned that Patterson Mill High School was the first MD school to win a \$25,000 grant from State Farm as a result of daily pledges to drive safely in the 10 day window of the event. The committee elected Mr. Mike Duffy to assume the role of committee chair. Mr. Duffy mentioned that the next Student Leadership Conference will be held on August 6 and the location will be announced at a later date.

New Business

A. Marketing/Sponsorship/Update TV, Softball and Soccer

Ms. Jill Masterman reported on the renewed MPSSAA ball contracts for several sports and mentioned a 3 year sponsorship with MF Athletic for cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field. Football is the next ball adoption for review in February. Ms. Masterman mentioned the new launch of the MPSSAA website.

B. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Mr. Ned Sparks reviewed the process to amend the bylaws of the MPSSAA which can be found in the MPSSAA Handbook on page 29. He reviewed the process to date and the significance of proposals approved by the Board of Control.

Ms. Kim Dolch asked for a motion to accept the Swimming Seasonal Limitations Proposal. After a discussion Mr. Earl Hawkins motioned to accept and Mr. A. K. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kim Dolch asked for a motion to accept the Volleyball Committee Seasonal Limitations Proposal. After a discussion Mr. Kevin Hook motioned to accept and Mr. Greg Bozman seconded. The motion failed by a vote of 22 in favor and 28 opposed.

C. Classification Committee Report and Recommendations

Mr. Ned Sparks reviewed the classification process which remain in effect for 2 school years. Member schools shall be divided as equally as possible into four classifications based on enrollment. If, in this calculation, two or more schools with equal enrollments fall between two classifications, they shall be placed in the lower classification. The proposed 2015-2017 regions were presented for review.

Ms. Kim Dolch asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the classification report. Dr. Andy Roper motioned and Mr. Eric Michael seconded. By a vote of 51- 0 the motion passed.

D. Medical Advisory Committee

Mr. Ned Sparks mentioned the committee will meet in January. The committee will be asked to review and perhaps endorse initiatives of the MPSSAA.

E. Winter Tournaments

- Wrestling - Dr. William Beattie reported the site for the state dual meet tournaments for the next three years will be held at North Point High School.
- Indoor Track - Mr. Joe Sargent provided a handout and mentioned the state championship will be held on February 16 and 17 at the Prince George's Sports Complex Center. Mr. Sargent reported the state seeding meeting will be held on February 14 at Milford Mill Academy and if not entered by the entry deadline (72 hours), teams will not be allowed to enter the state tournament.
- Basketball - Ms. Lynette Mitzel mentioned the girls' tournament will return to SECU Arena at Towson University on March 11, 13 and 15, 2015 and the boys' will return to College Park on March 12,13 and 14, 2015. Ms. Mitzel mentioned that 45 band members will be allowed into the tournament and there will be no draw meeting held at Long Reach HS. The meeting will take place on February 24 and tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA website later that day.
- Swimming – Mr. Earl Hawkins reported no changes and he thanked everyone for a successful tournament.

F. Legislative/Legal Review

Mr. Elliott Schoen reviewed the Interscholastic Athletics: ADA and Section 504 PowerPoint. His primary point was to emphasize the need to give individual consideration for each request for accommodation.

G. Spring Tournament Proposals

- Baseball - Mr. Jason Woodward thanked the committee and mentioned the draw will be on May 6 with the state finals to be held at Ripken Stadium.
- Softball - Ms. Lynn Pitonzo provided a handout and mentioned no major rule changes and most important that they have your prom and graduation dates sent to the chair before the regionals begin.
- Lacrosse - Mr. Ken Zorbach provided a handout and mentioned the draw date will be May 4. The state finals will be held at Stevenson University on May 19 and 20. Mr. Zorbach reviewed the testing on the Cascade and Warrior helmet. More information will be sent to local athletic coordinators once it becomes available.
- Tennis - Mr. Jim Rodriguez mentioned the state finals will be held at UMCP on May 22 and 23, 2015.
- Track & Field - Mr. Andy Warner spoke for Ms. Beth Shook. Mr. Warner reported the state meet will be held at Morgan State University on May 21, 22 and 23, 2015. Mr. Warner asked for everyone to review page 41 for any corrections that may be needed.

Ms. Kim Dolch asked for a motion to approve spring tournament proposals. Mr. Mike Duffy motioned and Mr. Bob Wade seconded. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jeannie Prevosto motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Joe Sargeant seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.