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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes MPSSAA April 28, 2017

1. Mr. Kevin Hook called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Andrew Warner reported 53 voting members present. Mr. Hook requested a motion to approve the Board of Control (BOC) minutes from December 7, 2016. Mr. Mike Duffy motioned for approval and Mr. Mike Sye seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted.
2. Mr. Warner reviewed the MPSSAA Winter Financial Report. Mr. Warner reported on Indoor Track, Wrestling, Swimming, Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball tournaments. Mr. Warner also updated the Fall Financial report as the football state tournament was not concluded prior to the December 2016 Board of Control meeting. No questions followed. Mr. John Davis motioned for approval and Mr. Steve Lee seconded. The Winter Fall Financial report was unanimously accepted.
3. Mr. Patrick Parks, Division Vice President, DAVCO (Wendy's), MPSSAA sponsor spoke to the BOC regarding student mentoring and unique employment opportunities. They offer a college reimbursement program and the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship, which Maryland has had a finalist participate in the last four years. He also thanked the MPSSAA for the opportunity to partner with his organization.

Old Business

A. Spring Tournaments

- **Baseball** - Jason Woodward asked that the region directors compile records for the draw on Tuesday, May 9, and the playoffs are slated to begin on Thursday, May 11 to avoid Friday proms. Class 4A will play at Shirley Povich Field, Class 3A will go to Joe Cannon Stadium, Harford Community College will host Class 2A, and McCurdy Field will be the site for Class 1A. The official state baseball is the Wilson A1010BPROSST.
- **Lacrosse** – Ken Zorbach stated that the seeding of the region tournaments for Boys and Girls State Lacrosse will take place Monday, May 8 when the pairings will be set for the Sectional Quarterfinals to begin on Wednesday, May 10. The three sites will host both boys and girls games in each classification as follows: 4A/3A will be played at Gaithersburg HS, 3A/2A will be played at Mount Hebron HS, and 2A/1A will be played at Northeast-AA HS. Two games will be played on May 19 and two games on May 20. He also spoke of the stick rule change that will go into effect next year; if you need a copy

of the stick rule change email Ken at kgbach@hotmail.com.

Melba Williams noted that there a wrong date was listed in the lacrosse bulletin, the sectionals semifinals are on Friday, May 12, **not May 13**. Also for the girls 4A North and 4A South are switched. The girls submitted a rules change to the Federation and asked that they check the sticks in the last few minutes of a game when scoring a goal; the rationale is to ensure officials game management in the final minutes and overtime of the contest.

- **Softball** - Marianne Shultz spoke for Lynn Pitonzo. Ms. Shultz provided a handout and mentioned that the draw will be held on Tuesday, May 9. The finals will be played at the College Park Softball Complex with two games on Friday, May 26, and two games on Saturday, May 27. If any additional changes are necessary, they should go through the regional chairperson. Advise coaches, athletic directors and principals that we will not move regional or state games to accommodate athletic banquets and/or award ceremonies. Exposed undergarments, if worn, are considered part of the official uniform and shall be a solid single color; black, white, gray or a school color but all players must wear the same colors.
- **Tennis** - Jean Vanderpool reported that the 2017 Boys and Girls State Tournaments will be held at the Wilde Lake Tennis Center in Columbia, MD on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27, with a rain date of Monday, May 29.
- **Track & Field** - Jason Bursick spoke for Beth Shook and stated that the deadline for the wheelchair racing entry form is May 1. Supervisors are to provide the number of contracted coaches by email to Beth at eshook@ccboe.com by May 12. Supervisors also need to be aware and check that officials are present at your regional meets that are posted in your county. Be sure to check with your region director on page 41 of the Spring Bulletin. A reminder will also be sent.

Initiatives Update

A. Minds in Motion Scholarship

Jill Masterman announced that there was a very good response to the applications this year. All of the applicants have been separated into districts and have been distributed to the members of the Scholar-Athlete Committee. Those district selection committees are now in the process of going through the applications for district winners and at-large candidates for the committee to select the balance of the winners at Selection Committee Meeting on Friday, May 5. Winners will be notified next Friday afternoon by email and posted on the MPSSAA website on Monday, May 8. Luncheon is June 1, 12:00 PM at the Ravens Stadium, guest speaker is Dr. Karen Stout, President and CEO of Achieving the Dream, Inc.

B. Student Leadership Conference

Michael Duffy reported that the 8th MPSSAA Student Leadership Conference will be held on June 10, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM at Howard HS in Howard County. Currently there are 252 student athletes registered from 82 schools; registration will remain open and the goal of 400 students is reached. The key note speaker is Ms. Kathy Buckley.

C. Coaches' Conference

Earl Hawkins announced the second MPSSAA Coaches' Leadership Conference was held on Saturday, April 22 at North Point High School in Charles County. He gave thanks to the

Athletic Director at North Point, Andy Shattuck, and Steve Lee, Supervisor of Charles County for doing a fantastic job. There were 92 participants this year, and 180 registered for the event.

New Business

A. Proposed State Tournament Policies

Andy Warner reviewed the three state tournament policy proposals submitted by the Executive Council.

- **Proposal A:** Is an update to the interpretation regarding the Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries regulation submitted by the Medical Advisory Committee intended to ensure all coaches are relevant on the latest information pertaining to the health and safety of student-athletes. The Executive Council unanimously approved the following language:

By July 1, 2017, in order for coaches to stay relevant with the care and prevention of athletic injuries to students, all coaches are required to recertify utilizing a local school system approved online course every five years.

Andy Roper made a motion to pass; Eric Michael seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Proposal B:** The MPSSAA Finance Committee is recommending an increase to the reimbursement rates as it relates to individual sport reimbursement. The proposal is intended to provide equity in transportation reimbursement for school systems that travel a further distance to state events.

Increase the initial 0-50 mile rate by \$10.00 and increase the rate by \$25 for every additional 50 miles traveled by school.

John Davis made a motion to pass; Brian Ashby seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Proposal C:** The MPSSAA Lacrosse Committees proposed to increase the number of classifications from three to four. Prince George's County Public Schools entered into state tournament competition for the first time this spring. The increase in schools has placed participation in the sport of lacrosse at over 85 percent. The criterion, according to the Cooke Commission for expansion to four classifications, is at least 65 percent of member schools.

Mike Duffy made a motion to pass; Brian Moore seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Parkside High School (Wicomico County):** It came to our attention this spring that there was a misrepresentation of enrollment numbers for the biennial classification of member schools due to a clerical error which placed Parkside High School with an additional 115 students. This was not discovered until February 2017. A request was received from Dr. Donna Hanlin, Superintendent of Wicomico County Public Schools, to reclassify Parkside to 2A due to the clerical error. The Executive Council and Classification Committee approved this as long as it does not affect any other school in the classifications.

David Byrd made a motion to pass; VaShawne Gross seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fall Tournaments

- **Cross Country** - Mike Sye reported two important pieces of information. 1) The phrase “verifiable participation” was added to Section II, A. (1.) regarding Region and State meets (pg. 10). The State Cross Country Committee feels there should be a paper trail of regular season meets results to verify at each local school system. 2) Page 13, adjusted times and schedule in order to split the awards presentations for each classification.
- **Field Hockey** - Phyllis Hemmes provided a handout and mentioned that there is a new coach at Washington College, Anne Kietzman and are looking forward to the November 11, 2017 for final games there. Seeding is October 19, 2017. The last date for a game to count is October 18 and the last play date is October 23. There is a special four classification alignment. All coaches should have a recent rule book and the MPSSAA Fall Bulletin at scorer’s table. Officials should have a copy of the Over Time procedures provided by MPSSAA at all games.
- **Football** - Mike Calhoun announced that they will be returning to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis this year on Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2.
- **Golf** - Eric Michael reported a couple of changes for the Fall Bulletin; 1) added a letter E. under Section I (pg. 32) permitting the use of non-motorized push carts; 2) added a b. under Section III A.8. (pg. 35) which expands the individual male and female champion awards to be presented to the top golfer in each classification and gender; 3) added a letter b. to Section III C.4. (pg. 36) which requires that there be a designated “Scoring Area” for verifying and signing scorecards at the State Tournament.
- **Soccer** - Marianne Shultz provided a handout and stated that there are no significant changes for the upcoming season. Seeding meeting is October 23, 2017; Fall play date is September 1, 2017; Region finals are November 7, 2017; State semifinals are November 10-11, 2017 and State Finals are November 16-18. The tournaments will be held at Loyola University again this year. She also reiterated the Regional Tournament Directors responsibilities on the handout.
- **Volleyball** – Jill Masterman provided the report for Sybil Kessinger stating that the 2017 tournament will be only 5 days as UMD does not have a home football game this year. Semifinals will be held from November 13-16 with finals being held on November 18, 2017 at the University of MD, Ritchie Coliseum. Shirley Diggs, District 3 representative and 4A South director will not be returning to the committee this coming year and thanked her for her contributions. Volleyball rules changes were noted on the back of the report. State Committee suggested that schools adopt the same warmup procedures for state and region play, home team will always begin warmups with the first 6 minutes which will help with possible travel. Any teams purchasing new uniforms may verify their legality with State Rules Interpreter, Ed Tuchkoski at ejtuchol@nsa.edu. Another change in their bulletin will be in the wording of 20 personnel allowed admittance into the tournament free of charge and allowed to sit on the bench during a match. This makes it even more critical that official rosters are submitted to Sybil prior to State matches.

Mr. Hook asked for a motion to approve Fall 2017 tournaments. Mike Sye motioned and Stosh Schtierman seconded. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Winter Tournaments

- **Basketball** – Lynette Mitzel began her report by stating that there were a couple of changes to the bulletin; time changes regarding a proposed 35-point “Mercy Rule” with running time for boys and girl; a proposed 35-second shot clock for boys only; adjustment to the state Semifinal game times so that the #1 vs. #4 game in each classification is played first, followed by the #2 vs. #3 game to facilitate the determination of the home team for the Finals; and Special 1A alignments. Girls Basketball tournaments will be held at Towson University again in 2018. She thanked the MPSSAA staff for their help with facilitating the location and the event.

Earl Hawkins reiterated on Lynette’s post regarding the “Mercy Rule”; and congratulated the 2017 champions, Class 1A-Fairmount Heights, Class 3A-Poly, Class 2A-Patterson and Class 4A-Perry Hall. The Jack Willard Sportsmanship Award Recipient: Harford Technical Cobras. Changes to the bulletin for boys only, was a proposed 35-second shot clock.

- **Indoor Track** - Joe Sargent provided a handout which noted the team champions for 2017 girls and boys. Also, one classification and one overall state record were set or tied. The weather only affected one regional meet. There was a rotation of classifications for regional championships: 4A in the Armory, 3A in the PGSC (2018), Central regions continuing to run in the Armory (1A, 2A). In both State Meets running events were completed at scheduled time. Bulletin changes: changed the region meet scratch deadline from three to four calendar days before the date of the meet; changed the times for pole vault warm-ups to 30 minutes earlier so that the event can begin promptly when the meet begins; Special four classification/3 region alignment.
- **Swimming** - Earl Hawkins noted winners of the championship. This year the State Swimming Committee initiated the Doug Sutherland Sportsmanship Award which was presented to one school following each of the swim meets. He congratulated Walt Whitman HS in Class 4A/3A and Queen Anne's HS in Class 3A/2A/1A. Bulletin changes: added wording which bars electronic audio devices from the area around the starting blocks; added a new section which prohibits photography from the area behind the starting blocks; and special two classification alignment.
- **Wrestling** - Brian Layman reported the tournament at the Showcase Arena went well for the second year. Brian mentioned that Leonardtown took home the 2nd annual State Duals Sportsmanship Award. He congratulated winners for Class 2A/1A: Middletown; and Class 4A/3A: Damascus. Bulletin changes were noted as a proposed change to increase a four classification system for Dual Meet State Tournament and discontinuing the awarding of a team champion in each classification at the Individual State Wrestling Tournament.

Mr. Hook asked for a motion to approve the 2017-18 winter tournaments. Montgomery County requested to vote on each of the winter sports separately on Girls and Boys Basketball, Indoor Track, Swimming, and Wrestling.

Basketball, Indoor Track, and Swimming were unanimously accepted.

Wrestling - Jason Woodward posed a question regarding wrestling and whether coaches had been polled ahead of time. It was noted that they did. Wrestling was voted on with the following results: For: 44, Against: 2, and Abstain: 5.

Spring Tournament Alignments

Mr. Andy Warner stated that last year there were some classification revisions that called for Spring Tournament special alignments to be approved at the April BOC meeting. Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Track and Field are not affected with any special alignments based on the number of schools that participate. The Lacrosse Committee has presented a special 1A alignment based on the number of 1A schools. The special 1A Lacrosse alignment was approved by the Classification Committee.

The Spring Tournament Alignments were voted on; Mr. Earl Hawkins motioned and Mr. Steve Lee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Recognitions

Mr. Warner first acknowledged the MPSSAA staff: Jill, Jason, Donnee and Cheryl stating that they had been a tremendous asset to the Association putting together both the Executive Council and BOC packets of meeting information and thanked them on behalf of the Association and students for all of their hard work.

He then presented Dr. Duke Beattie with a lifetime gold card on behalf of the MPSSAA for all of his hard work contributed. Duke announced his retirement after 19 years of service on the Executive Council, and also served as the Committee Chair on the Wrestling Committee for many years.

Lynette Mitzel sought a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mike Duffy.

The meeting was adjourned.