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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes

MPSSAA

April 29, 2016

1. Ms. Kim Dolch called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Ms. Dolch appointed Mr. Donnee Gray as the Parliamentarian. Mr. Andrew Warner reported 51 voting members present. Ms. Dolch requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2015. Mr. Jim Rodriguez motioned and Mr. Eric Michael seconded. The minutes were accepted.
2. Mr. Warner reviewed the MPSSAA Winter Financial Report. Mr. Warner reported on Indoor Track, Wrestling, Swimming, Girls' Basketball and Boys' Basketball tournaments. No questions followed.
3. Ms. Monica Reinagel on behalf of the American Dairy Association-Northeast presented a PowerPoint on refueling electrolytes, protein and carbs like a pro with a low-fat chocolate milk after your workout.

Old Business

A. Spring Tournaments

- **Baseball** - Mr. Jason Woodward asked that the region directors compile records by Tuesday, May 10 for the draw on Wednesday, May 11. Mr. Woodward mentioned the Class 4A Final is scheduled for UMCP's Shipley Field on May 27 at 7:00 p.m. There will be three games on **Monday May 30** at Ripken Stadium with Class 1A at 12:00 p.m., Class 2A at 3:00 p.m. and Class 3A at 6:00 p.m. The official state baseball is the Wilson A1010BPROSST.
- **Lacrosse** - Ms. Melba Williams provided a handout and mentioned the draw will be held on Monday, May 9. Ms. Williams mentioned the finals will be played at Stevenson University on May 24 & 25. Ms. Williams mentioned the committee will welcome the addition of Prince George's County into the lacrosse tournament in 2017.
- **Softball** - Ms. Marianne Shultz spoke for Ms. Lynn Pitonzo. Ms. Shultz provided a handout and mentioned that the draw will be held on Tuesday, May 10. Ms. Shultz mentioned the finals will be played at the College Park Softball Complex

with two game on Friday, May 27, and two games on Saturday, May 28. Ms. Shultz mentioned all tournament games will be played with a double first base.

- **Tennis** - Mr. Jim Rodriguez reported on a new venue for the state tournament this year. It will be held at the Olney Manor Recreational Park located at 16601 Georgia Ave., Olney, MD 20832 on May 27 & 28.
- **Track & Field** - Mr. Jason Bursick spoke for Ms. Beth Shook. Mr. Bursick mentioned that supervisors are to provide the number of contracted coaches from each school so that the correct numbers of wrist bands are provided in team packets. Mr. Bursick mentioned the deadline for the wheelchair racing entry form is May 2.

B. Minds in Motion Scholarship

Ms. Jill Masterman announced we will honor 18 recipients at the 9th annual Minds In Motion Scholar-Athlete Scholarships luncheon held on June 2 at the M & T Bank Stadium in the Raven's locker room. Ms. Masterman mentioned due to the generosity of The Allstate Foundation we are able to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a male and female from each of our nine MPSSAA districts.

C. Student Leadership Conference

Mr. Michael Duffy reported that the 7th MPSSAA Student Leadership Conference will be held on August 4 at Gaithersburg HS in Montgomery County. Mr. Duffy mentioned that registration for five students per school will be accepted until May 6. After May 6 registration will be accepted until the quota is full.

D. Coaches' Conference

Mr. Earl Hawkins announced the first MPSSAA Coaches' Leadership Conference is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 at Paint Branch HS in Montgomery County. Mr. Hawkins mentioned this conference is designed to develop coaches' leadership skills that enhance the values of education-based athletics, promote positive relationships with parents and student-athletes, maintain appropriate communication with officials, sportsmanship, inclusion, time management, and developing effective media relations and social media policies/guidelines.

E. Wendy's Update

Mr. Rick Borchers, Chief Operating Officer, Davco Restaurants mentioned Ms. Seneca Friend of Long Reach High School was a Wendy's High School Heisman recipient. Mr. Borchers provided a brochure on employment opportunities with Davco as well as promotional events to positively affect school athletic programs.

New Business

A. Classification Committee Proposal

Mr. Andy Warner reviewed the three proposals submitted to the Board of Control by the classification committee.

- **Proposal A:** The Classification Committee will review all special alignments prior to the spring board of control meeting. The board of control will ratify all classifications and regional alignments at the spring meeting.
- **Proposal B:** Boys' and girls' team in the same sport/same school shall be assigned to the same classification/region whenever possible.
- **Proposal C:** The Classification Committee shall develop initial classification based on member schools that field greater than 50 percent of MPSSAA sponsored sports. The schools that field less than 50 percent will be assigned to the appropriate classification for the sports they offer. If there is still a 10 percent or greater difference, new alignments shall be developed.

Mr. Mike Sye motioned to accept all Classification Committee Proposals and Mr. Kevin Hook seconded. Forty-five approved, 0 opposed and 4 abstentions.

B. Proposed State Tournament Policies

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

- **Proposal A:** Requires rule books to be present at state playoff contests. Earl Hawkins motioned to accept Proposal A and Ms. Jeannie Prevosto seconded. Fifty approved and 1 abstention. The motion passed.
- **Proposal B:** Designates the seeding process as its own category in the state tournament policies and provide transparency within the state tournament bulletins regarding process of seeding all schools and the tie breaking procedures. Adjustments will be made to the language regarding the minimum divisor. Mr. Michael Duffy motioned to accept Proposal B and Mr. Jim Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Proposal C:** Intended to clarify state tournament eligibility based on the sport season in which the regular season is contested. Mr. Kevin Hook motioned to accept Proposal C and Mr. Steve Lee seconded. Forty-six approved and five opposed. The motion passed.

C. Fall Tournaments

- **Cross Country** - Mr. Mike Sye reported the maximum team roster is twelve and substitutions are not permitted. Mr. Sye mentioned the state championship will be held at Hereford HS on November 12, 2016.
- **Field Hockey** - Ms. Phyllis Hemmes provided a handout and mentioned face masks are not permitted as they do not meet the ASTM standard of protection and that all coaches have an updated rule book and the MPSSAA Fall Bulletin at the scorer's table at all times. Ms. Hemmes noted Washington College will be hosting the state finals on November 12, 2016.
- **Football** - Mr. Mike Calhoun reported M & T Bank Stadium will not be available for state championships this year due to the installation of a grass field and a Ravens home game. Mr. Calhoun mentioned MPSSAA will solicit bids from several venues.

- **Golf** - Mr. Eric Michael mentioned adding male and female course ratings for all District Tournament sites and will add the qualifying team, male and female scores for each when calculated. Mr. Michael thanked everyone for a great tournament.
- **Soccer** - Ms. Marianne Shultz provided a handout and mentioned the Steve Malone Sportsmanship Awards were awarded to Bel Air HS (girls) and Meade HS (boys).
- **Volleyball** - Ms. Sybil Kessinger provided a handout and mentioned Ms. Marcia Nissel's retirement and Mr. Daniel Cunningham will be the new 2A West Regional Director. Ms. Kessinger mentioned that the 2016 tournament will be five days at UMD and state finals will be on November 19, 2016. She mentioned the Spalding VB5 ball with red, white and black panels will be required for regional and state play starting this fall through the fall of 2020.

Ms. Dolch asked for a motion to approve fall 2016 tournaments. Mr. Andy Roper motioned and Mr. Eric Michael seconded. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Winter Tournaments

- **Basketball** - Ms. Lynette Mitzel reported they had a great tournament at SECU Arena. Ms. Mitzel mentioned Frederick HS won the sportsmanship award and the Spalding TF-1000 is the required ball to use during playoffs and the state tournament. Ms. Mitzel mentioned for the section finals and region finals, the region director shall have assigned a three-person crew from the officials board local to the designated home team. A table official may be assigned. Ms. Mitzel reported that Ms. Milly Wilson received the NFHS State Distinguished Service Award at the tournament. Mr. Earl Hawkins mentioned Clear Spring HS won the sportsmanship award. Mr. Hawkins informed the membership the committee is exploring the use of a 30-second shot clock.
- **Indoor Track** - Mr. Joe Sargent provided a handout which noted that indoor track set two classification records. Mr. Sargent mentioned the proposal for the 2016-17 winter season to change the order of events and move the 55 Meter Dash Finals. This event will be placed in between the Girls 3200 Run Finals and Boys 3200 Run finals.
- **Swimming** - Mr. Earl Hawkins thanked the committee and noted winners of the championship.
- **Wrestling** - Mr. Brian Layman reported the tournament at the Showcase Arena went well. Mr. Layman mentioned that Oakland Mills took home the first ever State Duals Sportsmanship Award.

Ms. Dolch asked for a motion to approve the 2016-17 winter tournaments. Ms. Mitzel motioned and Mr. Tom Clowes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Special Recognitions

Mr. Warner informed the committee that Sharon Komornik will be retiring effective July 31, 2016. Mr. Warner presented Mr. Jay Berno with a lifetime gold pass.

Mr. Jason Woodward sought a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.