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**MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes  
MPSSAA  
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1. Mr. Michael Duffy, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Mr. Andrew Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 52 of 58 voting members were present, qualifying for a quorum to conduct business for the association. Mr. Duffy requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2019. Ms. Lynette Mitzel motioned for approval and Mr. Eric Michael seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Warner introduced Dr. Teri McCambridge, chair of the MPSSAA Medical Advisory Committee, and Dr. Yvette Rooks, MPSSAA Medical Advisory Committee Member and chief Medical Director at the University of Maryland. Dr. McCambridge discussed the current status of high school sports and mitigation of COVID-19. Dr. McCambridge shared the Medical Advisory Committee feels very strongly with the MPSSAA plans for student engagement. She also reiterated the importance of the pre participation physical as well as potential cardiac referrals based the severity of positive COVID-19 cases. Dr. Rooks provided updates on the mental health of students and the importance of the social, emotional, and physical well-being of students. Both physicians expressed the nationwide information is showing that exposures are taking place in team meetings or outside the actual participation of the programs. Dr. Rooks and Dr. McCambridge answered questions from the membership.
3. Mr. Warner provided a financial report to the Board of Control. Mr. Warner reported the MPSSAA ended the fiscal year in with a net revenue despite the cancellation of the basketball and spring state championships. Mr. Warner shared the income and expenses of the association and reported the MPSSAA is stable given the lack of fall state championships.
4. Mr. Duffy provided information on the two bylaws proposals before the Board of Control. The first proposal modifies COMAR 13A.06.03.04 C(5). The proposed language removes a stipulation on the amount of all-star contests allowed. The proposed language reads, "Individual students may participate in all-star games and events, upon completion of their eligibility in the sport in which this participation occurs." The second proposal modifies COMAR 13A.06.03.03 B(1)(q)(ii). The proposed language increases the number of weekly contests once during the season. The proposed language reads, "No more than two contests per week including maximum of one tournament. Three contests may be scheduled one time during the season on a non-tournament week". Mr. Bryan Ashby made a motion to accept the proposals. Mr. Steve Lee seconded the proposal. Mr. Warner noted additional voting representatives that entered the meeting after roll call bringing the total eligible voters to 56 members present. The motion passed 56-0.

5. Mr. Warner presented the recommendation of the MPSSAA classification committee in accordance with COMAR 13A.06.03.06. The recommendations set the classification and regional structure for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years. Mr. Michael Sye made a motion to accept the classifications as presented for all sports. A second was made by Ms. Kathy Greene. Mr. Warner noted an additional voting member that entered the meeting after roll call bringing the total eligible voters to 57 members present. The motion passed 57-0.

## **State Sport Committee Reports**

### **A. Fall Tournaments**

- **Golf** – Mr. Eric Michael presented the Golf Committee Report. He provided updates on mitigation strategies for any school system able to participate in a modified golf season. Mr. Michael encouraged early intervention with golf courses on local policies and limitations on the number of teams in any one event.
- **Cross Country** – Mr. Mike Sye presented the Cross Country Committee Report. Mr. Sye provided updates on mitigation strategies for any school system able to participate in a modified cross country season. Mr. Sye highlighted the importance of the front section that relates to COVID-19 mitigation. Mr. Sye shared the competition modifications for regular season events in order to be in compliance with mitigation strategies.
- **Field Hockey** – Phyllis Hemmes presented the Field Hockey Committee Report. Ms. Hemmes provide updates on sideline modifications to expand social distancing. Ms. Hemmes provided an updated on the NFHS goggle change and the change to 15 minute quarters.
- **Soccer** – Ms. Marianne Shultz presented the Boys' and Girls' Soccer Committee Report. Ms. Shultz reiterated the procedures for sideline social distancing and mitigation strategies in place for soccer. Ms. Shultz congratulated the NFHS Coaches of the Year for the sport of soccer.
- **Volleyball** – Ms. Sybil Kessinger presented the Volleyball Committee Report. Ms. Kessinger expressed how her committee has missed the excitement of the state championships this year and the wishes of the committee to be able to restart. Additional measures for volleyball included not switching sides between sets.
- **Football** – Mr. Ryan Hines presented the Football Committee Report. Mr. Hines posted in the chat a statewide database for coaches in order to gather feedback, rule questionnaires and other important information. Mr. Hines noted concerns of the size of teams this year as well as other mitigation concerns.

### **B. Winter Tournaments**

- **Basketball** – Ms. Lynette Mitzel presented the Boys and Girls Basketball Committee Report. Ms. Mitzel gave an update on the specific mitigation strategies for basketball. Additional measures include those allowed at the scorer's table,

additional game balls, and throw-in protocol.

- **Indoor Track** – Mr. Clayton Culp provided information from the Indoor Track Committee. Mr. Culp noted the February 2020 state championship teams. He thanked all those that have been working hard to reengage students. He noted the varying degree of participation, waiving the uniform rules, the lack of indoor facility availability, and a process and plans for how meets can be run outdoor.
- **Swimming and Diving** – Mr. Kevin Kendro provided information from the Swimming and Diving Committee. Mr. Kendro provided an update on the 2020 state champions and sportsmanship winners. Mr. Kendro shared the mitigation strategies that limits the number of athletes on the pool deck and separating lanes allowed for competition.
- **Wrestling** – Mr. Brian Layman provided information from the Wrestling Committee. Mr. Layman shared the winners of the 2020 state championships and the inclusion of the girls wrestling championships. The achievement of the MPSSAA to host its first ever girls wrestling championship took place one week prior to the cancellation of all activities. Mr. Layman also provided information on the mitigation and disinfecting strategies for wrestling.

### C. Spring Tournaments Proposals

- **Baseball** – Mr. Jason Woodward provided information from the Baseball Committee. Mr. Woodward shared mitigation strategies to encourage disinfection, social distancing, and shared equipment.
- **Softball** – Ms. Lynn Pitonzo was not in attendance. Mr. Warner provided the Softball Committee report and reiterated the mitigation strategies being developed for softball.
- **Lacrosse** – Ms. Melba Williams provided the Lacrosse Committee report. Ms. Williams thanked the association for the continued work and the committee is working diligently on providing mitigation strategies for the operation of lacrosse.
- **Tennis** – Ms. Jean Vanderpool provided the Tennis Committee report. Ms. Vanderpool congratulated Dr. Derek Sabedra on his position in Dorchester County. Ms. Vanderpool went through tennis specific sport mitigation strategies.
- **Track & Field** – Ms. Beth Shook provided the Track and Field Committee report. Ms. Shook expressed appreciation for the work of the track committee in assisting to develop COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

### 6. Other Business

- Mr. Warner thanked Mr. Jason Bursick working with all the sport committees. He asked for Mr. Ken Kazmarek to give an updated the registration of officials and the worked of sport rules interpreters. Mr. Kazmarek provided information officials online rule clinics and the registration database. Mr. Bursick shared his work with Dragonfly on the ability for an easier scheduling platform for the membership.

- Mr. Warner offered some words of encouragement to the association with the collective work to return interscholastic athletics to all of our local school systems.

Mr. Duffy sought to adjourn the meeting – Mr. Michael Sye motioned for adjournment, Mr. Derek Sabedra seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

The meeting was adjourned.