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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes April 27, 2018

1. Mr. Kevin Hook called the meeting to order welcomed everyone, and congratulated winners of state championships. Mr. Andrew Warner reported that 51 of 58 voting members were present; qualifying a quorum to conduct business for the association. Mr. Hook requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2017.

Mr. Michael Sye motioned for approval and Mr. Eric Michael seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

2. Mr. Warner reviewed the MPSSAA 2018 Winter Financial Report (copies provided). Mr. Warner thanked Mr. Jason Bursick for his work on assisting with the preparation of the reports. He reviewed the preliminary 2018 winter financial report which included Indoor Track, Dual Meet Wrestling, Swimming and Diving, Individual Wrestling Regionals, Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball. Mr. Warner noted the following: 1.) Dual Meet Wrestling - The event was held at North Point High School this year and was the first year with four (4) classifications. 2.) Individual Wrestling Regionals - The wind storm impacted attendance and ticket sales this year and still came in close to what was initially budgeted for the events. 3.) Boys Basketball - Ticket sales for the Boys basketball tournament were down this year. Mr. Warner reiterated that the winter 2018 Financial Report numbers were preliminary as not all expenses and reimbursements have been paid to date. All winter reimbursements will be processed in the coming weeks.

No questions followed – Mr. Jason Gordon motioned for approval and Mr. Kenny Miller seconded. The reports were unanimously accepted.

3. Ms. Tricia Alfaro from the Wendy's corporation provided an update on the partnership with the MPSSAA, current opportunities and developments. The NPC corporation is currently remodeling Wendy's stores throughout the state. There are multiple job opportunities for high school students within the company and local stores. Those who are interested should visit npcinternational.com/careers for more information. Wendy's also host community nights and fundraisers where schools and programs can receive 10% of total sales from the event. MPSSAA had 1 of 12 high school finalist for the Wendy's Heisman Scholarship. Mr. Kevin Hook and Andy Warner thanked Wendy's on behalf of MPSSAA for their continued partnership through the years.

Old Business

Spring Tournaments

- **Baseball** - Mr. Jason Woodward presented the Baseball Committee Report. The 2018 MPSSAA Baseball Finals will be held at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, Maryland. Please be sure to use and follow the prom procedures for playoffs as outline in the tournament

bulletin. The last playday of the regular season for seeding consideration is May 7 and the seeding meeting for bracket positions will take place on Tuesday, May 8.

- **Lacrosse** - Ms. Jill Masterman presented for the Lacrosse Committee Report. A Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committee report was provided. The 2018 MPSSAA Lacrosse State Finals will be held at Stevenson University on May 22, 23 & 24, 2018. Prom Procedures as outlined in the bulletin should be followed for 5/11, 5/18, and 5/19 game dates. Assuming there are no prom conflicts, one boy's game and one girl's game will be played each day. If both boys and girls teams are playing, a double header should be scheduled. Mr. Warner highlighted information contained in the memo sent out earlier in the season. All lacrosse balls should contain the marking 'Meets NOCSEA Standards'. It was found that companies are producing counterfeit lacrosse balls that have the marking 'NOCSEA', but has not been tested and approved and is missing the entire required marking. Be sure to check all lacrosse balls to ensure they have been certified.
- **Softball** - Ms. Mary Ann Shultz presented the Softball Committee Report. The 2018 MPSSAA Softball Final will be held at the University of Maryland College Park-Softball Complex. The Baltimore Orioles and Washington Nationals recognize the state champions during their contest. Please be sure to use and follow the prom procedures for playoffs as outline in the tournament bulletin. The softball committee would like to thank Dave Scrivener for everything he has done to assist with making the softball tournament a huge success.
- **Tennis** - Ms. Jean Vanderpool presented the Tennis Committee Report. The 2018 MPSSAA Tennis tournament will be held at Wilde Lake Tennis Club in Columbia on May 25-26. Please be sure to use and follow the prom procedures for playoffs as outline in the tournament bulletin. The Tennis committee is working on a proposal to expand to four classifications for the 2019 season.
- **Track & Field** - Mr. Jason Bursick presented the Track & Field Committee Report. The 2018 MPSSAA State Meet will be held at Morgan State University's Hughes Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland.

A motion was made for approval of the committee reports; Mr. Joseph Sargent motioned for approval and Mr. Jason Woodard seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously accepted.

Initiatives Update

A. Digital Ticketing

Mr. BJ Pilling with Go Fan/Digital Huddle Tickets thanked the MPSSAA and Andy Warner for developing a partnership to provide tickets and services for a number of events. Mr. Pilling provided a demo and overview of the program offerings that are both computer and mobile friendly. Mr. Warner thanked Go Fan/Digital Huddle Tickets for providing free tickets for championship events. Tickets are able to be scanned electronically which has tremendously helped with record keeping and tracking.

B. School Broadcast Program

Ms. Kiki Enderle with the School Broadcast Program works in partnership with the NFHS Network and 47 State Athletic Associations to stream athletic events. Ms. Enderle provided a demo and overview of the program, producing events, and equipment that is provided with the Pixellot Proposal. The system is able to work via manual setup or

automated. The NFHS provides streaming services to viewers for as a \$9.95 monthly subscription and/or \$25 for the season pass (4 months). Schools are able to obtain and post sponsorships in the viewing area during the contest. Please email Ms. Enderle at kiki.enderle@nfhsnetwork.com

C. Mind in Motion Scholarship

Ms. Jill Masterman provided an updated regarding the Minds In Motion Scholarship. April 13, 2018 was the deadline to submit for the scholarship process. With 641 applicants, the committee notes that this year has marked the highest year to date for submitted applications. Kudos was given to District 8 who had 187 student-athletes apply for the Minds in Motion Scholarship. Scholarship winners will be notified in early May and will also be posted online after notifications have been made. The scholarship recognition dinner will be held on May 31, 2018 at M & T Bank Stadium.

D. Student Leadership Conference

Mr. Michael Duffy announced that this year's Student Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Howard High School in Howard County, Maryland. To date, 326 student athletes are registered for the event from 86 schools. The event will host a maximum of 400 students. Schools are permitted to submit additional applicants until the event registration is at capacity.

E. Coaches' Conference

Mr. Earl Hawkins announced that this year's conference has been postponed due to a number of events in the area and throughout the state that particular weekend. A make-up date has yet to be determined.

New Business

A. Sponsorship Update

Ms. Jill Masterman presented the report and update on Sponsorships. The MPSSAA is currently working on the renewal of the field hockey sponsorship. A decision from the sponsor is still being made. Ms. Masterman shared that Penn Monto has offered a sponsorship proposal, however that proposal would only provide field hockey balls. At this time, the MPSSAA will provide more time to our current field hockey sponsor before a decision is made. For the spring season beginning in 2020 softball will adopt a new game ball. The Dudley Red Stitch ball will be the official softball game ball. In the summer of 2018, the soccer committee will begin the process of testing new contract soccer game balls. More information will be forthcoming.

B. 2018 Fall Bulletin/Fall Tournaments

The MPSSAA provided draft copies of the proposed fall sports bulletins to members for review. The bulletin highlights that all first practice dates are August 8 and the first play date for everything except golf is August 31. The first play date for Golf is August 8. Additionally, a 2018 Fall Bulletin Changes outline was provided to members during the meeting. A special note was made that all sports and events are encouraged to continue promoting safe venues and positive sportsmanship.

• **Cross Country**

Mr. Mike Sye presented the Cross Country fall tournament update. Clarifying wording was added to Section II, A. (4.) regarding Region and State meets for race time limits for each gender for scoring purposes. Males must finish races within 30 minutes of the start of

the race and females must finish races within 33 minutes of the start of the race in order to score. The same gender specific race time limits were added to Section IV, C (4.).

- **Field Hockey**

Ms. Phyllis Hemmes presented the Field Hockey fall tournament update. New regular season tie-breaker language was added in Section I, E (3. & 4). Additionally, new post-season tie-breaker language for the post season in Section II, B. (2.) stating that the methods of tie-breaking will be the same as for the regular season. However, if a tie still stands after two sudden-victory Reduced Player periods and once set of five one-on-one's with follow-up shots, then sudden victory one-on-one's with follow-up shots will follow if needed to determine a winner during all region and State tournament games.

- **Football**

Mr. Mike Calhoun presented the Football fall tournament update. No significant changes were noted for the fall football tournament bulletin. State Finals are due to be held on November 29, 30 and December 1, 2018.

- **Golf**

Mr. Eric Michael presented the Golf fall tournament update. Language was added under Section III, A. (7.) (d.) that prohibits coaches from reassigning their designated duties at the State Tournament without the prior approval of the State Golf Committee (pg. 35). Doing so will be considered "conduct detrimental to the tournament" and subject to the penalties outlined in the Handbook. Item #14 in Section III, C. was expanded and clarified regarding "pace of play". A detailed sheet concerning pace of play is posted on mpssaa.org for school systems to utilize during the regular season if they so choose.

- **Soccer**

Ms. Marianne Shultz presented the Soccer fall tournament update. Ms. Shultz noted the implementation of the new uniform rule change on page 46 in Section III, A. (4.) that the designated home team will now wear the dark jerseys and socks while the designated visiting team will wear the solid white jerseys and socks.

- **Volleyball**

Ms. Jill Masterman presented the Volleyball fall tournament update. No significant changes were noted for the fall volleyball tournament bulletin. Meeting minutes and a committee report from the most recent volleyball committee meeting held on March 20, 2018 was provided to members. Ms. Masterman mentioned that the committee was exploring using another venue for the state finals due to events in and around Ritchie Colosseum during that time. The committee would also like to welcome Yolanda Small as the district IX representative.

Vote to Approve Fall 18 Tournaments

A motion was made for approval of the fall tournament reports; Mr. Michael Duffy motioned for approval and Mr. Clayton Culp seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously accepted.

C. Medical Advisory Committee

- **Wrestling Weight Certification**

Mr. Andrew Warner provided a Verification of Minimum Certified Wrestling Weight document for review to members. Mr. Warner discussed minimum weight certification requirements as well as highlighted updates to the document clarifying that 'A **Licensed**

Health Care Provider (LHCP) is defined as a licensed physician, certified physician assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician, or certified nurse practitioner may certify wrestlers. The changes supported by the MPSSAA Medical Advisory Committee.

- **Recommended Concussion Form**

Mr. Andrew Warner provided a Medical Clearance for Student-Athlete Suspected Head Injury form for review to members. Mr. Warner discussed changes and updates to the recommended form that include providing a more streamlined form that gathers more health data and information that will aid medical professionals in accessing student-athletes with suspected head injuries. The form also includes a section to be completed by the **LHCP** that outlines requirements to return to sport for the athlete based on the information provided and their evaluation. Mr. Warner also highlighted that the form includes appropriate educational accommodations for students as they return to the instructional setting. The form was updated by the MPSSAA Medical Advisory Committee.

D. Proposals before the Board

- **Classification Guidelines**

Mr. Jeff Sullivan presented the Classification Committee's Guidelines for Classification and Regional Alignments proposal. A copy of the proposal was provided to members for review. Mr. Sullivan reviewed the purpose of classification systems which is to provide parity and equity in state championship competition. Classifications shall be established according to COMAR 13A.06.03.06 *Classification*. Boys/Girls teams in the same sport/same school shall be assigned to the same classification. For Region Alignments, regions/sections shall be numerically balanced, geographically clustered, and aligned in the same region as best as possible and whenever possible. The Classification Committee and the Executive Director of the MPSSAA will present a recommendation of classifications and region/section alignments of member schools to the MPSSAA Board of Control. The Board of Control will ratify all classifications and region/section alignments at the spring meeting.

A motion was made for approval of the Classification Committee Guidelines for Classification and Regional Alignments; Mr. Earl Hawkins motioned for approval and Mr. Steve Lee seconded the motion. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

E. 2018 Winter Bulletin/Winter Tournaments

The MPSSAA provided a copy of the 2018 Winter Bulletin Changes and Notes to members for review. The bulletin highlights that all first practice dates are November 15 and first play dates are December 5.

- **Basketball**

Ms. Lynette Mitzel and Mr. Earl Hawkins presented the basketball winter tournament update. Due to a scheduling conflict at SECU Arena, the Girls Tournament dates stretch out to a week later than the Boys Tournament with the State Semifinals on 3/14 and 3/15 and the State Finals on 3/16. Beginning the 2018-19 season the girls and boys will now both use a 30-second shot clock.

- **Indoor Track**

Mr. Joseph Sargent presented the indoor track winter tournament update. An Indoor Track committee report was provided to members during the meeting. In section III, A. (4.)(c.) clarifying language was added regarding the use of actual, unconverted 1-mile and 2-mile

results for entry into the 1600m and 3200m runs (pg. 19). Item #8 under Section III, A. was reworded to state that after the scratch deadline date, the meet is seeded and no changes to accepted entries can be made. In Section III, B. (4.), letter (a.) a statement was added that any athlete that achieves the state automatic qualifying mark in preliminary heat will advance to the region meet final heat(s). Following that in letter (b.), clarifying language was added regarding the precise procedure for the running of two heat finals in the 55m or 55m high hurdles. Mr. Joseph Sargent announced that after 20 years of service he will be retiring at the end of the school year. On behalf of the MPSSAA Mr. Andrew Warner thanked Mr. Sargent for his time and service through the years.

- **Swimming and Diving**

Mr. Kevin Kendro presented the swimming winter tournament update. Mr. Kendro offered a special thank you to all of the meet directors for their hard work in helping to make this season a success. Congratulations to all of the state champions that can be found listed on the MPSSAA site. An item was added to #6 Section II, A. that requires region meet directors to email final results to the State Meet Entry coordinator immediately following the completion of their meets to facilitate the posting of results on County Sports Zone and MPSSAA.org in a timely fashion. On page 31, a letter (b.) was added to Section III, A. (8.) that emphasizes the expectation that competitors who qualify from their region meet are expected to compete in their State Meet or be subject to misconduct detrimental to the tournament and its' penalties as found in our Handbook.

- **Wrestling**

Mr. Michael Duffy presented the wrestling winter tournament update. Congratulations to all of the state champions and sportsmanship award recipients that can be found listed on the MPSSAA site. Kudos to all of the tournament and meet directors for their hard work in making sure the tournaments ran smoothly and for being flexible when needed. Over 80 student athletes participated in the tournament. A clarifying phrase was added to Section V, B. (5.) on page 40 that states if qualifiers in the Region individual tournament are withdrawn, substitutes/alternates may be inserted up to the conclusion of weigh-ins, with the bracket reseeded accordingly. A statement (b.) was added under Section VI, A. (1.) on page 41 that withdrawn qualifiers from the State individual tournament may be replaced by an alternate from the same region up until the conclusion of weigh-ins, with the bracket reseeded accordingly.

Vote to Approve Winter 18/19 Tournaments

Ms. Lynette Mitzel motioned for approval the Winter Bulletin and Tournament Proposal reports; Mr. Jason Gordan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

Adjournment

Mr. Kevin Hook sought to adjourn the meeting – Mr. David Byrd motioned for adjournment, Ms. Tiffany Byrd seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.