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**MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes
MPSSAA
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1. Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Mr. Andy Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 57 of 65 voting members were present, qualifying for a quorum to conduct business for the association. Dr. Sullivan requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2025. Mr. Michael Duffy made a motion for approval and Mr. Eric Michael seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Andy Warner provided an overview of the Spring 2025 financial report. He wanted to remind the group that during the course of last year, the financial committee approved a state tournament worker increase that would incur approximately \$85K in surplus expenses.
 - a. Mr. Michael Sye made a motion to accept the Spring 2025 financial report and was seconded by Ms. Tiffany Byrd. The vote was unanimous to accept the report.
 - b. An additional member of the Board of Control arrived, making 58 of 65 voting members beginning with the spring financial report.
3. Mr. Warner provided an overview of the financial report of the recent 2025 Fall Championship season. Finances were on par with a few more expenses expected to come in and be paid out by the association, in particular golf. We have not received a bill from UMD for the lunches during the golf championships, so currently \$0 is listed.
 - a. This is the first year where we are running a pilot where the districts will receive a 25% cut with a minimum of \$750 being received from Region Round 2.
 - b. This is the second year where football finals were hit with low attendance. It was under 12K for the second year.
 - c. Field hockey and soccer net numbers were recalculated as field hockey at \$9,183.04 and soccer \$46,710.20.
 - d. Ms. Anne Rossiter made a motion to accept the Fall 2025 financial report and was seconded by Ms. Debbie Basler. The vote was unanimous to accept the report.

4. Dr. Sullivan transitioned to sharing MPSSAA updates.
 - a. Ms. Melissa Mertz – The MPSSAA will be launching a new website. Tentative date will be this spring with hopes of making any needed modifications over the summer. The MPSSAA shared issues that we were dealing with that will be improved or added: mobile functionality, a working search bar, video components, an athletic director portal to make it easier to find items specific to them, live score tickers, and trying to explore more of a sportsmanship dashboard.
 - b. Executive Council Initiatives
 - i. Elevated the COMAR review and will continue to discuss identified areas.
 - ii. The council would like to discuss the ongoing education of the association. We have some new principals, athletic directors, coaches. How do we continue to educate the membership?
 - iii. How do we continue to support student leadership?
 - c. Mr. Warner gave updates from the Medical Advisory Committee. Mr. Warner shared several accomplishments over the last two years of the committee.
 - i. The Preparticipation Physical form is updated. The school systems have the choice to utilize this form.
 - ii. The mental health care and coaches training course is online.
 - iii. The committee updated care and prevention of athletic injuries.
 - iv. Continued support for concussion and traumatic brain injury discussions
 - v. Dr. Teri McCambridge has stepped down as chair. Eva Seligman will step in as chair of the committee.
5. Dr. Sullivan called on each of the fall sport committee directors to report on the recent fall state championships.
 - a. Golf – Eric Michael
 - b. Cross Country – Michael Sye
 - c. Field Hockey – Gina Grubb
 - d. Soccer – Marianne Shultz
 - e. Volleyball – Sybil Kessinger
 - f. Football – Ryan Hines
6. Dr. Sullivan called each of the winter sport committee directors to report on the upcoming winter sports tournaments.
 - a. Basketball – Lynette Mitzel
 - b. Indoor Track and Field – Clayton Culp
 - c. Swimming and Diving – Kevin Kendro
 - d. Wrestling – Brian Layman
7. Dr. Sullivan shared information on a pilot for basketball state semifinals. Each of the nine districts will designate predetermined sites for their district. If one of their teams is the higher seeded team, then they will play at a site in their district, but not their own school.

- a. Mr. Warner addressed the MPSSAA office will send out a criteria list for selection of district sites. Mr. Warner addressed facility challenges, specifically basketball and wrestling.
8. Dr. Sullivan asked if there were any comments from the fall and winter sports seasons before moving on.
- a. Ms. Byrd applauded the lawn signs for the fall champions. They were a wonderful addition.
 - b. Ms. Basler asked what the deadline was to have districts sites for basketball. Mr. Warner shared a timeline will be part of the request.
9. Dr. Sullivan brought up new business.
- a. The Nominating Committee recommendations and the process were discussed. Per protocol, if there are any nominations from the floor, they can be voiced.
 - i. It is the recommendation that Ms. Debbie Basler be the next president of the MPSSAA. No other nomination was brought to the floor. Mr. Clayton Culp 1st, Ms. Kurisha Hoffman 2nd, YES: Unanimous
 - ii. It is the recommendation that Mr. Dan Harding be President Elect. No other nomination was made.
Mr. VaShawne Gross 1st, Ms. Amy Sexton 2nd, YES: Unanimous
 - b. Ms. Debbie Basler will begin her term as MPSSAA President and Mr. Dan Harding will begin his term as MPSSAA President-elect on June 1, 2026.
 - c. Dr. Sullivan brought forth the MPSSAA COMAR Amendments.
 - i. Dr. Sullivan shared historical perspective, key preparation and review dates, and action milestones.
 - ii. Dr. Sullivan open the floor for any questions or discussion.
 - iii. A motion was made to endorse the COMAR amendments.
Mr. Kevin Kendro 1st, Mr. Michael Duffy 2nd, YES: Unanimous
 - iv. Mr. Warner shared the process of the local Superintendent review and State Board of Education review.
10. Dr. Sullivan called each of the spring sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the spring championship bulletins.
- a. Baseball – Jason Woodward
 - b. Softball – Marianne Shultz for Lynn Pitonzo
 - c. Lacrosse – Michael Duffy
 - d. Tennis – Jean Vanderpool
 - e. Track and Field – Clayton Culp for Beth Shook

Mr. Eric Michael motioned to approve the proposals and accept the spring sport bulletins. Mr. Brian Moore seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.

11. Dr. Sullivan wants to highlight the MPSSAA priorities now that the COMAR recommendations have been approved. Please see the handout included in your packet.
- a. Girls Flag – Establishment of a committee
 - b. Sport Season Limitations Policy – clean up

- c. Classification Committee Policy – clean up
 - d. Review of Interpretations Section of COMAR
 - e. Review of Misconduct Detrimental to the Tournament language within the Tournament Guidelines
12. Dr. Sullivan asked if there was any new business.
- a. Ms. Mitzel informed the group of the progression of the Women in Leadership Summit. It started small and then was at MSADA last spring. It was at North County HS. Please share this with the women in your counties. Something will be done again at the MSADA Conference.
13. Dr. Sullivan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting if there was no further discussion. Mr. Sye made a motion and Mr. Kendro seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.