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**MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes
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1. Mr. Michael Sye, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Mr. Andrew Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 55 of 63 voting members were present, qualifying for a quorum to conduct business for the association. Mr. Sye requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 29, 2022. Mr. Michael Duffy made a motion for approval and Mr. John Davis seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Warner provided a financial report on the 2022 Spring financial report and noted increased expenses for both lacrosse and track and field due to their current hosting sites at Loyola University and Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex respectively, as compared to their previous venues at Stevenson and Morgan State.

Mr. Warner continued and provided a financial report on the recent 2022 Fall Championship season. Overall, all fall sports were above budget, except football where the number of spectators was down from regional games to the state finals.

Mr. Sye requested a motion to accept the Spring and Fall financial reports. Mr. Eric Michael motioned with Mr. Clayton Culp as a second. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports.

3. Mr. Sye discussed details from meetings, such as Equity and Sportsmanship, about the needs of our membership for the student-athletes. We want to continue to build and communicate. Thank you for the support of the members in those meetings.
4. Mr. Kevin Kendro was called up to give an update on the Sportsmanship Committee. He thanked the MPSSAA staff and to folks in the room with what they do. A new formal committee was created where all nine districts were represented. We had the Respect the Game initiative, and it has evolved into this committee. Mr. Kendro discussed reasons for the loss of officials and coaches, and gave examples of decreased sportsmanship. The MPSSAA needs to take a more proactive approach and immediate action. Proactive measures were discussed.

Mr. Warner discussed the bad press of bad sportsmanship at the beginning of the fall season and then there was improvement as we moved along. There would be a singular incident and we were able to get support from the state. He thanked those who handled enforcement and supported the decisions that were being made.

5. Mr. Warner gave an update from the Medical Advisory Committee. A thank you to Mr. Sye Ms. Tiffany Byrd, and Mr. John Davis. Biggest discussion: lack of athletic trainers and how it's affecting the coverage for the championships, as well as payment to the trainers.

Mr. Warner gave recognition to Towson Sports Medicine and UMD for helping with coverage at our championship sites this past year. The committee also had a discussion on the pre-season physical exam and the forms that are involved. What information goes to school and what stays with the physician? There will possibly be a new form created that is recommended after contact with a pediatricians' board.

6. Mr. Sye called each of the fall sport committee directors to report on the recent fall state championships.
 - Golf – Eric Michael
 - Cross Country – Michael Sye
 - Field Hockey – Regina Grubb
 - Soccer – Matt Roberts & Marianne Shultz
 - Volleyball – Sybil Kessinger
 - Football – Ryan Hines

Ms. Tonisha Montgomery asked if streaming information was available. Mr. Warner said we are able to get some information, but maybe not as detailed. After we have our information, the hope is to have a budget line for the streaming service.

7. Mr. Sye called each of the winter sport committee directors to report on the upcoming winter championships.
 - Basketball – Lynette Mitzel
 - Indoor Track – Clayton Culp
 - Swimming & Diving – Kevin Kendro
 - Wrestling – Brian Layman

8. Mr. Sye brought forward the subject of NIL legislation. He called forward Mr. Warner to discuss NIL guidance. He and Mr. Sye had discussions on recommendations to give the membership so that there is a roadmap for the student-athletes. Attendees were directed to the draft document for NIL guidance that was approved in the Executive Council meeting. When requested, no questions were asked by the voting members.

Mr. Sye asked for a motion to accept the NIL guidance draft document. Mr. Derek Sabedra motioned and then Mr. Clayton Culp seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Mr. Sye brought forward the subject of summer camp guidance. He asked Mr. Warner to discuss the draft document details for summer camp guidance. Mr. Warner fielded many questions pertaining to the clarification of the language in the document and specifics of the potential camps.

Mr. Sye asked for a motion to accept the summer camp guidance draft document. Ms. Kurisha

Hoffman motioned and then Mr. Steve Lee seconded. Mr. Dan Harding asked for an amendment for the language that clarifies the 12 days interpretation. After discussion, Ms. Hoffman and Mr. Lee kept the motion as is. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Mr. Warner brought forward the subject of the Classification Committee recommendations. Members were directed to the documents for the MPSSAA Classification Alignments for each sport for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years. Mr. Warner asked if there were any questions dealing with each sport season's classifications. No questions were asked.

Mr. Sye asked for a motion to accept the classifications for the next two academic years. Mr. VaShawne Gross made a motion, and it was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Mr. Sye called each of the spring sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the spring championship bulletins.

- Baseball – Jason Woodward
- Softball –Marianne Shultz for Lynn Pitonzo
- Lacrosse – Ken Zorbach
- Tennis – Jean Vanderpool
- Track & Field – Clayton Culp

Mr. Sye requested a motion to approve the spring sport bulletins. Mr. Michael Duffy motioned, and it was seconded. The vote to approve the spring bulletins was unanimous.

12. Mr. Warner gave special recognition about sportsmanship with the attendees by giving examples. He thanked those in the room and the work from the local school systems to provide the opportunities for the student-athletes. He also thanked the separate committees for their work, the schools that hosted semi-final games, and the MPSSAA staff for all of their work on behalf of the association.

13. Mr. Sye thanked the membership for their support and work. He asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lynette Mitzel made a motion and Mr. Dan Harding seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.