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**MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes  
MPSSAA  
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1. Mr. Michael Sye, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. Mr. Andrew Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 54 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 December 7, 2022. Mr. John Davis made a motion for approval and the motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Duffy. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Warner presented the 2023 Winter financial report.
  - Explained the difference in costs for indoor track for region meets and then further explained possible changes in numbers for the future of indoor track with holding six region meets as opposed to 12.
  - Dual Wrestling was successful at North Point HS.
  - Swimming and Diving was able to bring in spectators this year after capacity limitations the previous year.
  - The growth of female wrestling was credited for the increase in revenue for wrestling.
  - Basketball will put us right near the budget after the six-figure bill is received. Basketball came in a little under, but other sports came in a little over, similar to Football in the fall season.

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

3. Mr. Kevin Kendro was called up to give an update on the Sportsmanship Committee. He explained that this report was a follow-up from the previous meeting when it was stated what the committee was for, which was to take a more proactive approach towards statewide sportsmanship. A presentation was created and Ms. Debbie Basler facilitated. The presentation included why coaches and officials are quitting and the steps that our state coaches/administrators need to take for a more enjoyable, inclusive environment for our teams and spectators. Mr. Kendro asked for comments and suggestions.

4. Mr. Sye called each of the spring sport committee directors to report on the upcoming state championships.
  - Baseball – Jason Woodward
  - Softball – Marianne Shultz for Lynn Pitonzo
  - Lacrosse – Heather Podosek for Kathy Green
  - Tennis – Jean Vanderpool
  - Track and Field – Beth Shook
  
5. Mr. Sye asked Mr. Warner to give the Legislative update.
  - Mr. Warner reported on two bills.
    - House Bill 343 passed the House but did not pass the Senate after many local educational agency representatives shared concerns through oral and written submitted testimony.
    - Senate Bill 610 passed both the House, Senate, and signed into law. The Bill states a student that attends a virtual school of the local school system can participate in interscholastic athletics at their home school. The regulation supersedes COMAR 13A.06.03.02 regarding students must be registered and attending the school that they anticipate their graduation. It is a priority for the Executive Council to provide guidance for our schools now that this bill has been approved.
  
  - Interpretations Update: Mr. Warner brought forward paperwork in the packets that showed the interpretation/guidance on June Scholastic Events. Summer camp guidance is included as well as guidance on the amateur rule when student-athletes are invited to compete for national teams.
  
  - Mr. Warner informed everyone that seeding meetings are coming up for Spring Championships and to please make sure that the weekly standings spreadsheets for all sports are accurate and complete. Please be proactive.
  
  - Mr. Warner brought forward information on NIL and the guidance from Maryland. There will be a video that will be created and will be available for all members.
  
6. Mr. Warner informed representatives that if anyone has a tennis or track and field region match or meet taking place in their region or school, we have the regional awards to give out today.
  
7. Mr. Sye called each of the fall sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the 2023 fall championship bulletins.
  - Golf – Eric Michael
  - Cross Country – Michael Sye
  - Field Hockey – Regina Grubb
  - Soccer – Matt Roberts and Marianne Shultz
  - Volleyball – Debbie Basler for Sybil Kessinger
  - Football – Ryan Hines

Mr. Sye requested a motion to approve the fall sport bulletins. Mr. Bryan Ashby motioned, and it was seconded by Mr. Eric Michael. The vote to approve the fall bulletins was unanimous.

8. Mr. Sye called each of the winter sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the 2023-24 winter championship bulletins.
  - Basketball – Lynette Mitzel
    - Ms. Mitzel brought forward a clerical error in the bulletin with dates for the last play date for seeding, the seeding meeting, and last play date.
  - Indoor Track and Field – Clayton Culp
  - Swimming and Diving – Kevin Kendro
  - Wrestling – Brian Layman

Mr. Sye requested a motion to approve the winter sport bulletins. Mr. Michael Duffy motioned, and it was seconded by Ms. Debbie Basler to approve with Ms. Mitzel's correction. The vote to approve the winter bulletins was unanimous.

9. Mr. Warner reminded the membership to complete the annual requests for the participation surveys and their fitness and athletic equity act plans.
10. Mr. Sye informed everyone to enjoy and support the MSADA conference and attend the meetings. He also reminded everyone to please pick up regional awards for anyone who needs them.
11. 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. Brian Layman seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.