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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes MPSSAA April 29, 2022

- 1. Mr. Michael Duffy, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Mr. Andrew Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 52 of 63 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 8, 2021. Mr. John Davis made a motion for approval and Mr. Eric Michael seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2. Mr. Warner provided a financial report on the 2022 winter championships. Mr. Warner shared increased expenses related to spectator limitations for indoor track and swimming and diving, noting the MPSSAA paid expenses normally incurred by districts at these events. Other financial notes were the changes in expenses and revenues from increased wrestling regionals and state semifinal basketball sites at high schools. Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan made a motion accept the report as presented. Mr. Steve Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried 52-0.
- 3. Ms. Kiki Enderle provided a presentation to the MPSSAA Board of Control on the use of Vidswap and their new partnership with the MPSSAA. Mr. Warner thanked Ms. Enderle for the support.
- 4. Mr. Kevin Kendro provided an update on the MPSSAA *Officials Appreciation Week* and the sportsmanship taskforce. Mr. Kendro reported the taskforce will become a standing committee for the MPSSAA and the appreciation weeks have been received well. The upcoming *Bus Drivers Appreciation Week* is next, and all events will be added to the MPSSAA calendar for 2022-23.
- 5. Mr. Duffy called each of the spring sport committee directors to provide information and reports regarding the upcoming spring state championships. The following directors spoke to the Board with the logistics and plans for the spring state championships:
 - Baseball Jason Woodward
 - Softball Marianne Shultz for Lynn Pitonzo
 - Lacrosse Melba Williams
 - Tennis Jean Vanderpool
 - Track & Field Clayton Culp for Beth Shook
- 6. Mr. Warner spoke to the Board about the current proposed COMAR amendments. The proposed regulations were approved for permission to publish at the February 2022 State

Board of Education meeting. Unfortunately, the regulations were not published in the April 8th issue of the Maryland Register. Therefore, the publication date was pushed to April 22nd and in accordance with state law, proposed regulations must wait 45 days from the date of public comment to be legally heard by the State Board. Therefore, the MPSSAA cannot request permission to adopt until after the May meeting. The regulations are now slated to go to the State Board of Education at the July 2022 meeting.

- 7. Mr. Warner provided an update and revised guidance to the Board of Control from the MPSSAA Medical Advisory Committee. The committee over the course of 2021-22 reviewed, revised, and update guidance for heat acclimatization consistent with the passing of House Bill 836. Ms. Tiffany Byrd shared concerns related to language in the document that recommends the use of rectal thermometers as the gold standard, specifically, "who is trained and authorized to take a rectal thermometer reading." Mr. Warner shared concerns from the medical community of the danger for a student who has a core body temperature and the live threatening concerns if the student is removed too soon from cold water submersion. A motion was made by Mr. Bryan Ashby to accept the guidance. Ms. Shirley Diggs seconded the motion. The motion passed 52-0.
- 8. Mr. Duffy called each of the fall sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for fall championship bulletins. The following directors spoke to the Board regarding their championships season.
 - Golf Eric Michael
 - Cross County Michael Sye
 - Field Hockey Andy Warner for Phyllis Hemmes
 - Soccer Marianne Shultz
 - Volleyball –Sybil Kessinger
 - Football Andy Warner for Ryan Hines

Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan on behalf of District II requested the football bulletin to be voted on separately due to concerns related to the classification structure. Ms. Lynette Mitzel made a motion to approve the golf, cross country, field hockey, soccer, and volleyball bulletins. Mr. John Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed 52-0.

Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan spoke on concerns related to the football bulletin and the committee recommendation for six classifications. Dr. Sullivan shared District II's concerns from senior leadership, principals, athletic directors, and coaches based on input related to the proposal. Mr. Kevin Hook motioned to approve the football bulletin as presented by the football committee. Dr. Derek Sabedra seconded the motion. The motion passed 45-6-1.

- 9. Mr. Duffy called each of the winter sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for winter championship bulletins. The following directors spoke to the Board with the logistics and plans for the winter state championships
 - Basketball Lynette Mitzel and VaShawne Gross
 - Indoor Track Clayton Culp
 - Swimming and Diving Kevin Kendro
 - Wrestling Brian Layman

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Ms. Lynette Mitzel made a motion to approve the winter sport bulletins as presented. Mr. Stosh Schtierman seconded the motion. The motion passed 52-0.

- 10. Mr. Warner shared some special recognition with the membership. Mr. Warner requested the membership supply information to the MPSSAA office related to the 50th anniversary of Title IX. Mr. Warner requested Ms. Melba Williams to come forward to receive an honorary gold card for her generations of service to the MPSSAA and the girls lacrosse committee. Mr. Warner requested Ms. Jill Masterman to come forward and receive a thankyou from the membership. Ms. Masterman retired from the MPSSAA during the pandemic. Mr. Warner concluded by thanking Mr. Michael Duffy for his service as President of the MPSSAA the last two years.
- 11. Mr. Duffy thanked the entire membership for all of their efforts to maximize opportunities for student-athletes. Mr. Duffy asked if there was any more business from the floor. Hearing none, Mr. Duffy adjourned the meeting.