

Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association  
(MPSSAA)  
Baltimore, MD

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting  
May 7, 2020

Refer Questions: R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, 410-767-0376

Districts Represented: Kevin Kendro (District 1), Jeff Sullivan (District 2), Earl Hawkins (District 3), Steve Lee (District 4), John Davis (District 5), Michael Sye (District 6), Debbie Basler (District 7), Bryan Ashby (District 8), Tiffany Byrd (District 9)

Also Present: Dana Johnson, President, MPSSAA  
Michael Duffy, President Elect, MPSSAA  
Kevin Hook, Past President, MPSSAA  
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative  
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA  
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA  
Jill Masterman, Program Specialist, MPSSAA  
Ken Kazmarek, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA  
Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor, Baltimore County (secretary)

1. The meeting was called to order on May 7, 2020 at 11:02am by President Dana Johnson.
2. The minutes from the January 30, 2020, April 1, 2020, and April 29, 2020 were reviewed and approved.
3. Mr. Warner provided the council with several MPSSAA updates. The Minds in Motion scholarship committee met on Friday and selected this year's recipients. A member school community service survey was sent out and only 15 responses were received to date. The link for submitted information will be sent out to member schools again. The participation survey will be sent out this week as will the fitness and athletic equity report. Mr. Warner has received complaints from several official associations concerning the registration fees for this spring, which the finance committee approved collecting at a 10% discount.
4. Mr. Warner informed the group the NFHS will not be printing 2021 spring rule books, but instead will use the 2020 editions. He also told everyone that a sports medicine advisory cohort under the direction of Dr. Teri McCabridge will meet mid-May regarding the COVID-19 response. In addition, Mr. Warner will continue his weekly meetings with the other Executive Directors in Section 2 as we move forward with suggestions and guidelines for return to play.
5. Mr. Warner reminded the council DragonFly Athletics is in the process of creating local school system sections for everyone in Maryland. Ms. Masterman said the MPSSAA web

- provider has connected with DragonFly to see if the capabilities their systems have can be linked. Mr. Warner also informed the council there will be a webinar available for supervisors to review their role using DragonFly as a county wide operator.
6. Mr. Warner reviewed the 2020-2021 budget that was approved by the finance committee in April. At this time, due to COVID, the organization has lost several sources of income. Officials registration was down; no 2021 rule book income will be coming in; Wendy's and Brooks sponsorship is not being renewed; the basketball state semifinals and finals and spring championships did not take place. Those things taken into consideration, there were also no expenses this spring, which helps to keep the budget manageable. Mr. Hook voted to approve the budget. Mr. Hawkins second the motion, which was approved 12-0.
  7. Mr. Duffy apprised the council of the submission for the MPSSAA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Contest. He shared the two finalists with the group. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the submission from an Urbana HS student. Mr. Ashby second the motion and it was passed 12-0.
  8. Mr. Warner communicated to the council the issues still being faced regarding the state-wide background check on officials. Currently, unless all local school systems agree on a set standard, there can be no background checks done that will cover all school systems. (Mr. Ashby left the meeting at 1:00pm). Mr. Warner stated if the school systems would take ownership of the checks for one year, 90% of the officials would be done and the remaining 10% would only account for about 200 in any given year. The council members all agree that the decision to perform the checks isn't in their control, but is a human resources issue, and most feel their HR would not approve taking on 4000 new background checks in one year. (Mr. Hook left the meeting at 1:15pm) Dr. Sullivan firmly believes this is a state issue and the Executive Council needs to put in the work to find a solution.
  9. Mr. Warner inquired as to what the Executive Council's thoughts are on spring Board of Control meeting. Mr. Duffy made a motion to not hold the meeting in the near future, but to hold it by June 30, 2020. Mr. Sye second the motion and it passed unanimously.
  10. Mr. Warner inquired as to any business for the good of the order. Mr. Sye asked about the state's roadmap to recovery and wanted to know why athletics was not included. At this time Mr. Warner stated the MPSSAA needs to finish the guidance they have already begun working on. (Mr. Saunderson left the meeting at 1:35pm) Dr. Sullivan wants to develop a game plan moving forward so the athletic directors, coaches, parents, student athletes, and officials all have an idea where we stand. A plan needs to be communicated sooner rather than later. (Mr. Kendro left the meeting at 1:40pm) Mr. Duffy suggested a date and time be set to reconvene and discuss the roadmap as it pertains to athletics. Mr. Warner agreed, but recommended a set of workgroup meetings to further advance the current guidance documents. Two work meetings will be held next week, May 12 and 14 at 1:30pm. Additional meetings will be held as needed.
  11. Mr. Sye made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Duffy. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.