

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

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting
August 31, 2016

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

Districts Represented: Kevin Kendro (District 1), William Beattie (District 2), Earl Hawkins (District 3), Andrew Roper (District 4), John Davis (District 5), Michael Sye (District 6), Joe Harbert (District 7), David Byrd (District 8), Tiffany Byrd (District 9)

Also Present: Kim Dolch, Past President, MPSSAA
Dana Johnson, President Elect, MPSSAA
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative
Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor, Baltimore County (secretary)
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA
Jill Masterman, Program Specialist, MPSSAA
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA
Jeff Sullivan, Specialist, Montgomery County
David Dolch, Supervisor, Carroll County
Clayton Culp, Coordinator, Anne Arundel County
Matt Roberts, Acting Coordinator, Cecil County

Excused: Kevin Hook, President, MPSSAA

Materials Distributed:

1. Minutes from the April 2016 Executive Council Meeting
2. Minutes from the July 2016 Executive Council Conference Call
3. Spring Financial Report
4. Warrior Lacrosse Proposal
5. First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches Brochure
6. NFHS Memorandum for RIO study
7. ATI PT AED Quote
8. MPSSAA Coaches' Leadership Conference Report
9. 2016-2017 MPSSAA Enrollment Numbers
10. Proposed Pitching Limitation Policy
11. Recap of Football State Final Site Procurement
12. ATI Agreement
13. Insurance Coverage Information
14. Bank of America Prepaid Card Information
15. MPSSAA Forfeit Language Proposal
16. 2016-2017 Winter Sports Classification Changes and Notes
17. MPSSAA Guidance for Participation of Transgender Youth in Interscholastic Athletics
18. Amendment to Licensing Agreement
19. Proposed Electronic Ticket Agreements
20. MPSSAA Award Bids

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:40am by President Elect Dana Johnson, who presided over the meeting in President Kevin Hook's absence
2. A motion was made by Andy Roper, with a second by Michael Sye, to approve the minutes from the April 2016 meeting. That vote was unanimous.
3. A motion was made by Tiffany Byrd, with a second by John Davis, to approve the minutes from the July 2016 conference call. That vote was unanimous.
4. Mr. Warner provided the group with an update on the vacant administrative assistant position. The state hiring freeze was lifted last week and a PIN position was released, which starts the process of posting a job announcement. The goal is to have the position filled within four to six weeks.
5. Mr. Warner reviewed the spring financial report with the council. The final numbers do not include facility rentals, but overall the spring sports did well in terms of revenue generated from ticket sales.
6. Ms. Masterman informed the committee of the current lacrosse proposal, which was the only one received. Warrior Sports and the MPSSAA have reached a five agreement, which includes tournament worker shirts and game balls. Earl Hawkins made a motion to accept the proposal, followed by a second from Andy Roper. The motion was unanimously passed by the committee. Ms. Masterman also informed the group of the Brooks Running contract, which is due for renewal. She will have more information at the winter meeting.
7. Mr. Warner provided the committee with an update of the Medical Advisory Committee meeting dates and what is currently on their agenda for the upcoming year. The committee has been looking to standardize the care and prevention courses since they vary in length and content across the state. Mr. Warner reviewed the outline for the NFHS first aid and safety online course, which some jurisdictions currently permit. The group would like the medical advisory committee to review the online course and make a recommendation about the validity of that course in addition to a blended course where there was a requirement for hands on learning.
8. Mr. Warner apprised the group of the current RIO Study and the importance of obtaining Maryland specific data. He explained future policies could have unintended consequences and Maryland data would benefit the Medical Advisory Committee. There is a \$300 stipend for athletic trainers to maintain injury data and report to the RIO Study.
9. Mr. Warner notified the group of the increasing difficulty they are encountering with facilities providing AED usage at the state tournaments. He reviewed a quote from Zoll for AEDs and maintenance for them. Earl Hawkins will provide contact information for Rescue One, another company that sells AEDs. Mr. Byrd made a motion for the MPSSAA to purchase AEDs for state tournaments after conducting research on the most cost effective method. The motion was then amended to have the MPSSAA investigate the best solution for AED usage for the state tournaments, whether that be purchasing or leasing. Mr. Harbert second the motion and it unanimously passed.
10. Mr. Warner updated the council on the tennis committee director vacancy created due to Jim Rodriguez's new position within Carroll County. Centennial High School Athletics and Activities Manager Jean Vanderpool will assume the role of director. He also reviewed the state tennis tournament site and informed the group there is a potential opportunity to use a tennis center in Columbia. He will report back to the committee following the fall tennis committee meeting.

11. Mr. Warner provided the committee a recap of the NFHS Summer Meeting held in Reno, NV and reminded the committee of the upcoming Section II meeting to be held in Annapolis at the end of September. He extended an invitation to attend the meeting on September 26, 27, and 28.
12. Mr. Hawkins provided the group with a review of the inaugural coaches' leadership conference, which was held at Paint Branch High School in June. Despite the high registration numbers and low turnout, those who attended found the conference to be well worth their time. The committee will review the time frame for next year and also increase communication with registrants to ensure higher participation.
13. Mr. Bursick reported on the student leadership conference, which was held at Gaithersburg High School in August. The guest speakers, Greg Dale and Stephen Bargatze, were once again the highlight of the student athlete's participation. The committee added a community service project to the conference this year, which provided school supplies to nine Title I schools across the state.
14. Mr. Warner notified the group of the addition of lacrosse in Prince George's County for the 2017 season. 2016 saw the schools compete at the varsity level with an in county schedule in preparation for the 2017 season and state tournament participation. The lacrosse and classification committees, along with the Board of Control will place them in appropriate classifications for the spring 2017 season.
15. Mr. Warner alerted the committee about the NFHS recommendation for a baseball pitch count, which will take affect this coming spring season. Jason Woodward, the baseball committee director, met with coaches and committee members this summer to discuss the NFHS proposed guidelines and to see how they can be implemented in Maryland. When the baseball committee meets in the fall, they will review the guidelines and decide how to proceed.
16. Mr. Warner reviewed the Executive Council meeting locations for 2016-2017. Turf Valley will host the December Board of Control; Wye River center will host the winter retreat; a new location will need to be determined for the spring Board of Control due to room size and availability at the Princess Royale.
17. Mr. Warner informed the group of an extension proposal to the current agreement with ATI, who provides athletic trainers at MPSSAA state semifinals and finals. The extension calls for ATI to continue to be the official athletic trainer provider of the MPSSAA and staff coverage at every sport except cross country, which isn't needed due to the athletic training staff associated with Hereford High School and swimming and diving which was not part of the original agreement. The extension also calls for the MPSSAA to provide an annual invoice on medical supplies and a set rate for additional coverage by ATI outside the scope of the current contract. Mr. Earl Hawkins expressed concerns over swimming and diving currently not included in the agreement. Dr. Beattie suggested increasing the reimbursement to ATI for supplies and having swimming and diving added to the coverage. All were in agreement to move forward with the proposal with ATI and Mr. Warner will propose the changes to the extension.
18. Mr. Warner updated the members on the football state championship venues for 2016. M&T Bank Stadium will not be available due to the Ravens removal of the artificial turf. Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium provided the best overall value and met all MPSSAA needs. The parking cost will increase, and if their football team hosts their conference championship game, the stadium will be unavailable. The Executive Council was in favor of moving the state finals back a week in the event of a conflict if the Naval Academy was available. Mr. Warner will investigate and discuss with the football committee an alternative plan.

19. The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:08pm.
20. Following lunch, the meeting was called to order again at 12:28pm
21. Mr. Warner updated the council on the insurance coverage for the MPSSAA. Mr. Warner informed the group of the three options for additional coverage. The committee voted to add bond coverage.
22. Mr. Warner brought to the council's attention and meeting with Bank of America representatives regarding digital disbursements in order to pay state tournament workers. The MPSSAA will continue to investigate and potentially add for the fall championships.
23. Mr. Sye provided the council with forfeit language proposal created by a subcommittee. In that language, un-played games were addressed, which is where most of the problems are created. After discussion on disbandment versus failure to start the season on time, contests between MPSSAA member schools versus private schools, and games simply not played, the subcommittee will reconvene and solidify statements to provide clarity.
24. Mr. Warner reviewed the winter sports classification changes, which were the result of consolidation and closing of several schools. Discussion ensued over the numerical imbalance in teams in the Class 1A for indoor track. Concerns over the sheer number of schools took place but also how many schools would be able to support a full squad this year. A motion was made by Andy Roper to accept the changes to all winter sport classifications as presented, with a second from Michael Sye. The motion passed 7-0-4.
25. Mr. Warner reviewed the transgender document provided in the packet, which provides guidance for participation in interscholastic athletics. The new guide provided clarity in the language and followed OCR more closely. There was discussion on who should be included in the appeal process. A motion was made by Dr. Beattie with a second from Mr. Kendro to accept the transgender policy. The motion passed 10-0-1.
26. Mr. Warner discussed the NFHS Network and a proposal which keeps rights fees where they are for the next few years. While this doesn't affect the MPSSAA since they are not a member of the network, Mr. Warner presented an amendment from PlayOn! Sports to their agreement that would add years onto the current agreement with a restructuring of the fee schedule. Earl Hawkins made a motion to accept, which was seconded by David Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.
27. Mr. Warner informed the group of several companies that have proposed their online ticket service for the MPSSAA championship events. He has reviewed the information from Huddle, and StateChamps, but at the present time, neither appeared to be significantly more advantageous. The group agreed Mr. Warner should pursue local sponsorships with both companies and see which one makes the best offer, but if neither is a good deal, TicketLeap is providing a good service and the continuation is acceptable.
28. Mr. Warner notified the council of bids regarding awards for MPSSAA trophies and plaques. Larry Beck has been selected for the last two bid processes, and Lamb was selected prior to that. Dr. Beattie made a recommendation to accept the bid from Lamb Awards; Mr. Hawkins second that motion and it was passed 11-0.
29. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:45pm.