

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

**REGION 4AA**

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## **MINUTES OF REGION 4AA COMMITTEE**

**August 17, 2023**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Pohl, Andrea Schmidt, Jesse McCann, Brian Peloquin, Dan Wallaert, Aaron Hammerman, Tim Coleman, Ataa-Adjetey Mensah (Student), Denarvise Thornton, Ricky Michel/Proxy for Matt Kraft

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

There was a motion by John Pohl seconded by Tim Coleman to accept the agenda.

**MOTION APPROVED**

### **WELCOME TO THE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Kristine Schaefer, John Pohl, Jamil Payton, Jenny Patrek, Tim Coleman, Norm Bell  
Ataa-Adjetey Mensah

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:**

There was a motion by Jesse McCann seconded by Brian Peloquin to nominate Andrea Schmidt as committee chairperson. **MOTION APPROVED**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

There was a motion by Dan Willaert seconded by Brian Peloquin to accept the minutes of June 5, 2023. **MOTION APPROVED**

## **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR:**

The committee was provided with copies of bank statements for the months of June and July 2023. This included deposits and debits and a copy of the checkbook register. Tim Coleman made a motion to authorize payments for the period presented, Brian Peloquin seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS**

MSHSL BOD Representative, Denarvise Thornton reviewed the following items,

- Financial status of the league – Schools will be receiving a rebate for their membership dues.
- Boys Volleyball – There has been a task force formed to help the board determine what season boys' volleyball will be in. The decision should be made at the October board meeting.
- The league has formed a sub-committee to explore a seeding process for bracketed team state tournaments. Schools were sent an email requesting their input to the season.
- 2024 spring activity proposals.

## **2024 SPRING ADVISORY PROPOSALS**

- Softball
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the State Tournament. **Approved 13-0**
- Speech
  - Citation of visual aids **Approved 13-0**
  - Stage properties (Props) **Approved 13-0**
  - Tie Breaker **Approved 12-1**
- Track & Field –
  - 400 Wheelchair Division **Approved 13-0**
  - Qualifying standards **Approved 13-0**

## **2022-23 FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- Secretary Whisler reviewed the 2022-23 financials with the committee.

## **PREPERATIONS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

- Review of 2023-24 Handbook – Secretary Whisler reviewed a “draft” of the 2023-24 Region 4AA Handbook. The final version will be approved at the September meeting.
- Approval of Zoom contract - There was a motion by John Pohl seconded by Tim Coleman to accept the agenda. **MOTION APPROVED**
- Rep Assembly Representatives – Thank you to the following committee members for their interested in being on the Rep Assembly – Andrea Schmidt, Tim Coleman Dan Willaert
- Music/Fine Arts Update – Music Rep, Aaron Hammerman shared that there are no changes to the schedule of music contests. We are still looking for 2 additional dates. Secretary Whisler will put this on the agenda for the September AD’s meeting. Member Hammerman encouraged the committee members to reach out to their music directors to have them register as judges.
- Meeting Dates
  - September 20, 2023 - A.D.’s @ 8:30 Committee @ 10:30
  - November 15, 2023 – Committee @ 10:30
  - January 10, 2024 - A.D.’s @ 8:30 Committee @ 10:30
  - April 17, 2024 – A.D.’s @ 8:30 Committee @ 10:30
  - May 15, 2024 – Committee @ 10:30
  - June 3, 2024 - Committee @ 10:30

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Tournament Managers – Secretary Whisler indicated only one new tournament manager was needed for the 2023-24 school year. That position (4AAA Baseball) was filled by Mr. Dave Hieb.
- Secretary Whisler is looking at having a meeting with the Tournament Managers to review some of the new issues that we are facing when hosting section tournaments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- There was a motion made by Tim Coleman seconded by Brian Peloquin for adjournment. **MOTION APPROVED**
- **Next Meeting** – September 20, 2023 AD’s/8:30 - Committee/10:30