

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
REGION 7AA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday January 17, 2024 (ZOOM)

**Members Present:** Andy Richardson, Nate Rudolph, Sara Weis, Shawn Roed, Paul Riess, Dan Bittman, Darin Illikainen, Steve Gibbs, Mark Schroeder, Will Seykora, Glenn Morehouse Olson

**Members Absent:** Tom Tusken

**Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Roed**

The following business was conducted.

**1. Proposed agenda was accepted**

- **Motion Bittman, second Illikainen. Motion Passed 11-0**

**2. September 27, 2023 Minutes were approved.**

- **Motion Rudolph, second Bittman. Motion Passed 11-0**

**3. Public Comments**

- None

**4. Board of Directors Update - Gary Revenig**

- Fall Advisory proposals comments are due
- 9th grade inclusion in MSHSL could happen in 25-26 school year

**5. Treasurer's Report.**

- Checking balance is \$191,903.94.
- Year by Year comparison data was shared for all categories and just sports
- Year end Distribution has been delayed due to MSHSL office problems with transfers
  - **Motion Weis, second Gibbs. Motion Passed 11-0**

**6. Fall 2023 Tournament Review**

- No problems this fall. Several positive comments
- Addition of 6AA Soccer was a positive
- AD's have done a tremendous job running tournaments
- No Committee action needed

**7. Appendix M - 2024 Winter and Spring Tournament Review**

- Winter, and Spring Tournament date/location/manager adjustments were approved
  - **Motion Bittman, Second Richardson. Motion Passed 11-0.**
- Fine Arts date/location/manager adjustments were approved
  - **Motion Bittman, Second Richardson. Motion Passed 11-0.**

## **8. Appendix M - Fall 2024 Recommendations**

- Preliminary dates/sites/mangers approved by AD's last week
  - **Motion Weis, Second Rudolph. Motion Passed 11-0.**

## **9. Activity Advisory Proposals**

- Football Seeding
  - Coaches Support it
  - Keeps regional representation in Quarters for travel
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Richardson, Second Weis. Motion Passed 11-0.**
- Soccer - Suspended Games
  - Coaches support it
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Gibbs, Second Morehouse Olson. Motion Passed 11-0**
- Girls Tennis - Add a third class
  - Coaches in favor
  - Makes it consistent with other sports
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Rudolph, Second Morehouse Olson. Motion Passed 11-0**
- Volleyball - Seed 1-8
  - Coaches favor it
  - This is what we do in the sections
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Weis, Second Richardson. Motion Passed 11-0**

## **10. Representative Assembly Amendments**

- Gymnastics - Allow year round waiver for spotters
  - Hard to find spotters
  - Increase safety for athletes
  - Parents support this
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Rudolph, Second Bittman. Motion Passed 11-0**
- Dance - Eliminate spring tryout period
  - Will bring them in line with other sports
  - AD's support it
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Weis, Second Gibbs. Motion Passed 11-0**

## **11. Other**

- Allow Sec Lenarz to negotiate a streaming deal for girls hockey tournament
  - Will use MCMS amounts as a base
  - One year deal to see how it goes
  - Will bring in \$3300
  - **Motion to support the proposal**
    - **Motion Roed, Second Weis. Motion Passed 11-0**

## **12. AAA Selections - 2024**

- 7AA Boy Recipient: Graham Anderson (Princeton)
- 7AA Girl Recipient: Rowan Bixler (Duluth East)

## **13. Future Meetings**

- 7AA Committee Meetings
  - Wednesday May 1st, 2024 (Duluth - Buffalo House)
  - Wednesday July 17th, 2024 (Zoom)

## **Adjournment: 11:14 AM**

- **Motion Roed, Second Weis. Motion Passed 11-0.**