

MHSLA Meeting Minutes

Objective: Monthly Meeting

Date: 5/13/2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Facilitator: President Thesing

Members Present:

Entity	Designated Representative	Other Representative	Other Representative
MHSLA President	Todd Thesing		
MHSLA Vice President			
MHSLA Treasurer	Eric Sutherland		
MHSLA Secretary	Brad Koon		
Sheridan	Jeff Scheidemier		
Billings Beartooth	Desarae Detling		
Billings Rimrock	Howard Ruzick,		
Bozeman	Rob Leder		
Cody	TJ Gionet		
Jackson	Tori Hederman		
Last Chance	Nathan Nachtsheim		
Butte	Dan Carroll		
Great Falls	Jeremy Comstock		
Missoula Wild	Jennie Grasser		
Missoula Spartans	Steve Crass		
Northwest Avalanche	Chris McLaughlin		
Cheyenne	Colton Rasmussen		

1. President's Report

- a. Todd asked if link to meeting is coming through.
- b. Steve doesn't get any notifications.
- c. Todd will send new invite with meeting invite to this group.
- d. Pay attention to this weekend and make a list of things we can work on in the offseason to see what we can change next year. What did we do good, what did we do bad, what can we do better.
- e. Prepare list from each club and send to Todd

2. Vice President's Report

3. Secretary Report

- a. Comments on the 4/08/2025 MHSLA Minutes?
 - i. Wrong minutes on website. Make sure they are correct.
- b. John Noble has been keeping things going with Sports Engine
 - i. He is out of Town this week. Let me know if you have issues.
 - ii. Is there a way to export stats?
 - iii. Let people know how to do that.
 - iv. Make sure extra games are not included in the stats.
- c. Posting meeting minutes to website after meetings.

4. Treasurer Report

- a. \$30,517.32 in bank
- b. Hiccup with some not being registered.
- c. Everyone is registered and paid now.
- d. Received most officiating invoices
- e. Received call from Sean Scalley
- f. Chris said NW may have paid twice
 - i. Eric said there was some confusion, but they weren't paid twice.
- g. Ref fees are one fee per team per game

5. Scheduling Update

- a. Girls coaches meeting on Friday
- b. Todd is working on coaches meeting for Friday after games
- c. MHSLA meeting at 7:00 AM Saturday

6. State Tournament

- a. Seeding and Bracketing
 - i. Chris went over bracket
 - ii. Seeding is based on divisional record
 - iii. Winning percentage doesn't matter
 - iv. Key wins
 - v. Key losses
 - vi. Head to head
 - vii. Only counting conference games
 - viii. Heather Fust put on Tourney Machine
 - ix. There is a chance that if one of the top teams wins, they won't have a consolation game.
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- x. Could play on Sunday if they want to
- xi. Seems like it would be a full bracket to finish out the year.
- xii. Rules say teams will play in a single elimination game
- xiii. People get two games and it is what it is
- xiv. Chris asked if they ever did it in past
 - 1. Nathan said they used to do a ¾ game
- xv. Would there be referees
 - 1. Chris said yes for Sunday
- xvi. Play a 3rd/4th Game on Boys and Girls Varsity
 - 1. Motion: Howard
 - 2. Second: Steve Crass
 - 3. Discussion: It would add a third game for those that lost in semi. No trophies. Game would be on Sunday. Championship would be played after championship. Likely at 3:00 and 5:00. Won't be cool if teams cancel. Howard doesn't think it is a good idea. Consider adjusting next year ahead of time.
 - 4. Howard pulled motion, Steve pulled second.
 - 5. NO VOTE:

b. Reviewed boys JV

- i. All Boys JV 8V8
 - 1. Motion: Colton
 - 2. Second: Nathan
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Billings Rimrock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Bozeman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Cody	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
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Northwest Avalanche	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Cheyenne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Tally:		AYE 13 NO 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PASS
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- c. Reviewed girls varsity bracket
- d. Reviewed girls JV bracket
 - i. Allow Girls JV Play 10V10 for all teams
 - 1. Motion: Steve
 - 2. Second: Chris
 - 3. VOTE:

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- e. Trophy Presentation
 - i. Billings has the trophies
 - ii. Chris Mac has the team JV trophy
 - iii. Whoever won JV last year Jackson. Tori will bring.
 - iv. Sheridan has Boys JV
 - v. Make sure each team from last year brings the team trophies.
 - vi. Give to Rob or Todd Friday so it is in safe place
 - vii. Desarae will bring on Saturday
 - viii. Unwrap trophies ahead of time
 - ix. Coach to have printout of roster for championship team
 - x. Get kids to line up in order of roster
 - xi. Player comes up, announce name, and hand trophy
 - f. Stop Clock
 - i. Clarifications of clock stoppage
 - g. Game balls
 - i. Bozeman will bring all game balls for boys and girls
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h. Pay Bozeman \$5,000 to host State

- i. Motion: Nathan
- ii. Second: Steve
- iii. VOTE:

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7. All State Awards

- a. Get to Todd Thursday by 5:00.

8. Todd Share Referee Letter

- a. Distribute to all Coaches
 - i. Each table have air horn
 - ii. No jewelry worn during games
 - iii. Limited eyeblack
 - 1. One line under eyes and not beyond
 - 2. Teams will be penalized for this
 - iv. Legal sticks including contrasting tape for boys facing off
 - v. Let refs do job
 - vi. Players and coaches behave
 - vii. Do not throw sticks
 - viii. Sportsmanship
 - ix. Make sure letter gets to the coaches.
 - x. This will be sent to us, and we need to get to coaches.

9. Discuss Teams forfeiting games right before start time.

- a. Opponents travelling a long way to play, then games are cut short.
 - b. Bigger conversation about cancellations.
 - c. Brad said he received calls about teams travelling long distances then the opposing team forfeiting right before the game.
 - i. This is something we need to make sure doesn't happen in the future. This will be a topic for discussion in preparation for next season.
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10. In Person MHSLA Meeting

- a. Nathan thinks it is a good idea
- b. Todd doesn't disagree
- c. Pick a date in the Fall and meet then in person
- d. JR thinks it is a good idea
- e. Need to have sooner
- f. In bylaws
- g. Tori wants to do it earlier
- h. What is fast and easy
- i. Todd said he is not opposing the meeting
- j. Put agenda together
 - i. Same time as all state stuff
- k. Never seen Spring meeting a complaint fest
- l. It is in the bylaws
- m. It was decided to have a meeting at 7:00 AM Saturday Morning
 - i. Todd will find a location.
 - ii. Brad and Todd will work on the agenda.
- n. 7:00 AM In Person Meeting on Saturday the 17th
 - i. Motion: Nathan
 - ii. Second: TJ
 - iii. VOTE:

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Northwest Avalanche	<input type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Cheyenne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Tally:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AYE 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO 3
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- Not just complaints
- Solutions to problems
- Everyone send 1 or 2 topics to cover
 - CC Brad and Todd
- Todd and Brad will prepare agenda
- Nathan said in person meetings were always positive

11. Next Meeting: June 10, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

12. Meeting end at 9:25 PM