

# MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION, INC.

## 2018 FALL SPORT ASSOCIATION/DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

### AGENDA

#### **A. Call to order President Mike Peterson-Perham**

Was called to order at 9:10 am

#### **B. Roll Call of Members-Tom Critchley Jr-D-G-F**

All sections were represented except for Section 3A, 1AA. Sport Associations not in attendance: Adapted Athletics, Gymnastics, B & G Nordic/Alpine Skiing, B & G LaCrosse, B & G Tennis, Volleyball

#### **C. President's welcome and opening remarks and Presidential goals for the coming year**

President Peterson discussed what his goals are for the year.

1. Passes for coaches is what he will be working on.
2. Work on policy that playing time won't be discussed and school boards need to adopt this and accept. Parent component that will be put on website and with the MSHSL and MnIAAA. Parents don't understand what athletics means and involves.
3. Work to improve relationships with the MSHSL and the MnIAAA to work on projects that will benefit all groups and need to be a part of each group. Was a great meeting with Mike P, John S and Erich Martens to discuss what needs to help the relationships. We are looked as a leader in the coaches association.

#### **D. Erich Martens – Executive Director MSHSL** Following Erich's presentation there will be time for questions and answers from the Officers and Delegates

Thanked all coaches and presidents in attendance for all the work and effort they put into their activities.

Exciting time at the MSHSL as Erich Martens has been on board for 6 months and he continues to learn each day.

Important to remember what we are doing and that it's not always about beating your opponent but about making relationships. Without us things will not happen for kids of today. Echo that meeting with John and Mike went very good and he looks forward to continue partnership with MSHSCA

Area meetings will be starting throughout the state and meeting with AD's Geographical representation is very important to all involved and will be address. Classification was discussed and what are the timelines. A rubric is being considered to be looked at so then the question of reclassification or changing of numbers of classes can be considered in a organized way with all the results. October meeting would

include feedback and what potential decision could be, and then discussion can be brought back to area school.

Everyone making the playoffs will be a topic to discuss should all make the playoffs. Wasn't long ago that not everyone made the playoffs. Should we go back to that to avoid blowouts.

Eligibility had a audit and some items need to change. Eligibility starts in the high school with the AD Eligibility committee meets twice a month to ensure all situations are looked at.

#### Areas of Focus:

1. Promoting the High School experience - how do we make ourselves different from other activities. A focus on what our purpose is - Education Based Athletics.
2. Saturation of programs within a high school. Big schools have a number of participants to choose from smaller schools don't have that option. We need to find a balance for all schools.
3. Recruitment and retention of AD's and Coaches how do we keep people in the positions. Look around room and see a lot of experience.
4. 9th grade becoming part of the MSHSL MSHSL consists of 10 -12 or students who play at 10th, JV and Varsity level.

Transition has been good. Chris Franson of the MSHSL will be leaving the MSHSL after 18 years and they are now looking at who will cover the positions that Chris does.

Still working with Prep 45 to include state coverage of specific sport state tournaments.

School Space Media will be providing coverage for all other sports and will be free to viewers.

There was a discussion of coaches passes for state tournaments and how this could be included. How could this be done with minimal resources and accountability. Need to figure out a process for implementing the pass.

Need to look at the different extra curricular activities that are represented by the MSHSL but don't fall under the MSHSL rules (ex: Robotics, Clay Target). These are great activities and have been great for the state and now need to address the relationship with the MSHSL. Bass fishing equestrian and E sports is on the forefront. Gaming is in 16 states and there are millions of dollars being won by individuals. No one in region 5 has E Sports

Erich Martens can be reached at the league office or via email.

- E. **MSHSL Board of Directors Report** – Craig Anderson – Pine Island and Jill Johnson-Waconia

Has been year of transition for MSHSL and MSHSCA Thanked people who have made it to John and Mary's Retirement gathering. Troy Urdahl and Dave Swanberg have all moved on due to taking other positions in their schools. This Craig's final year on the MSHSL Board of Director. We thank him for his service to the MSHSCA. Feel free to contact Craig or Jill if you have any questions or need some directions. Extremely impressed with Erich Martens and what he brings to the table.

#### **F. Executive Directors Report**

1. Approval of Sept. 2017 Minutes

Motion - Keith Randa - Soccer delegate

2nd - Gordy Klomps

Passed unanimously

2. Membership Report

Current membership of active coaches is at 3,774 this year thus far.

Strongly encourage coaches to register now instead of waiting until the season they start. The insurance coverage will cover them in their classroom as well even out of their coaching season.

3. Final Finance Report for the 2017-18 Membership year

Rick Ringeisen introduced Nathan Youngs to members as the Class A finance rep. As a change, coordinated the physical year from a July 1st year to an August 1st date to make the financial report and the membership year the same. Some changes NOCAD -decrease in the the fee for the trip so the report is actual amount spent is lower.

NHSACA - the actual cost for coaches that were nominated was lower than proposed. Will depend on how many coaches and also the location of the conference. Transition expenses will continue to decrease as the transition from John and Mary Erickson to John and Bernie Schumacher occurs. Unified dues went up as the amount of membership went up with addition of associations and coaches. Web site finances will continue to vary based on the changes, additions, etc.

4. Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 (Advanced by Executive Committee for Approval by Assembly)

Motion - Jim Baker

2nd - Mike Lhotka Section 2A

5. Update on Legal action progress

Lawsuit is still at a stand still as we wait as decisions are made and legal decisions are put in action.

6. Other

If there are any individuals or families in your association that have had medical issues, loss of a family member, or hardships, please reach out to Rick Ringeisen that is in charge of our Coaches Caring.

- G. **Sport Association Reports.** Each sport association will be called upon to update the membership on their game plans for the coming year. Advisory Committee Proposals, Clinics. Etc.
1. Boy's Basketball - Tom Critchley, Sr - Concern of non-renewal of coaches. There were 4 hall of fame coaches that were non-renewed this past year. This is not just a MN problem but also a problem across the country. The National Basketball Association has been proposing legislature as well. Discussion that there should be evaluations in file and specific dates of non-renewals need to be notified by a specific date. Coaches should be put on an improvement plan Discussion included potential options to add or amend to the legislature on non-renewals. Joel McDonald - Fall Clinic Oct 26-27th @ the Hyatt. Have really hit the mentoring program hard and has formed a committee to create a mentorship program to help in the support of other coaches. Planning on rolling out the program at their clinic. NCAA recruiting changes - there have been some major changes in Division 1 recruiting. Would allow associations to host an event to have colleges attend and promote our athletes within our programs. Shot clock was not passed. Class AAAA plan was tabled at this time. Geographic location will play apart in the seeding of the tournament. Trey Jones of AV was awarded the Bob McDonald award. Given to top basketball player in the state on and off the floor.
  2. Rick Ringeisen addressed Mn Statute. Non-renewed coaches are considered guilty even if there is a false accusations. Without due process there is no improvement plan. We as coaches don't have any rights. We have to work on the Statue and it is going to take everyone working on this together. We have to sit with lawyers and legislatures and what can we get and expect to get support. We want due process. MSHSL sports is not designed as a "pay to play program." Need support for MSHSL, AD's and School boards. Guidelines will help all decision makers. It's a new world we live in and we need to adapt.
  3. Girls Basketball - Liz Carpentier. Partnering with the boys association. They did pass the restricted arc but not the shot clock like the boys association. Clinic is Oct 26th St. Thomas and the guest speaker is Lindsey Wahlin.
  4. Cross Country - Chris Goebel. Clinic was on August 6th at the Vikings Training House. Open to public for various uses and training it is state of the art facility. Continued discussion on getting Cross Country to 3 classes.
  5. Dance - Kelly McGinnis - 2nd year as a part of the MSHSCA. Oct 13th - student convention which brings in any dancers from around the state. Continued to

work with the judges association in MN to build a positive relationship. Proposal to shorten the Jazz time limit and will be brought to the board at the end of the month.

6. Football - Jim Dotseth - All Star game is December 15th and is sponsored by the MN Vikings.
7. Golf - Bob Gordon - Meeting with the MSHSL in the next couple weeks. Will have a new president this coming year.
8. Boys Hockey - John Ammerman - Have a member who is dealing with health issues and will support him as much as possible. Trying to coordinate a prospects game held at the TRIA arena the week before season occurs. Also dealing with two hockey academies in the state. This year will be the 75th Anniversary of the boys state hockey tournament.
9. Girls Hockey - Tim Morris. Lakeville - 25th Anniversary of the Girls State Tournament. Trying to get the consolation games to the TRIA arena from Ritter Arena.
10. Sports Medicine - Tom Sharp - Families around the country are starting to use the legal system to get athletes back to participate in athletics. What will this do to our health and wellness system with our athletes. Looking at adding a mental health professional to the sports medicine advisory committee. Also looking at how to get information through education modules to coaches without requiring too much of their time.
11. Girls/Boys Soccer - Keith Randa - Waiting on an answer for the 3 class proposal. Had a very successful clinic at Sports center. Working with MN United to get an All Star game at their facility.
12. Softball - Terry Sadler - Brought in 96 girls and selected 15 girls to represent MN in border battle at U of M. Dave St. Peter of Twins talked to group. Dave asked what can twins do they received a check for \$5000.00 and 200 free tickets to twin games for all involved.
13. Boys/Girls Swimming - Doug Donaldson - True team meet is run by the association for 16 years. Looking at use of technology at meets and helping officials on relay exchanges/false starts. Section realignments with MSHSL 4-1000.00 scholarships to two girls and 2 boys.
14. Synchronized Swimming - Kathy Henderson. State tournament moving to Rochester due to renovation of the U of M pool.
15. Track - Aaron Berndt Added Mr & Mrs Track and Field Only state that has these awards. Women for Women Way to recruit and retain High Quality Female coaches.
16. Wrestling - Tom Sharp - Approved by MSHSL 2 year trial to go to 12 wt classes with elimination 106 and 195 during regular season.

17. Baseball -Clinic State Tournament at Target Field All Star series was good.  
Provide 14 scholarships (56 applications) for deserving seniors.

**H. Delegate Openings-John Schumacher**

I ask you to reach out to coaches or to give suggestions as to who can fill the open positions. If Sports Associations are looking at a change in their dues for the 2019-2020 season please let us know by February 1st. The first opening of the registration window for the new year occurs in March and all dues/fees need to be updated before this time. Update on any new President or Vice President for each associations please be send to John and Bernie as well.

- I. **Hall of Fame report and update** – Jim Baker Hall of Fame Chairman - Banquet is not just Hall Of Fame it is also Coach of the Year and Assistant Coach of the Year that are recognized. Please reach out to Winners have them contact Jim about Banquet and get information for plaque. HOF Banquet October 13 Gave names of HOF inductees to all in attendance. Huge honor for individuals to receive these awards. Encourage COY & ACOY to be members so they can get recognized.
- J. **Website Update**-Rob Nielsen-Detroit Lakes-Most associations have switched over to Sport Engine. Each sport association can have their own website and can edit if access is granted. Contact Rob Nielsen if you would like to organize your website and have access to edit it.
- K. **Prep Coach**-Publication Date change-Rob Nielsen-Detroit Lakes  
Looking at a change in the publication date to June 15th or July 1st to get end of season for spring sports. It takes about a week to get Prep Coach out once they have received the information. Soccer feels it would help to help to have a July 1 deadline to have it out by July 15th. Baseball would also look at it being a positive move. Will give it a try.
- L. **Scholarship Update** - Gregg Martig. 10 scholarships handed out at \$1000.00 each. Sport Associations will need to update their forms due to a change in address for Gregg.
- M. **DSA Report**-Mike Peterson-Perham  
There are four officials that are going into the DSA this year. Take some time to look at referees, officials, etc to recognize these people.
- N. **Robotics MSHSCA Presentation**-Becky Leuer- North Branch and Alex Jurek. Working with robotics for years. 3600 team over the world and over 1000 here in the US. MN has the 3rd most robotics in the nation with 240 plus robotics teams. How does robotics fit into the MSHSCA...just as you're, coaching athletes in sports, we are coaching kids too. Same issues that other programs are dealing with from parents, pay to play, to personnel issues. Have limited spots on the team, want to have recognition of individuals that are on the team, better to organize and recognize the coaches that work with these programs. Follow same eligibility requirements as other programs. Insurance is also needed as coaches travel to contests and events. Becky Leuer helped develop protocol and what region representation will be in place. Been working on this for 2

years. Are coaches are background checked, trained and school board approved.  
Training clinics in place for coaches Want to join this 2018-2019 school year and  
MSHCA Membership year. Motion to include the addition of robotics to the MSHSCA  
Motion - Jim Baker 2nd - Nathan Youngs.

Motion amended to include addition of Robotics to the MSHSCA in the 18-19 school  
year.

Motion John Schumacher

2nd - Mike Lhotka

Passed unanimously

Motion to approve amended motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept Robotics as member of the MSHSL passed unanimously

- O. **Survey by Jon Wagner** - Various questions about coaches knowing what their school does or does not pay for when it comes to mileage, clinics, dues, hotels etc. How many do not provide for these items. How many pay to send coaches to State Tournaments. Please send your information to Jon Wagner on any policies that you have. Recognized Steve Kerzie who passed away this year who is one of the MSHSCA Awards handed out at Hall Of Fame Banquet each year. There was a moment of silence in honor of Steve Kerzie.
- P. In closing: Mike Peterson-He asked that we be supportive of each others organizations that we talk appropriately and positive about each others organizations from associations, MSHSL, Administrators.
- Q. Adjourned at 11:35 am Motion by Keith Randa and Second by Tavia Bachmann to adjourn. Respectively Submitted By John Schumacher