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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes MPSSAA December 11, 2013

Mr. Earl Hawkins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Edward Sparks reported 54 voting members present. Mr. Hawkins requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 2013. Mr. Ken Zorbach motioned and Mr. Perry Baker seconded. The motioned carried.

Mr. Ned Sparks reviewed the preliminary Fall Financial Report. Mr. Sparks reported on volleyball, field hockey, soccer and football. No questions followed.

Old Business

A Fall Tournaments

- Golf - Mr. Jim Woods reported that the tournament held at the University of Maryland Golf Course was a great success with 200 players attending. Mr. Woods thanked Mr. Jeff Ibex for stepping in and conducting the tournament during his medical absence.
- Cross Country - Mr. Mike Sye provided a handout and thanked everyone who helped make this year's state championship at McDaniel College a success. Mr. Sye mentioned that 1370 boys and girls participated.

- Field Hockey - Ms. Phyllis Hemmes provided a handout and thanked Washington College and the committee for conducting a great tournament. Ms. Hemmes mentioned the last play date for games to count in the 2014 draw will be October 15. The draw will be conducted on October 16, 2014. The 2013 Sportsmanship Award was awarded to Dulaney HS.
- Soccer - Ms. Marianne Shultz provided a handout and reported on an outstanding tournament for both the boys and girls. The Steve Malone Sportsmanship Awards were awarded to Urbana HS (boys) and Century HS (girls).
- Volleyball - Ms. Peggy Troiano provided a handout and thanked everyone for their dedication for a successful tournament at Ritchie Coliseum. Ms. Troiano congratulated Coach Shirley Diggs and High Point HS volleyball team on receiving the 15th Annual Lesley A. Cook Tournament Sportsmanship Award.
- Football - Mr. Mike Calhoun thanked everyone for another successful year for the tournament held at M & T Bank Stadium. The John Cox Sportsmanship Award was won by Patuxent HS.

B. Student Leadership Conference

Mr. Andy Warner summarized the Fourth Annual Student Leadership Conference that was held at Laurel HS. Mr. Warner thanked everyone for their help with the conference. He solicited for anyone to please contact him if interested in helping with next year's conference.

New Business

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Earl Hawkins presented the 2014-2016 nominations for MPSSAA President and President Elect. Ms. Kim Dolch, Principal of North Carroll HS was nominated for President and

Mr. Greg LeGrand, Coordinator of Athletics, Anne Arundel County was nominated for President-Elect. Mr. Perry Baker motioned for approval and Mr. Mike Sye seconded. No discussion followed. The officers were elected.

B. Marketing/Sponsorship/Softball and Soccer Update

Ms. Jill Masterman reported that the MPSSAA has ratified a signed contract with PlayOn Sports to provide live streaming of championship finals on the MPSSAA Network for the next five years. Currently, potential new softball vendors are sending in proposals and "seed balls" for a new five year contract beginning on July, 2014. Soccer is the next sport that will go through a contract renewal process beginning this winter.

C. Legislative Review

Mr. Ned Sparks reviewed:

- a. Revision to Athletic Regulations
- b. Open Meeting Compliance
- c. Interpretation of Designated Optional Tournament
- d. Proposed Post-Labor Day School Opening

D. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Mr. Earl Hawkins introduced Mr. Derek Simmons, Supervisor of Athletics along with Caroline County Board member Mr. Jim Newcomb. Messrs.' Simmons and Newcomb presented the proposed amendment to the regulations that would require for classification purposes that the enrollment of a sending school be added to the receiving school's enrollment in order to determine the classification for playoff competition. Following some questions and comments Mr. Brett Ireland motioned to approve this amendment and Mr. Tim Frey seconded. After a brief discussion Mr. Derek Simmons withdrew the motion so that possible alternative solutions could receive further study.

E. Medical Advisory Committee

Mr. Ned Sparks provided information and meeting notes from the inaugural Medical Advisory Committee meeting in October. The Committee was organized into three subgroups to allow in depth study on topics for this school year. Those topics are:

1. TBI/Concussions-Review Policy-Recommendations
2. Medical Protocol for Regular Season Regional and State Championship Competitions
3. Extent of ATC Coverage and School System Oversight

F. Winter Tournaments

- Wrestling - Dr. William Beattie reported several new criteria have been established. One for hosting the State Dual Meet tournaments and one for tie-breakers for regional tournaments which are both available at the wrestling page of the MPSSAA website. Also this year individual regional tournaments have the option of conducting a one-day regional tournament, if they so choose.
- Indoor Track - Mr. Joe Sargent provided a handout and mentioned the State Championship will be held on February 17 and 18 at the Prince George's Sports Complex Center. Mr. Sargent reported the State seeding meeting will be held on February 15 at Milford Mill Academy.
- Basketball - Ms. Lynette Mitzel mentioned the Girls' tournament has been moved to the SECU Arena at Towson University on March 12, 13 and 15, 2014. Mr. Earl Hawkins reported no changes to the Boys' basketball tournament.
- Swimming – Mr. Earl Hawkins reported that construction at Fairland's Swim Center should be completed in time for the region meets.

G. Spring Tournament Proposals

- Baseball - Mr. Jason Woodward reported that the State ball is still the Wilson 81010, the draw will be on May 7 with the State finals to be held at Ripken Stadium.

- Softball - Ms. Marianne Schultz spoke for Ms. Lynn Pitonzo. A handout was provided. Ms. Schultz mentioned that they will be using a double first base throughout the tournament year, beginning with the first round of regionals. Ms. Schultz requested that prom and graduation dates be sent to the chair before the regionals begin.
- Lacrosse - Mr. Ken Zorbach reported the State 4A/3A semifinal site has been changed to Northeast HS. The State Finals on May 20 and 21 will be held at UMBC. Mr. Zorbach mentioned the ball has changed for spring 2014. The competition ball must display the NOCSAE mark.
- Tennis - Mr. Jim Rodriguez provided a handout and mentioned May 17 as the regional tournament completion deadline. The State Finals will be held at UMCP on May 23 and 24, 2014.
- Track & Field - Mr. Andy Warner spoke for Ms. Beth Shook. Mr. Warner reported that Supervisors need to provide the number of contracted coaches from each school so that the correct number of wrist bands can be distributed at the State match.

Mr. Earl Hawkins asked for a motion to approve spring tournament proposals. Mr. Ken Zorbach motioned and Mr. A.K. Johnson seconded. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jim Rodriguez motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Greg LeGrand seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.