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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes

MPSSAA

April 11, 2014

1. Mr. Earl Hawkins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Ms. Sharon Komornik took roll and reported 53 voting members present. Mr. Hawkins requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2013. Dr. Andy Roper motioned and Mr. Mike Sye seconded. The minutes were accepted.
2. Mr. Ned Sparks reviewed the MPSSAA Winter Financial Report. Mr. Sparks reported on Indoor Track, Wrestling, Swimming, Girls' Basketball and Boys' Basketball tournaments. No questions followed.

Old Business

Minds in Motion Scholarship Ms. Jill Masterman reported over 500 applications were received. The news release of the winners will be May 1. The luncheon will be held on May 29 at the M & T Bank Stadium in the Raven's locker room. Dr. Yvette Rooks will be the featured speaker.

Student Leadership Conference Mr. Andy Warner reported that the MPSSAA Student Leadership Conference will be held on August 5 at North County HS in Anne Arundel County. Mr. Warner thanked the Allstate Foundation for their sponsorship and Wendy's for providing lunch for 400 students and attendees. Mr. Warner mentioned that registration information can be found on the MPSSAA website.

A. Spring Sports

- a. Tennis Mr. Jim Rodriguez reported no changes. The state tournament will be held on May 23-24, at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- b. Baseball Mr. Jason Woodward asked that the region directors compile records by Tuesday, May 6 for the draw on Wednesday, May 7. Mr. Woodward mentioned the state tournament will be on May 23-24 at Ripken Stadium. The official state baseball is the Wilson A1010BPROSST.
- c. Softball Ms. Marianne Shultz spoke for Ms. Lynn Pitonzo. Ms. Shultz provided a handout and mentioned that the draw will be held on Tuesday, May 6 and regionals are scheduled to begin on May 8. Ms. Shultz mentioned the finals will be played at the College Park Softball complex with two games on Friday, May 23, and two games on Saturday, May 24.
- d. Lacrosse Mr. Ken Zorbach provided a handout and mentioned the draw will be held on Monday, May 5. Mr. Zorbach mentioned the finals will be played at UMBC on May 20 - 21.
- e. Track & Field Mr. Andy Warner spoke for Ms. Beth Shook. Mr. Warner mentioned that supervisors are to provide the number of contracted coaches from each school so that the correct numbers of wrist bands are provided in team packets.

Wendy's Report Mr. Patrick Parks, Divisional Vice President, Davco Restaurants spoke about the Wendy's High School Heisman Program. Mr. Parks mentioned that they partnered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital over the last 3 years with the frosty key tags and donated \$2 million to St. Jude's. Mr. Parks also provided several thousand of the frosty key tags for member schools.

New Business

A. 2014 Legislative Update

Mr. Ned Sparks reported on HB427- Maryland Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act; HB857- Task Force to Study a Funding Formula for Corollary Athletic Programs; and SB1332- Task Force to Study Sports Injuries in High School Female Athletes.

USA Football Mr. Ned Sparks mentioned the MPSSAA is planning to launch an optional new initiative aimed at promoting preventative safety precautions in the sport of football. Known as Heads UP Football the campaign provides coaches training in safer blocking and tackling techniques, proper equipment fitting and the designation of a member of each coaching staff as the Player Safety Coach. Mr. Nick Inzerello, USA Football provided information on the Heads Up Football program. Follow up information will be sent to schools in the near future.

PNC Lacrosse Support Mr. Joe Pipitone, Regional PNC Manager on the Eastern Shore spoke about PNC continuing \$1,500 scholarships to the boys and girls state final teams and noted the PNC Play of the Week contest that opened through May 18.

Sectional Seeding Dr. William Beattie propose in team sports to seed all teams by record in the Sectional/Regional tournaments beginning with the fall and winter 2014/15 seasons.

Mr. Jeff Sullivan motioned to approve and Mr. Stosh Schtierman seconded. By a vote of 49-0-3 the motioned passed.

B. Fall Tournaments

- a. Field Hockey Ms. Phyllis Hemmes provided a handout and mentioned that when a visible scoreboard is used as the game clock, it becomes the official clock. Ms. Hemmes noted Washington College will be hosting the state finals on November 8.
- b. Soccer Ms. Marianne Shultz provided a handout which stated tentative sites for 2014 state semi-finals games: 2A Bel Air, 3A Essex, 1A Northeast and 4A Richard Montgomery and finals which will be played on Saturday, November 15.
- c. Volleyball Mr. Andy Warner spoke for Ms. Sybil Modispacher who provided a handout for review. Mr. Warner mentioned that the 2014 state championship finals will be held at Ritchie Coliseum on Friday, November 14 and Monday, November 17.
- d. Golf Mr. James Wood mentioned that the state tournament will be held on October 27, 28 & 29.
- e. Cross Country Mr. Mike Sye mentioned member schools are eligible to enter into their respective regional meets online at md.milesplit.com. Mr. Sye mentioned the state championship will be held at Hereford HS.
- f. Football Mr. Andy Warner reported the Ravens will dictate the schedule for state championships. Mr. Warner mentioned the officials association assigned to a game will provide a six-man crew, a three-man chain crew, and a timekeeper.

Mr. Earl Hawkins asked for a motion to approve fall tournaments. Mr. Jim Rodriguez motioned and Mr. Mike Sye seconded. No discussion followed. By a vote of 50 – 0 the motion passed.

Mr. Ed Waldman provided an update on the County Sports Zone activity.

C. Winter Tournaments

- a. Wrestling Dr. William Beattie reported no significant changes and that North Point HS will host the 2015 state dual meet tournament.
- b. Basketball Ms. Lynette Mitzel reported they had a great tournament held at the new venue SECU Arena. Ms. Mitzel mentioned a change in the bulletin that provides for 45 band members to be admitted free. Mr. Earl Hawkins provided a handout and mentioned Dr. Henry Wise, Jr. HS won the sportsmanship award.
- c. Indoor Track Mr. Joe Sargent provided a handout which noted that indoor track set 16 Classification Records and 3 Overall State Records were set. Mr. Sargent reported on the proposals and recommendations from their April 2 meeting, the addition of Long Jump and Triple Jump as “non-team scoring events.” Mr. Mike Sye mentioned not having a facility to practice and the cost of providing transportation to PGSC Complex for only several athletes. A discussion followed. Mr. Earl Hawkins asked for a motion to strike out the Long Jump and Triple Jump portion from of the bulletin. Mr. Mike Duffy motioned and Mr. Bob Wade seconded. By a vote of 47-0-6 the motion passed.
- d. Swimming Mr. Earl Hawkins provided a handout and thanked the committee and noted winners of the championship.

Mr. Earl Hawkins asked for a motion to approve the Winter Tournaments. Dr. Andy Roper motioned and Mr. Stosh Schtierman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Earl Hawkins sought a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lynette Mitzel motioned and Ms. Jeannie Prevosto seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.