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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes MPSSAA April 26, 2024

- 1. Mr. Michael Sye, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Andrew Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 55 of 63 voting members were present, qualifying for a quorum to conduct business for the association. Mr. Sye requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2023. Mr. John Davis made a motion for approval and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lynett Mitzel. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2. Mr. Warner presented the 2024 Winter Financial Report.
 - Indoor track moved all indoor region meet to Prince George's Sports and Learning. The MPSSAA took on all associated costs.
 - Swimming and Diving had an uptick on facility costs because of pushing a couple meets to the following weekday.
 - Overall, there was an increase in costs for facilities.

Mr. Sye requested a motion to accept the Winter Financial Report. Mr. Clayton Culp motioned with Mr. Bryan Ashby as a second. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports.

- 3. Mr. Kevin Kendro was called up to give an update on the Sportsmanship Committee. We are making a positive difference. There is more awareness because of the membership's efforts. Please encourage your coaches and administrators to complete the sportsmanship survey. Mr. Kendro thanked those who participated in the Officials Appreciation Weeks. He also thanked the soccer state committee in advance for voting to implement a mercy rule.
- 4. Mr. Sye called each of the spring sport committee directors to report on the upcoming state championships.
 - Baseball Jason Woodward
 - Softball Marianne Shultz for Lynn Pitonzo
 - Lacrosse Michael Duffy
 - Tennis Jean Vanderpool
 - Track and Field Clayton Culp

- 5. Mr. Sye asked Mr. Warner to give Legislative updates. Mr. Warner reported on three bills.
 - House Bill 204 Mental health bill for coach training
 - House Bill 1219 requires cardiac emergency group to be added to emergency action plans for middle and high schools.
 - Bill for Washington County Eligibility of student-athletes to compete at their home school if the school they are attending does not have interscholastic athletics. It was not passed at our last BOC meeting to change COMAR regulations on this.
- 6. Mr. Warner gave MPSSAA updates.
 - Mr. Warner informed representatives of an initiative to review COMAR regulations. The last time these regulations were reviewed in full was during the 2012-13 academic year. A task force will be put together representing all districts. He asked people be thinking of who would be good to serve on the taskforce.
 - Medical Advisory Committee updates The committee is looking to pull all requirements together for the care and prevention training and make sure all topics are reviewed. A new outline draft will be presented to the Board of Control for consideration.
- 7. Mr. Sye called each of the fall sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the 2024 fall championship bulletins.
 - Golf Eric Michael
 - Cross Country Michael Sye
 - Field Hockey Gina Grubb
 - Soccer Marianne Shultz
 - Volleyball Sybil Kessinger
 - Football Mike Chavez for Ryan Hines

Mr. Warner wanted to clarify when a school moves classifications, specifically how the new school, Severn Run, affected the enrollment at Old Mill and where those schools fall. Guilford Park is also new in Howard County.

Mr. Sye requested a motion to approve the fall sport bulletins. Mr. Eric Michael motioned, and it was seconded by Mr. Kevin Kendro. The vote to approve the fall bulletins was unanimous.

- 8. Mr. Sye called each of the winter sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the 2024-25 winter championship bulletins.
 - Basketball VaShawne Gross
 - Indoor Track and Field Clayton Culp

- Swimming and Diving Kevin Kendro
- Wrestling Brian Layman

Mr. Sye requested a motion to approve the winter sport bulletins. Mr. Michael Duffy motioned to accept all but the Indoor Track and Field bulletin and it was seconded by Ms. Lynette Mitzel. The vote to approve the winter bulletins, except Indoor Track was unanimous.

- Mr. Duffy has an issue with increasing the maximum number of events that a student-athlete can compete in from four to six. He has concerns with taking away events from other student-athletes and the impact on the number of events on one student-athlete. Mr. Duffy made a motion to keep the maximum number of events to four. Ms. Mitzel seconded the motion. Those in favor of keeping the maximum number of events at four. The motion does not carry. Accept 15, Opposed 37, Abstentions 2
- Mr. Sye requested a motion to accept the Indoor Track and Field bulletin. Mr. Thomas Green made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Kendro. Accept 48, Opposed 7
- 9. Mr. Warner thanked Mr. Sye for his service to the MPSSAA and its member schools for his two years as President of the MPSSAA.
- 10. Mr. Sye thanked the membership for their support and work that they put in. He asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Duffy made a motion and Ms. Kurisha Hoffman seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.