



***REPRESENTATIVE
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1-2, 2011***

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Bellaire, May 1-2, 2011

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Bill Chilman, Beal City
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
Kris Isom, Adrian
Carmen Kennedy, Grosse Pointe
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake
Jason Mellema, Ravenna
Steve Newkirk, Clare (May 2 Only)
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Paula Steele, East Lansing
Arnetta Thompson, Grand Rapids
John Thompson, Brighton
Al Unger, Kingsford
Mark Woodson, Romulus

Members Absent:

Kyle Guerrant, Lansing
Alvin Ward, Detroit

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Nate Hampton
John Johnson
Gina Mazzolini
Tom Minter
Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)
Mark Uyl
Kathy Westdorp
Karen Yonkers

Accounts of Meetings – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of March 25, 2011; and the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 24 and April 20, 2011; as well as the oral report of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee meeting of April 14 presented by Jim Derocher. Adopted.

REPORTS

Administration – MHSAA membership during the 2010-11 school year was 762 high schools and 773 junior high/middle schools as of April 1, 2011. This compares to 767 and 805, respectively, as of April 1, 2010.

As of April 7, 2011, there were 240 **cooperative program agreements** for high schools for 395 teams (an increase of eight programs and six teams over the previous year) and 59 cooperative program agreements for 211 teams for junior high/middle schools (a decrease of one program and 13 teams). The most frequent sports involved in cooperative programs at the high school level are (in order) ice hockey, girls swimming & diving, boys swimming & diving, and football. At the junior high/middle school level, the sports most frequently involved in cooperative programs are football, boys track & field, girls track & field and wrestling.

Eligibility advancement applications were received and approved for 15 students during the 2010-11 school year, the same as 2009-10 and 2008-09, compared to seven during 2007-08 which was the lowest number since the eligibility advancement provision was begun during the 1987-88 school year. The highest number of applications was 94 during the 1991-92 school year.

It was reported that 293 **Educational Transfer Forms** were processed for the 2010-11 school year through April 1, 2011, compared to 263 to that date in the previous year and 312 to that date in 2008-09. Public to public school transfers continue to be the most common (179), and the divorce exception (#8) continues to be the most frequent reason (138) for the Educational Transfer Form to be used.

A listing of **violations** by schools and officials between April 7, 2010 and April 6, 2011 indicated that the total number of violations for the year was significantly above the 12-year average for schools and slightly below the 12-year average for officials. Failure of schools to rate officials continues to be the most frequent school violation (62 percent of all violations).

Associate Director Tom Rashid described the **Athletic Director In-Service** programs conducted by the MHSAA during 2010-11 at which attendance was the highest ever and included the largest number of first-year athletic directors in recent years. The schedule for the fall of 2011 was presented. The meetings will have four components: what's new; refreshers on existing rules; alerts and points of emphasis; and input on subjects for which the Representative Council is seeking constituent opinion. Topics for those meetings were identified throughout this meeting.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported on the MHSAA **Coaches Advancement Program (CAP)** during the 2010-11 school year. Enrollment is down slightly at this point in the year after three consecutive years of growth even though there is an increase in the number of school districts requiring CAP, the number of colleges and universities providing courses to their students and the number of coaches associations providing CAP at their annual conferences.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl reported that **officials' registrations** for 2010-11 have fallen for a third consecutive year from a peak in 2007-08, suggesting that Michigan's economy may be improving and that it is time again to place recruitment of officials higher on the list of priorities for MHSAA services to officials. In recent years, MHSAA efforts have emphasized training, and in that vein Mr. Uyl reported that **online video training** for officials launched on MHSAA.com now has more than 300 clips for seven sports. To help and support the most vulnerable officials, those in their first three years of officiating, inexpensive **camps** for newer basketball officials will be conducted at four venues by the MHSAA in 2011. A camp for football officials will be held in partnership with the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association this summer.

Rules meeting attendance was down slightly for the second consecutive year for school representatives but up significantly for the second consecutive year for officials. More than 86 percent of all attendance was online as opposed to in-person meetings during 2010-11. The convenience of online meetings has helped to expand the pool of qualified officials for MHSAA tournament selection.

Officials Reports for the spring 2010, fall 2010 and winter 2010-11 seasons were reviewed, revealing no particular trends or increases in ejections.

Legislation – The Representative Council was provided updates of some initiatives within the Michigan Legislature that could affect interscholastic athletics.

Litigation – The Council received reports regarding potential challenges to MHSAA operations or policies that could result in litigation.

National Federation – Karen Leinaar reported on several topics being addressed by the National Federation Board of Directors on which she serves as a representative of National Federation Sections 1 and 4.

Correspondence – Communications were reviewed from the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation (praise for the MHSAA's expanded pre-participation physical examinations), Menominee Area Schools (concern for tournament scheduling during standardized testing dates), and Sand Creek Community Schools (concern for Semifinal Basketball Tournament scheduling during school hours).

MIAAA – The position statements of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association were provided for the Council's review.

MHSACA – Rich Tompkins, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association, presented several initiatives and recommendations of that organization.

MITCA – East Kentwood Teacher/Coach David Emeott spoke on behalf of the proposal of the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association to permit additional competitions at indoor venues prior to the start of the track & field season.

OLD BUSINESS

Competitive Cheer – Pursuant to the Council's action in May of 2010, over the past 12 months MHSAA staff have conducted many discussions with competitive cheer coaches and their school administrators and conducted two online surveys to test ideas to address concerns over the amount of out-of-season competitive cheer coaching that exists during the school year under the pretext of sideline cheerleading. The Council reviewed the topic at both its December and March meetings during 2010-11.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the concept of a restricted period in schools that sponsor girls competitive cheer when all cheer-related activities of both competitive cheer and sideline cheerleading (including but not limited to tumbling/gymnastics instruction and routine development) are prohibited for students, competitive cheer coaches and sideline cheerleading advisors, except as permitted by the three- (or four-) player rule. Adopted.

In subsequent votes, the Council determined that the start of this restricted period is "the last Monday of March (March 26, 2012)," and the ending date is "through the third Friday of May (May 18, 2012). Competitive cheer coaches remain subject to the three- (or four-) player rule with respect to competitive cheer activities until the Monday after Memorial Day when summer rules begin for all sports."

Rules Meeting Requirement – At its March meeting the Representative Council discussed the history of the rule requiring that head coaches complete a rules meeting for their sport, the continuing strong support of the rule on the 2010 Update Meeting Opinion Poll, compliance issues and penalty alternatives. It was reported that the number of violations dropped from 30 and 33 in the fall and winter, respectively, to 17 for spring sports. Advantages and disadvantages of the current penalty and several modifications were discussed; and they will continue to be discussed at constituent meetings during the summer and fall. There was consensus that the MHSAA work toward standardizing and publishing in calendars the starting and ending dates for rules meetings each fall, winter and spring.

MHSAA Constitution – For the Dec. 9, 2010 meeting of the Representative Council, Ishpeming Public Schools requested that the Council propose to the MHSAA membership an amendment to the MHSAA Constitution to permit the Executive Committee and the Council to waive the maximum age limitation to permit students with Down Syndrome to participate one year later. The Council voted not to approve the request for the Council to prepare such an amendment for vote by the membership.

Ishpeming Public Schools submitted a revised proposal, broader in application, and requested the Executive Committee's input before resubmitting it to the full Council in May. At its March meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed the materials from the school district; shared concerns, including the broad definition of disability and the undue burden that is required to determine whether individual factors render a student's age an unfair competitive advantage or safety risk; and recommended no change in the MHSAA Constitution or the age regulation.

The school district resubmitted its proposal with samples of waiver procedures from several other states.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Kris Isom, to not prepare a proposal for the membership to amend the MHSAA Constitution to permit waiver of the maximum age limitation in certain circumstances. Adopted. This topic will be discussed at constituent meetings during the summer and fall.

REGULATIONS

Regulations I through V of the *MHSAA Handbook* and their interpretations were submitted for review by the Representative Council.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Mark Woodson, to approve the consent package of miscellaneous changes for the purpose of organization, clarity or updating and to incorporate changes or interpretations previously adopted by the Representative Council. Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 8 – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to add to 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 47 the following to Note 2 regarding transfer students and non-traditional programs:

- "a. The eligibility of a student who enrolls from one school district into a non-traditional school of another school district which is not affiliated with that student's base/original school will be determined under the transfer regulation.

“The student may be eligible if he or she meets a stated exception or interpretation, or becomes eligible at the date specified in Section 9(D).

“The period of ineligibility stated under Section 9(D) may be served while enrolled in the non-traditional program which is affiliated with the subsequent school of enrollment or participation.

- “b. The eligibility of a student who enrolls from a non-traditional school into a traditional school which is not that student’s base/original school will be determined under the transfer regulation.

“The student may be eligible if he or she meets a stated exception or interpretation, or becomes eligible at the date specified in Section 9(D).”

Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 10 – Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Karen Leinaar, to add the following to 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 106: “Shadow programs, which connect a currently enrolled student-athlete with a prospective student-athlete who has been enrolled in any grade 9 through 12 of any school, violate this Section.” Not adopted.

Regulation I, Section 11 – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Smith, to delete in 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 140 “for entry fees” for simplicity and to gain consistency with Interpretation 141; and to make the corresponding change in Regulation III, Section 11(H) 3 b. Adopted.

Regulation I, Sections 11 & 12 – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom:

1. To Section 11, Interpretation 147-a of the 2010-11 *Handbook*, add freestyle skiing and cross country skiing as different sports than alpine skiing for purposes of the Amateur/Awards Rule.
2. To Section 12, Interpretation 151-a of the 2010-11 *Handbook*, add freestyle skiing and cross country skiing as different sports than alpine skiing for the purposes of the Limited Team Membership Rule. Also move scramble golf from b to a (same sport to different sport) in Interpretation 151.

Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 8(C) – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Pete Ryan, to delete this subsection. There will be no penalty to a team if a school fails for two years to have any representative complete the rules meeting requirement. Adopted. Penalties to head coaches who fail to complete the rules meeting requirement continue.

Regulation II, Sections 9 & 11 – Motion by John Thompson, supported by Arnetta Thompson:

1. To Section 9(C), add: “A football team (any level) shall not participate in a football scrimmage with or against any other teams after the last contest (regular season or MHSAA tournament) for that team.”

2. To Section 11(B), add: "A team (any level) shall not participate in a scrimmage after the last contest (regular season or MHSAA tournament) for that team."

Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 11 – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Carmen Kennedy, to add the following after the second sentence of 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 227:

"School coaches who are coaching in non-school competitions are limited to three players from their school district. It would not be a violation for a school coach with three players from his or her district to be present at an event that had other students from that coach's school participating (more than three present at the same facility or event from the same school district), provided the following occurs relative to competition:

- "a. the event involves individuals or teams from more than three schools (multi-team);
- "b. the other students of the district are not also coached by a school coach of the same district; and
- "c. the competition is not prearranged but is based on a random draw or advancement through the event based on wins or losses."

Not adopted. The topic will be discussed further at constituent meetings during the summer and fall with consideration of the application to sports beyond basketball and volleyball.

Regulation II, Section 14(B) – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Mark Woodson:

1. To revise part 3 to read: "Delayed video distribution of events involving any MHSAA member school in any MHSAA tournament sport may begin one hour after completion of the live event."
2. To edit 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 244 to begin: "Approval for video distribution of interscholastic contests in sports under MHSAA jurisdiction prior to one hour after completion of the live event may be granted to a school by the Executive Director when the following conditions are met:"

Adopted.

Regulation V, Section 3(D) – Motion by Bill Chilman, supported by Ken Dietz, to add to parts 1 and 2: "If a disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament, the next day of disqualification is the next day of that team's MHSAA tournament participation that season and, in addition, the next day of non-MHSAA tournament competition (if any) prior to the next day of MHSAA tournament competition for that team." Adopted.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to not approve the Junior High/Middle school Committee recommendation to change the junior high/middle school previous and current term academic requirements in *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation III, Sections 7 and 8, to passing 66% of a full class load for athletic eligibility. Change the enrollment requirement in Regulation III, Section 1(A)-3 to 66%. Adopted (no change). This will be discussed throughout the summer and fall and voted on in December.

Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Jason Mellema, to delete all of Item 4 of Regulation IV, Section 11 under wrestling rules and weight classes. Adopted.

OFFICIALS

Motion by John Thompson, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Officials Review Committee recommendation to the Representative Council: Revise the available rating categories that schools utilize when providing feedback with ratings in general or rating an official a "3" or below. The new four categories would replace the existing eight categories, eliminating duplication and streamlining the process for schools and officials alike.

Categories:

1. Consistent Judgment and Application of Playing Rules
2. Physical Appearance
3. Contest Management and Communication Skills
4. Professionalism

Adopted.

COMMITTEES

The Council was supplied with a description of MHSAA committees, a copy of the MHSAA Sport Committee Guide, a review of the committee appointment procedures adopted by the Representative Council in May of 1987 and modified in December 2007, a list of those who had identified themselves as candidates for committees in 2011-12, a list of schools not represented on any committees for the past five years, and a list of those who had declined committee appointments in 2010-11. Council members were encouraged to submit nominations for committees, making special efforts to provide nominations from principals, small schools, females and minorities, and any school which has not been represented in recent years. The staff will compile the suggestions and submit them to the Executive Committee for review and appointment. Names of committee members selected to serve during the 2011-12 school year will be published in the *benchmarks*. The only exceptions are those committees involving the selection of tournament officials and award recipients. Some committee were identified as having converted to online and email or conference call formats.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Basketball – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Mark Woodson, to approve the Basketball Committee recommendation to maintain the current schedule for the Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments, with girls beginning and ending one week before boys. Adopted.

Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Pete Ryan, to not approve the Basketball Committee recommendation to approve two or three additional varsity games for each gender in tournament formatted competition during a two-week December holiday period. Adopted (no change).

Bowling – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Paula Steele, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to eliminate the current three-meet weekly limit for bowling contests (the second sentence) of Regulation II, Section 10(A)3. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to not approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to add to Regulation II, Section 10(A)3: “There shall be no bowling scrimmage or competition except between teams composed exclusively of students who represent high schools in that scrimmage or competition.” Adopted (no change). This will be included in special communications and discussions about bowling through this summer, fall and winter.

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Carmen Kennedy, to not approve the Bowling Committee recommendation to stipulate that in bowling, it is not a violation for a school coach to be in a facility out of season during Saturday morning junior bowling programs with students from multiple schools when more than three students may be present from that coach’s school if the coach coaches only three of his or her students during the entire junior bowling session and no other school coaches are present. Adopted (no change). This topic will be included in constituent discussions of the three- (or four-) player rule during the summer and fall.

Girls Competitive Cheer – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Paula Steele, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to adopt the following technical recommendations provided by the Competitive Cheer Subcommittee:

- Allow all above waist level flairs performed at extension level to receive 8 points (currently 4).
- Allow all preps and entrances with flairs (except for the 1 and 2 footed hop and go and standard step-up) to receive 4 difficulty points and no variety points.
- Allow an extended double braced liberty for middle school with the use of a front spot.
- Add additional clarifying information to two penalty categories in Round 1.

Adopted.

Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to require competitive cheer team members to wear athletic shoes in all three rounds of competition (not gymnastic slippers or any other type of footwear). Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation that, starting in 2012-13 (coinciding with the new Competitive Cheer Manual), create a division-mandated number of athletes for Round 2 only and eliminate the competitor multiplier while requiring that in Round 1 and Round 3 the number of athletes match. The proposed Round 2 Divisional numbers (for varsity competition only) are Division 1=12; Division 2=10; Division 3=8; Division 4-6. Adopted.

Cross Country/Track & Field – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Jason Mellema, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to allow watches to be worn by competitors in track and cross country competition. Adopted.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Steve Newkirk, to not approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to allow track & field teams eight additional competition dates starting Jan. 1 and ending before the preseason down time begins. Adopted (no change).

Football – The Football Committee recommendation to remove the opportunity in football to have inter-school scrimmages following the last game of the season was affirmatively addressed by action earlier in this meeting.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to not approve the Football Committee recommendation to add shoulder pads to the allowed equipment that may be used out of season, but not for 7-on-7 competition or full-contact camps, clinics or events. Helmets, shoulder pads and football shoes would be allowed. Adopted (no change). This topic will be highlighted at meetings during the summer and fall.

Golf – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Kris Isom, to not approve the Golf Committee recommendation to require each MHSAA school sponsoring boys or girls golf to conduct a USGA rules education session with the head coach and players in each season. Adopted (no change). Materials will be developed by the MHSAA and MIGCA, provided to schools both online and off line, and recommended for schools' use. Adopted.

Motion by Arnetta Thompson, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to adopt suggested regular season competition protocols as presented. Adopted.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to exempt the two qualifying stages of the US Open Tournament from the Limited Team Membership rule with this new Interpretation after 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 165: "A student may participate in the two qualifying stages of the U.S. Open Tournament conducted by the U.S. Golf Association without counting against his/her two non-school competitions during the season allowed under Section 12." Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Ken Dietz, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to change the guideline from 65 to 60 strokes for nine holes for coaches to follow for players to participate in the MHSAA Districts and Regionals. Adopted.

Ice Hockey – Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Steve Newkirk, to not approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to seed the MHSAA Preregionals beginning in 2012. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation that during the regular season, instead of ending in a tie or using the one allowed overtime without a shootout, provide a third option of proceeding immediately to a shootout to break ties, conducted at the end of regulation time in conference games by prior adoption or by mutual consent of both teams in non-conference games. The shootout procedures would be as follows:

- At the end of regulation, the head official will instruct the timekeeper to put two minutes on the clock and immediately start the clock.
- The other two officials will request a list of three shooters from each coach.
- The head official will meet at center ice with the captains to explain the protocol during the two-minute period.
- The goalkeepers remain at the same ends as the third period.
- The home team has the option of shooting first or defending first in Round 1, with the order reversed in Round 2. Teams will have their three shooters alternate shots in each round. The shootout ends if a team scores more times in its round than the opponent does in its round (1-0, 2-1, 3-2). Each team has an equal number of chances to shoot before a winner is declared.
- If the shootout remains tied at the end of two rounds, each coach will select a different shooter, this time in a sudden death situation. Neither team may use a repeat shooter until each skater on the smallest team's roster has shot. For example, if Team A has 17 skaters but Team B has only 12 skaters, both may use repeat shooters on the 13th penalty shot but not before.

Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Fred Smith, to not approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to eliminate the two preseason scrimmages allowed for hockey, and increase the maximum number of allowed games from 24 to 26 games during the regular season. Adopted (no change).

Alpine Skiing – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Mark Woodson, to approve the Alpine Skiing Committee recommendation to allow an individual skier who qualifies in one discipline at the MHSAA Regional tournament to ski both disciplines at the MHSAA Final. Not adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to approve the Alpine Skiing Committee recommendation to amend the Alpine Ski Manual (8D Administration – Providing Workers) to require each qualifying team to the Finals to provide two workers (currently one) for each gender for both the morning and afternoon events. This would be applied to each male and female event. Failure to comply would subject the team to existing unsportsman-like conduct sanctions consisting of 5 points added to the team's total score. Adopted.

Soccer – Motion by Ken Dietz, supported by Mark Woodson, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to maintain and utilize the current MHSAA-approved full set of soccer officials signals. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to stipulate that the team not complying with the playing rules for colors of jerseys would be the one responsible for wearing whatever options are used to attain different jersey colors, but to not approve the committee recommendation to assess a yellow card to the coach of the offending team. Adopted.

The Soccer Committee recommendation to remove the permission to schedule any unused scrimmages after a team has been defeated in the MHSAA tournament was addressed affirmatively by action earlier in the meeting.

Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Pete Ryan, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to require the District final host to also play the Semifinals on the field where the Finals will be held, unless an exception is made by MHSAA staff. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to allow a team in the Finals to play on its home field if it is hosting the Finals. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Mark Woodson, to approve with modifications the Soccer Committee recommendation to change the minimum requirement for an official game in the MHSAA tournament from 40 minutes (one half) to 60 minutes (75 percent) where the margin is one goal or less at the time it is suspended. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to ban vuvuzela horns at MHSAA Soccer Tournament matches. Adopted.

Swimming & Diving – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to allow a diver doing a legal dive list who is judged but whose score is not included in the team results to garner a “win” toward the MHSAA Regional qualification requirement. Adopted.

Tennis – Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Arnetta Thompson, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to exempt tennis from the summer “dead period” requirement. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Steve Newkirk, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to allow players to wear manufactured sleeveless tennis shirts as a legal shirt in boys tennis. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation that for all regular season contests, unless prohibited by conference/league rules, allow a coach to substitute directly into the lineup for any absent players, upon the approval of the other coach(es) involved in that contests (as opposed to re-ranking the lineup). Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to require USTA officials at all MHSAA Final tournaments. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to deduct a team point for a flagrant unsportsmanlike violation committed by a non-playing member of a team at any time during an MHSAA tournament. Adopted.

Girls Volleyball – Motion by Carmen Kennedy, supported by Jason Mellema, to not approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to develop an online Tournament Evaluation Form. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Jason Mellema, supported by Al Unger, to not approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to switch the start dates for girls and boys basketball. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Bill Chilman, supported by Steve Newkirk, to not approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to require line judges in all postseason matches to be registered officials (currently required at Regionals and beyond). Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Mark Woodson, to not approve the Volleyball Committee recommendation to modify Interpretation 227 but eliminate the proposal to prevent more than one coach from the school district to be present at the facility. Adopted (no change). This topic will be included in constituent discussions of the three- (or four-) player rule during the summer and fall.

Wrestling – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Ken Dietz, to not approve new weight classes adopted by the NFHS in April for 2011-12. Adopted (no change).

OPERATIONS

Calendar – Motion by John Thompson, supported by Scott Grimes, to approve the seven-year calendar of MHSAA events, with the addition of dates for the eight-player division of the Football Playoffs. Adopted.

Meeting Expenses – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Bill Chilman, to approve the expenses for this meeting as follows: the specified hotel rate, the IRS-stipulated amounts for meals, and a 30¢ per mile mileage allowance, round trip. Adopted.

Future Meetings – The next meeting of the Representative Council is Dec. 2, 2011, at the MHSAA office in East Lansing, with a full-day schedule anticipated. The March meeting of the Representative Council will be March 23, 2012 at the MHSAA office.

Motion by John Thompson, supported by Steve Newkirk, to conduct the spring meeting of the Representative Council on May 6-7, 2012 at Treetops in Gaylord.

Allen W. Bush Award – Council members were invited to vote for up to three candidates from the nine presented. The one or more who receives the most votes will be notified in May and honored at events important to them during the fall of 2011 or early in 2012. The recipient(s) will be featured in the Fall issue of *benchmarks*.

Finance – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the 2011-12 revenue and expense budgets, and a capital improvement budget that would result in additions to cash of \$354,698. Adopted.