



***REPRESENTATIVE
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5-6, 2013***

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Gaylord, May 5-6, 2013

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Dave Derocher, Reese
Ken Dietz, Watervliet
Kris Isom, Adrian
Carmen Kennedy, St. Clair Shores
Maureen Klocke, Yale
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake
Orlando Medina, Harrison Township
Jason Mellema, Pewamo-Westphalia
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Paula Steele, Perry
John Thompson, Brighton
Al Unger, Kingsford
Alvin Ward, Detroit

Staff Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Kyle Guerrant, Lansing

Presentation – Michigan Interscholastic Track & Cross Country Coaches Association, by Dave Emeott.

Accounts of Meetings – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Jason Mellema, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of March 22, 2013; and the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 21 and April 24, 2013; as well as the oral report of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee meeting of April 19 presented by Jim Derocher and Al Unger. Adopted.

REPORTS

Administration – MHSAA membership during the 2012-13 school year was 758 high schools and 751 junior high/middle schools as of April 1, 2013. This compares to 763 and 768, respectively, as of April 1, 2012.

Junior high/middle school membership has trended downward over the past decade (from 836 in 2002-03). In the past when junior high/middle school membership has declined, the MHSAA has committed to special promotional efforts to describe the benefits of membership at this level. This year, the MHSAA will attempt to study the underlying reasons why approximately 50 percent of junior high/middle schools are not MHSAA members, including if the limitations on the number and length of contests is a deterrent.

As of April 12, 2013, there were 239 **cooperative program agreements** for high schools for 424 teams (an increase of seven programs and increase of 19 teams over the previous year). There were 69 cooperative program agreements for 246 teams for junior high/middle schools (an increase of seven programs and 25 teams). The most frequent sports involved in cooperative programs at the high school level are (in order) ice hockey, football, girls swimming & diving and boys swimming & diving. At the junior high/middle school level, the sports most frequently involved in cooperative programs are football, boys and girls track & field and wrestling.

Eligibility advancement applications were received and approved for 15 students during the 2012-13 school year, compared with nine during 2011-12, 15 during 2010-11, 2009-10 and 2008-09, and 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. The historical average is 37.

It was reported that 292 **Educational Transfer Forms** were processed for the 2012-13 school year through April 2, 2013, compared to the same number (292) as of April 11, 2012. Public to public school transfers continue to be the most common (191), and the divorce exception (#8) continues to be the most frequent reason (147) for the Educational Transfer Form to be used.

It was reported that there were 64 "**Travel Forms for Out-of-State Practice**" filed during 2012-13, compared to 75 during the year before. The highest number filed was 113 during the 2007-08 school year. The lowest was 40 during the 2003-04 school year. The requirement began in 1994-95. The historical average is 71.

A listing of **violations** by schools and officials between April 10, 2012 and April 9, 2013 indicated that the total number of violations for the year was again significantly below the 13-year average for both schools and officials. Failure of schools to rate officials continues to be the most frequent school violation.

Associate Director Tom Rashid described the **Athletic Director In-Service** programs conducted by the MHSAA during 2012-13. The schedule for the fall of 2013 was presented. Topics for those meetings were identified throughout this meeting. For the second year an in-service program for athletic department secretaries is being planned for September.

Individual Council members provided the following suggestions for staff consideration: (1) making the in-service meetings mandatory for athletic directors in the same way that rules meetings are required for head coaches, and/or (2) posting the content of the meetings online following the last meeting, both as an aid to athletic directors who could not attend and a resource reference for those who did. In any case, Council members and staff want to continue to encourage in-person attendance and the ability to use these meetings as a forum not only to share new information but also to get feedback on emerging issues and proposals for changes in policy.

Assistant Director Kathy Westdorp reported on the MHSAA **Coaches Advancement Program (CAP)** during the 2012-13 school year. Enrollment is expected to equal 2011-12. Level-by-level, site-by-site and instructor-by-instructor listings were provided. Additional CAP programs offered by Michigan secondary schools, colleges and universities were identified. June 17 is the date for the annual review of curriculum and CAP trainers in-service.

Assistant Director Mark Uyl reported that **officials' registrations** for 2012-13 have fallen for a fifth consecutive year from a peak in 2007-08 (nearly 2,000 fewer registrations). Beyond an improving economy that often predicts declining registration, Mr. Uyl cited several reasons, including the rise of social media and its instant criticism and the increasing dependence on assignors who sometimes are not accommodating to new officials. The MHSAA Officials Review Committee will be asked during its September meeting to address the causes of as well as both local and MHSAA responses to declining registration.

Mr. Uyl outlined four officials clinics or camps involving the MHSAA in 2013 and plans for expansion in 2014 of inexpensive camps for less experienced officials.

Rules meeting attendance during 2012-13 was almost unchanged for both school representatives and officials; and again, more than 90 percent of all attendance was online as opposed to in-person meetings during 2012-13, most of which occurred when MHSAA staff presented at coaches association conventions.

Officials Reports for the spring 2012, fall 2012 and winter 2012-13 seasons were reviewed. While the frequency of sportsmanship problems is statistically rare in sports conducted by MHSAA member schools, there was a spike in reports of concern in baseball, girls softball, football, girls volleyball, boys basketball and ice hockey. Player ejections increased in baseball, girls softball, football, girls volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball and ice hockey. Coach ejections rose in baseball, girls lacrosse, girls soccer, girls softball, football, girls volleyball and boys basketball.

Mr. Uyl described plans for Michigan's hosting of the National Association of Sports Officials Summit in Grand Rapids in July, highlighted by a "Michigan Day" on July 27, 2013. The MHSAA's required sessions for trainers, assignors and association leaders will be held in conjunction with those meetings.

National Federation – The executive director provided handouts which outlined in detail the "**NFHS Network**" which was approved by the National Federation Board of Directors on April 19, 2013 for its next phase of development and is intended to launch in the fall of the 2013-14 school year with an initial focus on the online video broadcasting opportunities of state association events that are not encumbered by existing contracts with other media entities. All National Federation member associations will hold an equity share in the network, without financial or other liabilities. Each association which contributes unencumbered events for network production will receive an annual guaranteed payment based on the state's population; and future profit sharing to each state will be based on the number of productions and viewers.

Because the video broadcasting rights to most MHSAA tournament events are already held by the media partner involved in and holding minority interest in the NFHS Network, it is anticipated that the MHSAA's transition to the Network will be nearly seamless, except that the subscription model by which 90 percent of people now watch video will become the rule rather than exception for MHSAA productions. MHSAA staff have been involved in development of the NFHS Network concept and are now involved in vetting the legal documents which will be sent within days to all NFHS member associations for their consideration.

The Council was updated on the MHSAA's efforts to provide member schools a safe and reliable and inexpensive platform for video production of regular season events. Negotiations are underway between PlayOn! Sports and a reseller of the MHSAA School Broadcasting Program to expand that reseller's territory.

Council members had been provided the agenda for the April meeting of the **NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee**. The MHSAA has not found it necessary to appoint and support a separate medical advisory committee because the NFHS committee is nationally constituted with representation from diverse medical disciplines and has direct input to NFHS playing rules committees. The agenda for the three-day meeting, its second such meeting this school year, demonstrates great breadth and depth of research, input and discussions. A draft of the position statement most recently adopted by the SMAC was provided to the Council: "Sports Related Skin Infections Position Statement and Guidelines."

Legislation – Two bills adopted by the Michigan Legislature to address concussions in youth sports take full effect June 30, 2013; and while sports under the MHSAA's auspices are not required to do more than the MHSAA requires, schools are subject to the new laws in several ways. The MHSAA has been communicating with the Michigan Department of Community Health and has been preparing communications to schools with respect to those obligations, including a mailing of April 22, 2013 to all member schools which was provided to the Council.

A hearing was conducted by the House Education Committee on May 1, 2013, at which testimony was taken regarding HB 4272 and HB 4273. The former, supported by the MHSAA, would allow schools to substitute a cardiac emergency response drill for one of the fire drills required in schools. The other, which the MHSAA opposes in its current form, would impose on schools and youth sports programs the identical requirements for addressing youth sudden cardiac arrest as the concussion laws mandated for youth concussion prevention and aftercare.

Strategic Discussions – For the third consecutive meeting the executive director presented large, long-term issues that will require the Council to contemplate data, trends, core values and multiple options for actions. The three topics brought forth for discussion only at this time were (1) sixth graders (MHSAA rules, services and the limits of the MHSAA Constitution); (2) issues raised by the allowance for eighth and seventh graders to participate in 9-12 grade programs of high schools under 100 and 50 students, respectively; and (3) waiver procedures for the maximum age and maximum enrollment/participation sections of the eligibility regulation.

It was clear from the interconnection of those topics, as well as the decline in junior high/middle school membership reported earlier and topics later on the agenda from the Junior High/Middle school Committee, that special efforts will be necessary through regular MHSAA meetings this summer and fall and at the annual meetings of the Junior High/Middle School Committee, various MHSAA sport committee meetings and other MHSAA groups during the early half of the 2013-14 school year, to focus both on the MHSAA's core beliefs for junior high/middle school sports and chronic problems and increasing challenges for interscholastic athletic programs at the junior high/middle school level.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Risk Minimization – At its March meeting the Council acted on the first of four health and safety thrusts for the next four years by adopting a "Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity" that will appear as a recommendation in the 2013-14 *MHSAA Handbook* and will be mandatory for MHSAA tournament management to follow in 2013-14 and thereafter. A draft of FAQs to assist in implementing the model policy was previewed by the Council.

The Council reviewed the report of the second meeting of a Football Task Force which is the first of what may be several sport-specific work groups to examine the key health and safety issues of a sport. The Football Task Force will be making recommendations to the MHSAA Football Committee and Representative Council regarding (1) early season practice policies to improve athlete acclimatization; (2) season-long practice policies to reduce head trauma; and (3) playing rule modifications to reduce head trauma and the frequency of football's most injurious situations. The Task Force is also working with MHSAA staff to prepare communications that promote the safety record of school-based football and the value of the sport to students, schools and communities.

The Council also reviewed initiatives in other states to improve acclimatization of players and reduce head injuries.

The Council examined again the three-step strategy to raising expectations for preparation of coaches with respect to the health and safety aspects of coaching. Three standards are scheduled to be approved by the Council at this and the Council's next two meetings, to take effect over the 2014-15 through 2016-17 school years.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Al Unger, to approve the first enhanced coaching standard, namely, that by 2014-15, schools must attest that prior to established deadlines, all varsity assistant and subvarsity coaches at the high school level have completed annually the same MHSAA rules meeting required of varsity head coaches or, in the alternative, one of the free online sports safety courses posted on or linked to MHSAA.com and designated to fulfill this requirement. Adopted.

Special Needs Students – MHSAA staff has received a direct response from the author of OCR's Jan. 25, 2013 clarification letter stating that letter did not purport to make new demands on schools and statewide high school associations but was intended to encourage efforts to provide more inclusive opportunities when and where possible. These specific responses were received:

- If after making reasonable accommodations for a student with a disability, the student still cannot qualify for the school's interscholastic athletic team, that school is not required to create a team that student can qualify for.
- If after making reasonable accommodations for a student with a disability, the student still cannot qualify for the statewide athletic association tournament, that association is not required to create events or qualifying standards the student can meet.

A report was given about a meeting that four MHSAA staff members hosted with four representatives of Special Olympics of Michigan on April 23, 2013.

REGULATIONS

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

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Kris Isom, 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 3 – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Dave Derocher, to revise Interpretation 20 to read (underscored is new): “In cases of serious injury or extended illness, including concussion or suspected concussion and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, students are to be reexamined by a physician (MD or DO) before again being allowed to return to practice or competition, and then only after a written release is provided by a physician (MD or DO).” Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 8 – Motion by Al Unger, supported by Vic Michaels, to revise Note 2 of Interpretation 47 to provide eligibility at a school other than the base school for a first-time ninth grader whose first 9-12 grade enrollment is in a non-traditional school or program, provided that student registered at that other school prior to enrollment in the non-traditional school or program listed by that school on its Enrollment Declaration Form. Adopted.

Regulation I, Section 9 – Motion by Alvin Ward, supported by Ken Dietz, to add a new Section 9(F) effective Aug. 1, 2014, that will require ineligibility for 180 scheduled school days for a student whose circumstances do not fit one of the 15 stated exceptions of Section 9(A) and whose previous activities include one of those listed that demonstrates the transfer is related to athletics. Adopted. See Appendix “1.”

Regulation II, Section 8(B) – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Maureen Klocke, to allow an appointed “faculty member designee” to assume supervisory capacity over the school’s competitors when the head coach is unable to do so for failure to complete the rules meeting requirement. Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 11(H) – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to revise Interpretation 226 to apply the same out-of-season limits to administrators (including athletic directors) that apply to school-related groups and coaches in out-of-season programs involving students enrolled in grades 9-12. Adopted.

Regulation II, Section 11(H) – Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Fred Smith, to revise Interpretation 231 to allow coaches of bowling and golf to be present at a non-school bowling or golf facility when more than three students of their school district in grades 7-12 are present, even if the coach is not an employee of the facility, provided the coach is directly coaching or teaching no more than three players and the presence of more than three students is coincidental and not prearranged by the coach. Adopted.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Maureen Klocke, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to change the earliest allowed start date for fall sports under Regulation IV, Section 10(B) to the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (always two weeks after the earliest date of high school football practice). Adopted.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Jason Mellema, to approve the Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendation to establish the maximum season length for all sports at 13 consecutive weeks in Regulation IV, Section 10, effective in 2014-15. This adds football, cross country, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, swimming & diving and track & field to the list of sports with the 13-week maximum. Adopted.

CLASSIFICATION

The Summary of MHSAA Tournament Classification for 2013-14 was provided to Council members. Also provided was a document that demonstrated the very few changes that would occur if the MHSAA Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments were to be changed from traditional classes (A, B, C and D) to four equal divisions (1, 2, 3 and 4). Also provided were documents tracing the past 25 years of enrollment trends in Classes A, B, C and D that demonstrated the shrinking difference between the largest and smallest school in each class over this period of years.

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 2013-14, 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 2012-13. 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 2013-14 school year will be published in *benchmarks*. The only exceptions are those committees involving the selection of tournament officials and award recipients. Some committees were identified as having converted to online and email or conference call formats.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Baseball/Softball – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Kris Isom, to not approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to implement the Extra Hitter (EH) deviation from National Federation Baseball Rules. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Carmen Kennedy, to approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation (as revised) to change the season limitation for teams and individuals, exclusive of MHSAA tournaments, from a maximum combination of 56 dates and contests to a maximum of 38 contests. Adopted.

Basketball – Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the Basketball Committee recommendation to allow schools to compete in two additional varsity contests for both their boys and girls teams. Adopted (no change).

Girls Competitive Cheer – Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Jason Mellema, to approve three technical recommendations of the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee:

1. Allow hand-to-hand/hand-to-arm contact for backward suspended rolls in braced pyramids only to be provided by bracers, bases or back spots as long as the bracers are held to all of the same rules as in any “release” pyramid.
2. Allow inverted exits from below shoulder level positions other than cradles as long as a head and shoulder spotter and two bases are used.

3. Allow a 360 entrance to a stunt elevator level or higher to receive eight difficulty points rather than four.

Adopted.

Motion by Orlando Medina, supported by Al Unger, to approve the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to eliminate the host timer at both regular season meets and MHSAA tournaments, and to require safety judges to be the official timers for all girls competitive cheer meets. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Girls Competitive Cheer Committee recommendation to mandate, in addition to the ten-point penalty, that teams which do not comply with the required number of competitors in Round 2 may not exceed in Rounds 1 and 3 the actual number of competitors they used in Round 2. Adopted.

Cross Country/Track & Field – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by John Thompson, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to expand the number of Cross Country Regionals from nine to ten in each division. Not adopted.

Motion by Maureen Klocke, supported by John Thompson, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to advance the top four teams to the Finals from any Regional that has 12 or more complete teams (five or more runners) complete the Regional, even if four of the runners do not finish in the top 20 places. Not adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Fred Smith, to approve the Country Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to eliminate the Semifinal round of competition from the MHSAA Final Meet in the boys 110 and girls 100 meter hurdle events and the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Adopted.

Motion by Jason Mellema, supported by Maureen Klocke, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to move toward Fully Automatic Timing Systems at all Track & Field Regional competition. Adopted. This is not yet a requirement at all sites.

Motion by Dave Derocher, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation to reformat Track & Field Regional Financial Reports to identify timing as a generic expense item with a \$415 flat fee, and eliminate itemized expenses. The maximum timing expense with or without FAT use (including operator) that would be reimbursable from the MHSAA is \$415. Adopted.

Football – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Ken Dietz, to not approve the Football Committee recommendation to reformat the Football Playoffs that identifies the eight divisions prior to the season, requires automatic qualifiers to win seven games (not six), and emphasizes strength of schedule through enhanced playoff/bonus points when determining the expanded field of additional qualifiers. Adopted (no change). Elements of this proposal are intended to be a membership discussion topic during the 2013-14 school year.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Kris Isom, to not approve the Football Committee recommendation to permit students to participate without loss of eligibility in contests which are or purport to be all-star events. Adopted (no change). This topic has previously been scheduled by the Representative Council for statewide discussion this summer and fall.

Golf – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Al Unger, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to allow use of distance measuring devices in MHSAA tournaments, as allowed by USGA Rule 14-3 and Appendix IV. They may measure distance only. “Smart” phones may not be used for this purpose. Adopted.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Kris Isom, to approve the Golf Committee recommendation to move the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Boys Golf Tournament one week earlier, beginning in 2014. Adopted.

Girls Gymnastics – Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Karen Leinaar, to not approve the conditional recommendation of the Girls Gymnastics Committee to terminate the two-division structure of the MHSAA Individual Girls Gymnastics Meet. Adopted (no change).

Ice Hockey – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Dave Derocher, to not approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to delay to 2014-15 the National Federation requirement for officials to wear half-face shields in 2013-14. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Orlando Medina, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the Ice Hockey Committee recommendation to assign four-person officiating crews at the MHSAA Semifinals and Finals. Adopted.

Boys Lacrosse - Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Paula Steele, to not approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to allow the Boys High School Lacrosse Coaches Association to recognize Hall of Fame honorees publicly on the field during the MHSAA Finals. Adopted (no change). MHSAA leadership will study this topic during 2013-14 for all types of coaches association awards for all sports.

Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Alvin Ward, to approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to increase assigned officials from two to three at MHSAA Preregional and first round Regional games beginning in 2013-14. Adopted.

Girls Lacrosse – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Dave Derocher, to approve the Girls Lacrosse Committee recommendation to limit to three the number of players each team may position between the restraining lines during the draw until the whistle blows. Adopted.

Alpine Skiing – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Maureen Klocke, to not approve the Alpine Ski Committee recommendation to develop a waiver process for a team that begins the season with four or more skiers but drops below the minimum of four to enter the MHSAA Regional Meet. Adopted (no change).

Soccer – Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Orlando Medina, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to implement the second yellow card rule of the National Federation requiring a team to play short-handed after one of its players receives a second yellow card. Adopted.

Motion by Kris Isom, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to eliminate Michigan’s ten-minute substitution penalty after a yellow card. Adopted.

Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by John Thompson, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to allow teams at multi-team tournaments on non-school days to play either three games with a maximum of 30-minute halves or two games with a maximum of 40-minute halves and in either case (not just the former), count this as just one of the team's 18 games. Not adopted.

Motion by John Thompson, supported by Steve Newkirk, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to conduct all Finals games of the boys tournament in 2014 and girls tournament in 2015 at a single site. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to discontinue the expanded set of officials signals and prescribe only the NFHS Official Soccer Signals. Adopted.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Paula Steele, to approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to discontinue the option of the three-whistle officiating system during the MHSAA tournament. Adopted.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Scott Grimes, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to schedule the Boys Soccer Finals on the 13th week of the season (the third Saturday before Thanksgiving) every year. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Maureen Klocke, to not approve the Soccer Committee recommendation to allow any number of the four allowed scrimmages to occur before the first contest. Adopted (no change). This topic is intended to be a membership wide topic addressing all sports at meetings this summer and fall.

Swimming & Diving – Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Jason Mellema, to refer to the Audit and Finance Committee the Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation to increase the ticket price for both Preliminaries (Friday) and Finals (Saturday) from \$8 to \$10. Adopted.

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

Motion by Paula Steele, supported by Carmen Kennedy, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to exempt 7th and 8th graders from the three- or four-player rule. Adopted (no change).

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Kris Isom, to not approve the Tennis Committee recommendation to create eight-team Regionals to replace the current structure of eight Regions of approximately ten schools each for boys and 11 schools each for girls. Adopted (no change).

Girls Volleyball – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Al Unger, to approve the Girls Volleyball Committee recommendation to require the royal blue, gray and white ball for all high school level regular season and postseason matches, effective for the 2014-15 school year. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Ken Dietz, to not approve the Girls Volleyball Committee recommendation to develop a waiver procedure which would allow a District tournament to hold more than one match per day per team in the case of extreme travel or excessive loss of school time. Adopted (no change).

Wrestling – Motion by John Thompson, supported by Alvin Ward, to approve a phase-in of the Wrestling Committee recommendation to require that an official not receive a Finals assignment for at least one year after working four consecutive Finals tournaments (applies separately to Individual and Team tournaments). Adopted.

Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Al Unger, to not approve the Wrestling Committee recommendation to survey member schools regarding interest in conducting girls-only wrestling teams. Adopted (no change).

OPERATIONS

Calendar – Motion by Fred Smith, supported by Pete Ryan, to approve the seven-year calendar of MHSAA events, with the changes required by Council action earlier in this meeting or previous meetings. Adopted.

Meeting Expenses – Motion by Pete Ryan, supported by Jason Mellema, 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. 6, 2013, at the MHSAA office in East Lansing, with a full-day schedule anticipated. The March meeting of the Representative Council will be March 21, 2014 at the MHSAA office.

Motion by Jason Mellema, supported by Alvin Ward, to conduct the spring meeting of the Representative Council on May 4-5, 2014 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Adopted.

Allen W. Bush Award – Council members were invited to vote for up to three candidates from the six 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 2013 or early in 2014. The recipient(s) will be featured in the Fall issue of *benchmarks*.

Finance – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Vic Michaels, to approve the 2013-14 revenue and expense budgets, and a capital improvement budget that would result in additions to cash of \$105,347. Adopted.

SECTION 9(F) – (Effective Aug 1, 2014) A student who changes schools and is ineligible under Section 9(A) is ineligible for 180 scheduled school days to participate in an interscholastic contest for the high school to which that student transferred if any one of the following circumstances existed during the previous 12 months:

1. That student participated at an open gym at that high school to which the student has transferred.
2. That student participated on a non-school team coached by any of that high school's coaches including contact permitted under Regulation II, Section 11(H) 2 b (summer days of competition). A transfer student's participation in otherwise allowed out-of-season or summer activity prior to being on the written or electronic records of the school that the student transfers into would cause the student to be ineligible for 180 school days. A new student's enrollment information must be on file in the offices of the superintendent or principal or athletic director prior to participation in otherwise allowed out-of-season or summer activity.
3. One of that high school's coaches served as a personal sport trainer, conditioner or instructor (paid or volunteer) for that student.
4. That student transfers to a school where the coach of his/her previous high school is employed.

This applies only to students who have participated in a game or scrimmage on any interscholastic team of the previous high school of enrollment and only in the sport or sports in Items 1 through 4 above.

Even if the student's circumstances subsequently satisfy one of the exceptions of Section 9(A) that would normally allow a transfer student immediate eligibility, the student shall remain ineligible for 180 scheduled school days at this MHSAA member school.

A student's new school may petition the MHSAA Executive Director for eligibility as under Section 9(D) when an adult described in #2, 3 or 4 becomes a school coach at the new school **after** a student has enrolled or under compelling circumstances. The school must provide the basis for the request with sufficient documentation to make a decision. The Executive Director will make eligibility determinations on a case-by-case basis as to the student's period of ineligibility and possible forfeitures. The student's period of ineligibility could be as under Section 9(D) or 180 scheduled school days from the point of discovery or 180 scheduled school days from the date of enrollment.