

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Video Conference Meeting, September 25, 2020

Members Present:

Eric Albright, Midland
Jay Alexander, Detroit
Nicole Carter, Novi
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vicky Groat, Battle Creek
Kyle Guerrant, Lansing
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Kris Isom, Adrian
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake
Mark Mattson, Maple City
Will McKoy, Romulus
Jason Mensing, Ottawa Lake
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Chris Miller, Gobles
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Chris Riker, Portage
John Thompson, Brighton
Alex Tiseo, Marquette

Also Present:

Scott Eldridge, Lansing
Bill Zaagman, Lansing

Staff Members Present:

Tony Bihn
Jordan Cobb
Sam Davis
Andy Frushour
Nate Hampton
Dan Hutcheson
Cody Inglis
John Johnson
Geoff Kimmerly
Cole Malatinsky
Andi Osters
Tom Rashid
Brent Rice
Adam Ryder
Mark Uyl (Recorder)
Kathy Westdorp
Karen Yonkers

Accounts of Meetings – Motion by Jason Mensing, supported by Chris Miller, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of Sept. 3, 2020. Adopted.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Fall Sports Update – The Council discussed the following:

- Tournament financial modifications
- 2020 Football Playoffs
- Football games – connected groups
- Face covering update
- Fall tournament updates
- Communication plan

Tournament Financial Modifications – The MHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit association that has long prided itself on being free to member schools as no membership dues or tournament entry fees are charged. For decades, the association has reimbursed expenses for host sites and participating schools at most levels of its tournaments. During a typical school year, 76 percent of the MHSAA's revenue budget comes from spectator ticket sales at District, Regional, Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final tournament sites. With COVID restrictions on the size of crowds and spectator gatherings, the MHSAA will not have revenue to share or expenses to reimburse. Staff recommends the following:

1. The MHSAA will continue to sponsor, organize, plan, conduct and provide all necessary support for tournaments to be played in as many sports as possible during the 2020-21 school year. One such example is the association will continue to provide trophies and medals for all MHSAA tournaments as in past years.

2. All host sites will continue to be reimbursed for game officials' expenses (officiating fee plus mileage).
3. After officials are paid, any remaining revenue will be sent to the MHSAA.
4. Manager's honoraria, host school shares, visiting team shares and travel reimbursements will be suspended for 2020-21.
5. Host sites will continue to keep all revenue generated from concessions (where allowed) and parking fees, if applicable.

Motion by John Thompson, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the above tournament financial policies for the 2020-21 school year. Adopted.

Football Playoffs – Motion by Don Gustafson, supported by Jason Mensing, to approve the revised pandemic 11-player playoff format for 2020 with all schools in the tournament. Adopted.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the revised pandemic 8-player playoff format for 2020. Adopted.