

2009 August MWPA Meeting Minutes  
8/11/2009

Conference call dial-in number: 1-800-444-2801 code: 4453081.

Fall 2009 Agenda

1. Role Call (Mida)

In attendance:

Chris Keenan (Huron), Will Hart (Pioneer), Rick Mida (Groves), Dan Brandenburg (Groves), Dave Riddle (Seaholm), Doug Wilson (East Kentwood), Jason Algra (Grand Ledge), Ian Townsend (Grand Ledge), Chris Groenhout (Grandville), Joe Szymanski (Hudsonville), Pete Hewett (Jenison), Ron Marsh (Okemos), Eric Lancaster (Portage), Dave McWatters (Rockford), Brad Silverman (Saline), Beth Klinger (Troy Athens), Pat Clarin (Director of Officials), Larry Winkelman (Co-Director of Officials).

2. Treasurer's Report (Brandenberg)

Checking \$2,015.00

CD \$4,752.86

All post-season stuff is paid. Rissley check still outstanding.

Dan also reported that he wants to create a system to monitor expenses for officials by creating database and invoices.

3. Director of Official's Report (Clarín/Winkelman)

Pat will email updated rules to officials and coaches, but mentioned that no major rule changes will come into effect this season. Scott Voltz will be the West side scheduler of officials. Larry Winkelman will help with the East side coaches if they are struggling to find officials.

Pat is trying to start up an official's clinic with Loren Bertocci.

4. Update on Rissley Photography. (Wilson)

Doug Wilson will rework the contract with Rissley with new conditions; Rissley needs to leave the pool area 30 minutes after the conclusion of the final game. Rissley will not be allowed to eat the food from the officials/coaches office. We are going to ask a flat rate fee of \$1,500 per post season with Rissley keeping the remainder of profits. Also there will be a standard picture for the host site provided at the conclusion of the tournament. There will be flat rate of \$20 for an ad for Rissley.

Ron Marsh wanted to clarify that the MWPA be allowed to see their books after every post season tournament.

5. Discussion: Proposal to change the order of District Championship games. (Silverman) - tabled from spring

This topic was shelved to the November meeting so that more girls' coaches would be in attendance and could vote on the proposed schedule change. Brad did email his two proposals to all coaches.

6. Discussion: Proposal to follow district format for regionals (games for 5-8 place are not played) – (Hewett/Lancaster) - tabled from spring

Pete Hewett and Eric Lancaster described the format of a Regional without the 5-8 games. Eric cited travel issues and the expenses associated with them to travel on that Saturday. Also they brought up the issue that the MHSAA does not have a similar format and if we want to be recognized by the MHSAA it may be in our best interest to conform.

Ron Marsh said that we need to play more games allowing the kids to grow with the added experience; Dave McWatters mimicked those sentiments. Eric Lancaster questioned whether two games will really make a difference as many teams play upwards of 40 games through the 3 month season. Brad Silverman mentioned that some team's goal is just to make Regionals and that they lose out on the experience to only play one game.

Larry Winkelman suggested that the losers from Friday play one game on Saturday in between the semi-final and final games as there is already a break in the schedule. Doug Wilson talked about financial aspect of making this change and that host sites might lose money from admissions, entry fees, etc. Rick Mida brought up the fact that there would be less cost for officials since there are four less game so the fee that the host site has to pay the MWPA should be amended.

Based on the financial concerns and issues the Board asked Pete Hewitt and Eric Lancaster to re-propose their schedule and figure out the appropriate team entry fees, host site fess and officials expenses before voting for/against their proposal.

7. Start date for boys will follow MHSAA – Aug 12
8. 2009 Boys' Post-Season Sites
  - Districts – Oct. 23 - 24
  - North/South – Site still not determined

East/West - Rockford  
Regionals – Oct. 30 - 31  
East - Groves  
West – East Kentwood  
States – Seaholm, Nov. 13-14

9. Additional Topics

Larry Winkelman wanted to mention that he is available to schedule officials for East side coaches if they get in a bind.

Matt King will help out in the boy's season for Grand Ledge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47