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Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association

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Winter Meeting Agenda

Date: -Wednesday, ~~Feb. 13th~~ March 6th

Time: 9am-1pm?

Location: Caribou Coffee – Crossroads - 4135 W Division St. St. Cloud, MN

1. Update of 4 Class Proposal - where are we?

a. What the State Tourney would look like (Printouts)

- Marty K. and Becca P. shared an update on the process that we used to develop the 4 Class proposal and how that State Tournament would look.
- We received some feedback from Jody Redmen about the format and concerns about having part of the State Tournament at a second site.
- Lonnie M. shared information about multiple meetings with Jody Redman (meeting at MSHSL with advisory board, as well as at the State Tournament)
 - Some Concerns about the proposal:
 - Does it diminish the State Tournament experience?
 - How do the logistics work?
 - Would the Roy Wilkins auditorium be available? Or another site?
 - How will this affect the revenue and costs of the tournament?
- Janet G-L shared that the MSHSL Board has received our proposal, but not all members are aware the proposal.
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b. Present to Board?

- April 4th - Becca P., Marty K., Lonnie M., John Y., and Darin S. will be at the meeting to answer questions in front of the board.
- Becca P. will email Jody Redman and Erich Martenns prior to the meeting to receive verification.

2. Reclassification/Realignment: After this happens, Section Reps - check on teams and coaches so we can see who needs to be replaced, etc.

- Becca P. announces that the Board is currently accepting appeals for classification. End of March is the scheduled timeline to get new section assignments.
- When new sections come out, we will look at BOC members and determine if there needs to be any positions filled.
 - Sections 5 and Section 6 are up for election this spring so that new positions are in place for summer activities.

a. New Section Reps needed

- i. 6A (Becca)
- ii. 8AAA (Becky)



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- iii. Any others we KNOW about?
 - b. President - send out an email to see who is interested, vote
- 3. All-State Academic changes
 - a. Do we have a template ready to go on the website? At the Fall meeting, we decided to not mail out certificates to save time, money and frustration.
 - i. Coaches need to communicate with their section on these changes.
 - ii. Who will be the go-to person for questions? Tracey? Becca (no)
- Template will be made available online. This template will be created by Tracy N., Becca P., and Greg S. The goal will be to create an editable PDF file that can be downloaded and edited for each player.
- Becca P. will contact Tracy N. about being the contact person for coaches who have questions.
- 4. Dues - we talked about raising them at our summer meeting.
 - a. MSHCA needs to know ASAP for website
 - b. Heidi Hahn reported that we have not raised clinic fees/dues in a long time
 - c. Vendors were raised \$10 last year
- Clinic fee will be \$125. This was listed incorrectly on the registration page last year (\$100).
 - Late registrations will go up to \$150.
- Membership fee will remain the same as last year. Volleyball association fees will be \$15 for head coaches and \$10 for assistant coaches.
 - We will look at whether it is necessary to increase membership fees next year.
 - This might need to be done to adjust for the potential of increasing to 4 classes.
- 5. All-State Process
 - a. It was brought up that we MAY NOT be honoring the top kids in each class if we limit the # of players from a respective team?
 - b. History on the rule of "3" from a team. (Lonnie? Sue? Janet?)
 - c. Thoughts? Discussion?
- There are some rare occasions where a team has more than three players that are All-State caliber.
- As section reps, we do our research on the players nominated at the beginning of the year, so adding the number of players to the final ballot would not create more work for the reps.
- Discussion was to allow teams to nominate five players at the beginning of the season and then allow coaches to submit stats for all five players if they feel they would qualify as an All-State player.
 - Coaches can still withdraw at the end of the year.
 - This is a policy change approved at the Spring Meeting and will be implemented for the 2019 Season.
- It was also discussed that Marty K., John Y., and Greg S. will lead a session at the beginning of the Coaches' Clinic on keeping accurate statistics.
- 6. The number of coaches allowed on the bench at the State Tournament?



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- a. An argument was brought up: Shouldn't we be encouraging these mentorships?
 - i. How can this be changed was the question?
 1. Do we think it should? Discussion
 2. Proposal?

- Why is it currently like this?
 - Does having more coaches give teams who can afford them an advantage?
 - Is there an increased cost with medals and other items?
 - Creates parity among programs.
- Discussion was held on the pros and cons of changing this to increase the number of coaches that can sit with the team at the tournament.
- It was discussed that this is a separate issue that we will table until we have a decision on the reclassification and State Tournament issue is finalized.

7. Summer Clinic July 24th - 25th

- a. Heidi and Jim
- b. Sauk Rapids
- c. Sue? - Set up social, etc.

- Heidi H. and Jim L. will be working together to plan and coordinate the clinic this summer. .
- Marty K. will be in communication with the Baden rep to help strengthen the relationship with our organization.
- It was suggested that Becca P. send out an email to the entire BOC members to seek suggestions for speakers at the clinic. BOC members will be encouraged to contact Jim L. with these suggestions.
- It was confirmed that Sauk Rapids is set to host.
- Becca P. will send out some of the feedback from last year's non-BOC attendees with the positive feedback they gave.
- Sue A. confirmed that the social and hotel accommodations are ready to go.
- Discussion was held concerning the All-Star match.
 - Would it be better to move it to another time of the year? Could it be held shortly after the season?
 - Could it be held before sessions on the first day and used in conjunction with training sessions?
 - No decision was made, but Becca P. will contact Heidi H., Jim L., and Dan. W, share some of our ideas and to get some input.
- Do we look at changing the date? Move the clinic up a week to try and get more high school and college coaches?

7. Boys VB - letter of support, as they are on the MSHSL agenda to become a league sport

- a. Greg S. - letter

- It has advanced to the Representative Assembly. A vote will be held later this spring to see if it will become a MSHSL sanctioned sport.



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- Discussion was had about writing a letter of support.
 - Decision was made that Greg S. and Becca P. will work together to write the letter.

8. Any additions?