



# MNVBCA

Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association

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## Summer Meeting 2018

**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018

**Time:** 8:45am

**Location:** Sauk Rapids HS – Room D151

### BOC Agenda

**1) Introductions of New BOC members** - each new member prepares a 5 min speech.

**2) MN Boys VB Update** – Walt Weaver

Walt Weaver joined us to update us on where boys volleyball is at in MN. They are trying very hard to get boys VB as a MSHSL sanctioned sport. There is a moratorium with MSHSL for any sort to become a new recognized sport till after classification is complete. The Past and new Executive Director have both verbally said that it is probably time for boys vb to become a sport in the league. Weaver said last spring they had 400 boys, 22 schools and 40 teams participating. The goal is to double that for next year. They are hoping to explode the Club scene this Spring and hope that the MSHSL will be forced to look at it. They have been told that they would need 32 teams (?) which makes it easier for a State Tournament.

Title IX was brought up. Walt said he sat with Dave Stead and the Region 3 Secretary: Title IX is not a deal-breaker. It is about the proportionality of sports, and every school will have to look at it.

Cost of club programs was brought up. There will be representatives here for the clinic (Krista Fleming and Jen) to answer more questions for coaches, and there will also be a clinic session on boys vb.

Looking at another 10 week season from the middle of March to the middle of May for 2019. Many BOC members spoke up and shared what they had done to become a school “club” and how the participation levels will grow.

Region Committee may be the best way for us to help. By contacting the Region Committee representatives/Secretary to give information is one way we can help. They need 12 of the 16 Region Committees to support it and send it to the Representative Assembly.

One major point to be made - of the 400 kids, 300 did not play another Spring sport, so they have created an opportunity for these boys to become active in their school.

**3) “State All-Tournament Team” notification**

a. See Winter meeting notes on this.

Notification of coaches, as well as when ballots are due for the All-Tournament team. We recommended ballots be due after a team wins 2 matches. We are waiting for word from Lisa Lismore. Could a quick solution be that Jeff mentions it during the Sunday morning State Tournament Conference call if it is okay with MSHSL? Also, that there is notification in the welcome to state packet - that the All-Tournament team is announced after the Championship match of YOUR specific Class. It is an honor for the members, whether they are present or not; it is just nice for them to be recognized at the tournament as well as in the photos.

**4) Ms. Baden**

a. Procedure and “definition” of these finalists – is this on our webpage?

We need to look at what this award stands for - is it a career or season award? A discussion was held. The BOC voted with a majority that the award should be a career award.

Greg S. brought up spending a bit more time in our Class meetings to be sure we get the “top” vote-getter in all classes and possibly rank them in each Class. We would still vote 1-9.

b. Finalists announced earlier?

We only see benefits from announcing the finalists earlier. We as an organization will send a press release the week after our Fall meeting, explaining the award - what it is, and a brief bio on our 5 finalists. At the



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Fall meeting, after the finalists are chosen, we will craft a press release to be sent out and published the Wednesday after our meeting. By this point, all All-State players have been notified.

Jim Paulson and Frederick - heads of Tribune and Pioneer Press for prep sports may need to be notified that we are doing this.

- c. Could do an article in the newspaper prior to the State Tourney?
- d. Could give more publicity for the 5 players and our sport!

## 5) Section Meetings at The Clinic

- a. Even Sections MEET first (even year) – ODD sections EAT. 45 min rotation

Agenda will be given to each of you electronically and paper copies on the tables in the meeting room.

- b. Flip about 11:35 am
- c. Becca P. will get everyone an agenda of items to discuss/relay to the coaches.

## 6) Classification Process – Proposal deadline Oct. 8th

- a. Survey – ASAP – I believe we have to have data.

Marty shared meeting information: maybe a survey. One question: 1st step (?): Would you like to put together a 4 class system?

Wording: Are you in favor of staying in a 3 class system or do you want to pursue a different format (ie. 4 classes)?

Janet spoke - that we either propose a 4 class format or the MSHSL will do it for you.

It is important to have data to support our wishes as an organization (from the people voting). We pros and cons of the/each proposal.

Discussion: Is there a moratorium on proposals for classes and changes. December 2018, and Dave Stead said they are currently taking proposals. Marty clarified that they want to know what WE want as an organization.

We need to send a survey and then have that data for the Advisory meeting in Oct.

The advisory committee will meet this afternoon to set dates. Update: A Survey was drafted and Greg S. will post it on our website in August, once the season begins.

- b. Breakdown possibilities –
  - i. VB Current – AAA – Top 96, AA – Next 128, A – the rest
  - ii. SB=AAAA – Top 64, AAA - Next 64, “The rest” divide ½ for AA and A
  - iii. BB = AAAA – Top 64, AAA – Next 64, AA – 128, A – the rest

Volleyball numbers are different in the fact that we have the most # of teams participating.

- c. Consequences of 4?

There are issues with 4: format for the tournament, 2 matches a day? Hotel room? Banquet facilities?

- d. Input on State Tournament format – classification breakdown

Possible breakdowns shared with coaches during their Section Meetings.

## 7) President-Elect Election

- a. Reference Constitution for process

We need to have someone step up to fill this position.

## 8) State COY/Asst. COY Process Review – Greg Ueland

Greg U. shared - Section coaches are shared with him form BOC representative and then we vote. It has gone well.

Vote: Becca P proposed and Sue seconded - To have Past-President fill the role of State COY/Asst. COY process.

Majority - passed

## 9) Top 10 Voting Electronic Process Review – Darin Swenson

- a. Reminder to make sure you have one more coach from your section vote – besides YOU.

BOC member and another coach from each section will help vote for Top 10 - get email



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text: @VBtop10 to 81010. Get the name to Darin Swenson

10) **Nomination for MN Coaches Association HOF.**

- a. We have many worthy candidates. This would be a nice “push” from our group.
- b. Anyone interested in heading this up? **Sue Alstrom will head this up**

11) **MNVBCA Hall of Fame – Jeff Groves**

- a. BOC Discussion of 2018 Nominees
- b. Make sure to get your ballots to Jeff (2/3 vote to be elected)

Jeff distributed the ballots with a **pre-stamped envelope with information.**

~~12) Academic All-State guidelines and process.~~

13) **Speaker introductions** – Review, fill if needed

14) **BOC Clinic Jobs** – Review

- a. Promoting the “social” tonight ☺

15) **Fall “All-State Meeting” – Sunday, October 28, 2018** – Holiday Inn, St. Cloud – 9am-3pm

16) **BOC Rep Quick Introductions** - 1:15pm

- a. A, AA, AAA numerical order ☺

**\*Heidi Hahn visited with the BOC regarding her new role as an Assistant superintendent, and her desire to step away from her role as Clinic Organizer. She mentioned maybe the duties could be divided among a few people.**

**\*State tournament social - maybe move from Saturday to Friday 4-6**