



MNVBCA

Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association

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Winter Meeting 2018

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Time: 9am-1pm?

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

Attendance: Marty Kiebel, Becca Pulju, Greg Sayuk, Lonnie Morken, Darin Swenson, Kim Duis, Sue Wasbotten, Crystal Lamont, Tom Weko, Beck Schlichting, Janet Golden-Langquist

BOC Agenda (9am-?... we have the room till 1pm)

1. “State All-Tournament Team” notification

- Discussion held regarding notification of coaches. Currently the PA Announcer calls coaches down to make contact. We think that coaches need to know they should stick around with their team through the championship of their class to see if their player is recognized. They receive a plaque and a photo is taken. This information needs to be given to coaches from the MSHSL in their “welcome to state” packet of information. Along with this discussion, the group is hoping that maybe we could switch the timeline for the turning in of ballots. We will see if there a way we can submit the all-tournament list after 2nd set? Or maybe if set is tied 1-1, could we go till the 3rd? Once someone has won a 2nd set.
 - Becca will email Lissa Lissmore about this and notify MNVBCA

2. Ms Baden

a. Procedure and “definition” of these finalists

- Lengthy discussion held, after parent complaints, if it is perceived (in the state) that each player in their Class is the “top” player of their Class? There are 5 nominees (there must be one from each class represented). The group decided that our voting process is clear: 24 coaches (elected by their section) who vote for this honor. These girls are not the “player of the year” because the award is only for seniors. We feel that this process is very transparent and will continue with the way we have done it.
- It was also noted that here is a recommendation in our constitution regarding violations, again due to data privacy it is left at the coach’s discretion to nominate a player for All-State.

b. Finalists announced earlier

- Discussion held regarding announcing our 5 Miss Baden Finalists earlier in the week? They will know that they are All-State, which should be obvious.
- We think it would be good publicity for the sport and state tournament. Might be a good acknowledgement for those A and AA girls who aren’t part of Metro team that is in the paper the week before state.
- Concerns with this: will it deter some from coming to the banquet because they are not a finalist?



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- Possible survey for BOC if the early release of these finalists is something we want to pursue for next fall. Discussion will continue at summer meeting.

3. MNVBCA Clinic Location

a. Information about Sauk Rapids HS

- We have been looking to move our summer clinic due to layout and air conditioning needs. Cost is relatively the same and it is air conditioned.
- Also brought up Monticello Middle School and Alexandria - there are some concerns for travel. Most of clinic coaches come from outstate.
- Sauk Rapids HS has an auxiliary gym, main gym and nice commons for vendors and an auditorium (possible spot for Kick-off of clinic, and maybe spot for section meetings?)
- Only concern we have is the seating situation when there are 2 courts set up in the main gym. We contacted AD of Sauk Rapids (NaDean Schroeder) for explanation of costs and what seating would look like.
- Coaches social? Kelly Inn?
- Clinic Social: Baden gives us some dollars towards this (as well as main speaker fee, flight, hotel, etc), Food provided - and cash bar offered

4. 2018 Summer Clinic

a. Meals? Needed for? What do other clinics do?

- We are looking for ways to save money, and our clinic currently is our biggest cost. We want to keep it affordable for coaches and increase participation as well. After discussion, we looked at cutting a meal out on Wednesday night. This would =save us over \$2,000. The initial reasoning of providing a meal Wednesday night was to encourage coaches to stick around for the All-Star match. We don't think this boosts attendance at the all-star match
- We decided to keep the clinic cost the same, but cut out a meal on Wednesday. We are also going to move up the registration date - so we have solid numbers for Thursday's lunch. Those that register at the clinic, their raised fee will pay for the late meals, since we usually have about 100 walkin registrations. We will get numbers to Sue so she can order appropriately.
- All-Star players - we will just do Subway and then fruit and granola bar snacks before the match (in the past we have ordered past for them, and they rarely eat it)

5. Classification deadline of December 2018

a. Would our group/coaches have input if a change is made, for the State Tourney?

- Message from the High School league via Athletic Directors- this will happen in December of 2018. Janet said that she had heard from her AD that the Board of Directors is waiting for a proposal from MNVBCA. He was at the AD advisory meeting. She was told that we should submit a recommendation because they are freezing the classifications until



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19 so the survey information is all in and numbers are set (?) The message is that there are other organizations that have proposed to go to 4 classes, so we might need to bring it up.***Have we been told that we will not have a choice regarding 3 or 4 classes (?)

Notes from our group discussion:

Should we be proactive?

- Should we send out a feeler email to Jody Redmond and Dave Stead's replacement - since it is often cryptic. Will we have any input on the state tournament. Should we reach out to them?
- Do we need to make a proposal - we do not have an OFFICIAL request so we have something on the docket.
 - What would the numbers be for 4 classes for each class (breakdown)
 - What would the state tournament brackets look like? Consolation bracket? Roy Wilkins auditorium (does not work)
 - Our thoughts are: If we have a plan that works to keep consolation, just like they are doing in basketball - they can't say no.
- Dan Westby and Jim Lee had worked on a plan if we were to go 4 classes.
- We need to have hard numbers in our proposal because if we do not submit a proposal we get whatever they give us.
- moving the state tournament?
- We have some past proposals - the advisory committee will need to meet (Marty, Lonnie Morken, Darin Swenson, John Yunker)
 - Proposal needs to include a plan for: brackets, awards, consolation, venue, etc..
 - Bring said proposal to BOC in at the summer meeting - papers need to be filed by Oct. 8th.
 - We can get information on costs per state tournament, medals, etc from the MSHSL.
 - We need to have a vote from section coaches through BOC, plus consolation, sites, etc...Becca will create a questionnaire for coaches after the advisory committee creates the proposals - EMPHASIZE that we get your feedback

6. State Tournament

a. Banquet: Continue with the Hultgrens?

- We had questioned the cost last year. It is expensive, but it is also a really great banquet for our sport. Plan is to keep the banquet with Hultgrens planning it and we realize the cost will go up next fall. We might need to change things if we end up going 4 classes, we might need to change

b. Coaches "Social" vs "Meeting"? Stats and opinions?

- This past fall we changed the State Tournament "meeting" to a get together. The reasoning was there are many avenues for coaches to ask questions and to stay informed about our



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ganization, sport, etc. We also only did one “meeting”. Our numbers were similar to years past, and it was a great chance for coaches to visit with each other. The plan is to keep it as a “gathering” versus an actual meeting after receiving positive feedback, coaches seemed to like the informal interaction

- The only change is the time - maybe do it Friday 4-7pm so no one is missing a “championship” match.
- c. Other thoughts/concerns?
 - Wells Fargo suite for all-tournament team voters - could we get some water bottles in suite?

7. Boys Volleyball this spring

- Discussion was held regarding Boys Volleyball as a spring sport. We believe that their goal is to become a MSHSL sponsored sport, there are co-ops as well. We simply discussed our support for Boys VB in MN and also discussed some difficulties for outstate and Spring programs.

8. Nomination for MN Coaches Association HOF.

- a. We have many worthy candidates. This would be a nice “push” from our group.
 - This is not our MNVBCA HOF, it is the STATE HOF - but Sue A. brought up that we probably have a few that would be worthy nominees that are already in MNVBCA HOF - could they be recognized at the next level. The deadline is December for next fall’s induction. We will revisit this at our summer meeting to meet the deadline.

9. Spring BOC Elections and Summer “President Elect” Elections

- a. Reference Constitution for procedures
 - We need to have a president-elect to be voted in by Dec. 2018
 - BOC members for Section 3 and 4 (in all 3 classes) - re-elect in spring
 - if you area current BOC member, you still need to say that you are interested in getting on the ballot again.
 - **BOC members:** PLEASE update your section coaches information in the shared spreadsheet
 - **BOC members** - you do not need to pay for the clinic, but you are expected to help

10. Financial report

- We do have a hard copy of printout. Kim (and Amy) had mentioned interest in helping keep track of the financials. Fiscal year for MNVBCA coincides with the MN Coaches Association. Janet will talk to John and Mary Erickson to get those dates and get that back to Kim.

11. Other Discussion

We would like to encourage Section Meetings during the summer clinic. Maybe have odd sections eat lunch and even sections meet and then switch.



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orthwhile (the section meeting) -meet fellow section coaches and give hard copy of
dates...Looking at Thursday lunchtime. We all agreed this would be a great addition to our clinic.