

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Video Conference Meeting, Friday, March 27, 2020

### Council Members Present:

Eric Albright, Midland  
Jay Alexander, Detroit  
Nicole Carter, Novi  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Vicky Groat, Battle Creek  
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  
Andy Frushour  
Nate Hampton  
Dan Hutcheson  
Cody Inglis  
John Johnson  
Geoff Kimmerly  
Andi Osters  
Tom Rashid  
Brent Rice  
Adam Ryder  
Mark Uyl (Recorder)  
Kathy Westdorp  
Karen Yonkers

### Member Absent:

Kyle Guerrant, Lansing

President Scott Grimes welcomed newly appointed Council member Will McKoy to his first meeting.

**Accounts of Meetings** – Motion by Don Gustafson, supported by John Thompson, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of Dec. 6, 2019, the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of Dec. 5, 2019, Jan. 8, 2020 and Feb. 26, 2020, and the minutes of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee meeting of Jan. 8, 2020. Adopted.

## REPORTS

**Legislation** – The Council heard a verbal report from Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. regarding activities of the Michigan Legislature that could directly or indirectly affect member schools' administration of interscholastic athletics. At this time, the Legislature is temporarily out of session until at least April 13, 2020.

**Litigation** – MHSAA legal counsel presented a verbal report. There is currently no new litigation in which the MHSAA is engaged.

**Administration** – The executive director provided a brief review of the current status of 2020-21 classifications of member high schools. Tournament divisions for sports have not yet been determined, but schools will be notified in the weeks ahead once they are established for 2020-21. He also provided an update on winter tournaments before suspension caused by the Coronavirus.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Contingency Concepts** – The Council discussed possible contingency plans for completion of winter tournaments and the spring season and tournaments, dependent on the ever-changing status of the ongoing pandemic. The concepts included plans for possible resumption of activity in April, May and the summer months of June/July, depending on the status of school with government directives and recommendations. The contingencies included suspension and waiver consideration of some *MHSAA Handbook* regulations.

Motion by Vic Michaels, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the concepts of the contingency plans. Adopted.

**Audit and Finance Committee Report** – This committee is responsible for reviewing past financial performance and future projections, reviewing and making revenue and expense recommendations for MHSAA programs, and finalizing the annual budget for the Council's approval in May. The Council reviewed the minutes of the committee's Feb. 26 meeting but those items will change in light of the uncertainty for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. The Audit and Finance Committee will meet again in April, at which it will have a report on the impact of the suspended winter tournaments and uncertain future of the spring tournaments. This discussion and input will be used in completing the 2020-21 budget in early May.

The executive director reported that the National Federation of State High School Associations is considering cancelation of the national summer meeting in July.

**May Representative Council Meeting Options** – The Council discussed possible options for holding the May 3-4, 2020 meeting of the Representative Council.

Motion by Don Gustafson, supported by Chris Miller, to authorize the executive director to decide on logistics, location and date for the early May meeting, based on ongoing directives by the governor pertaining to the current Coronavirus pandemic. Adopted.

**Classification** – Motion by Chris Miller, supported by John Thompson, to approve the Classification Committee recommendation to add boys and girls tennis to the group of sports whose combined enrollment does not exceed 3,500 students to allow cooperative agreements with Executive Committee approval (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]). Adopted. The Representative Council will reexamine this allowance after the first two years.

**Baseball** – Motion by Steve Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Baseball Committee recommendation that, beginning in the 2019-20 season (if applicable), the Super Regional level of the tournament be renamed to "Quarterfinal." Additionally, trophies and medals for the Super Regional (Quarterfinal) winners will be eliminated and each winner of the Regional Finals will be provided a Regional championship trophy, to be handed out to both schools between the end of the second Regional Final game and the Super Regional (Quarterfinal) game. Adopted.

Motion by Don Gustafson, supported by Chris Miller, that, beginning with the 2019-20 Semifinals (if applicable), during even-numbered years, Divisions 2 and 4 will play Semifinal games on Thursday and Divisions 1 and 3 will play Semifinal games on Friday. During odd-numbered years, Divisions 1 and 3 will play Semifinal games on Thursday and Divisions 2 and 4 will play Semifinal games on Friday. Adopted.

**Vern L. Norris Award** – Based on votes by the Council, the winner will be announced soon and arrangements will be made to honor the recipient at an appropriate time and event in the future.