

MIVCA Board Meeting Minutes

(Board Meeting Minutes: November 20, 2016) (9:00 am Lakeview HS, Battle Creek, MI)

Board Members:

Present: Jodi Manore, Angie DelMorone, Michelle Brines, Dianne Phillips, Laurie Glass, Betty Wroubel, Heather Sawyer, Jean LaClair, Vicki Groat, Claire Gentile, Terra King, Becky Schmidt, John Christiansen

Observer: Erin Onken

Absent: Bill Abbott, Jenny Thunberg, Kirk Bagg, Robyn Kozuch

Quorum present? Yes

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 9:07 by Jodi M...2nd Dianne P
- The September 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed

Minutes moved to approve...Laurie...2nd... Dianne P

Membership Report: Claire G.

- We currently have 1200 members
- 700+ are 'school' membership
- 445 approximately are Varsity Coaches

Finance Committee/Treasurer: Chair, Dianne P.

- Dianne emailed the report prior to the meeting
- All is well with the finances
- Motion to accept report – John C...2nd Laurie G

Miss Volleyball report provided by Angie D. (absent, Chair, Jenny Thunberg)

- Jen is willing to continue on as the Chair
- The group was reminded of the agreement with the Detroit Free Press and their honor of announcing information first
- A 'real photo' with the application for Miss Volleyball is needed
- Moving forward there will be a letter outlining the process to the Coach of the player, the player and the family being honored regarding the process
- A 'real' picture of the athletes being honored need to be sent to Tara (for the State Championship Player Lounge/Poster Board Presentation) and to Claire and the webmaster for the website (digital photos not acceptable)
- The photos can also be used on the website for Coaches to review before they 'vote'
- We are asking that Jen include Claire and the future 'webmaster' of the winner and her information so it can be posted to the website (once the Free Press has officially announced/published the article)

- Andi O. from the MHSAA will confirm the process for having the Miss Volleyball 'winner' be introduced at the State Championships (some logistics to work out re: date, time, if the player is competing or not, etc.)
- The Board members present agreed that Terra King should be reimbursed for the costs incurred for the Players' Lounge area, etc.

Hall of Fame: Chair, Michelle Brines

- There were six nominees
- The Board agreed/voted on the 2017 nominee
- Angie D moved to accept 'said' candidate...2nd Dianne P
- HOF induction will be done in April at the MIVCA Clinic, East Lansing HS
- April 21 or 22 2017, TBC with respect to the schedule
- Michelle and Jean will coordinate on the arrangements for the presentation

Grants & Scholarships: Chair, Robyn K

- There are over 100 applications for this year
- The Board recommended that there are 4 grants and 8 scholarships total this year
- To keep it consistent with 12 maximum

All Star Banquet & Match Co-Chairs: Laurie G and Terra King

- A date needs to be confirmed
- Coordinate around the Olympians Give Back Clinic in Grand Rapids, MI
- Participant number was low last summer
- Looking to move to Friday July 14, 2017
- Andi O. will confirm that it is 'okay' for the players to use their school jerseys
- Adidas will continue as the sponsor, with the players potentially wearing an Adidas practice shirt and will be given a ¾ zip pullover in lieu of a jersey
- Terra will inquire as to the particulars from MHSAA baseball and their All Star event

Individual All State Academic: Chair, Vicki Groat

- Betty and Vicki coordinating the certificates to be done electronically/via email

Team All State Academic: Chair, Betty Wroubel

- Betty and Vicki coordinating the certificates to be done electronically/via email

Rankings & Website report provided: Chair, Kirk Bagq (absent)

- Kirk's term is up this year and he is not continuing in the position
- There is discussion at breaking the position up into two entities
- The Board agrees to look for a professional webmaster and pay them for their work
- There was discussion as the qualities and requirements for the Rankings position
- There are 3 potential candidates to take this position forward

MIVCA Update: Angie D. (Dene H.)

- April 21 – 22, 2017 East Lansing HS
- Cathy George & the MSU staff are the main presenters in 2017
- Registration 3:30 pm
- Sessions are 4 – 9 pm Friday
- Friday scrimmage TBD
- 8:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturday
- There is a minimal fee charged for the 1.5 day event
- Luncheon/Banquet/General Meeting will be 11:30 – 1:00 pm on April 22, 2017
- Speakers/presenters are being lined up by Dene H.
- Angie will be Dene's 'point person' for Board
- Need to be flexible with 'rotation' for sites/hosts/featured institutions (rotation 'invitation')
- Vendors will be contacted before Christmas (Heather & Terra)
- Heather & Terra to checkout site re: vendors placement, etc.
- Minimize 'pipe & drape' for vendors (cost saving)
- Board members checking into food/meal options (Terra, Angie, Dianne)
- Hampton Inn is the host hotel
- Future decision as to 'who' organizes the clinic after April 2017

All Region/All State: Chair, Angie Delmorone

- Information out to all reps for meeting
- Some reps did not show up to represent their region in the meetings (even after multiple calls/contact)
- Downside: some regions not represented and therefore some athletes not represented

Special Recognition: Chair, Jean LaClair

- There are 2 candidates for Special Recognition
- Michelle and Jean will coordinate on the arrangements for the presentation
- April 21 or 22 2017, TBC with respect to the schedule

Other business/General Discussion:

- Discussion on providing certificates for Coaches who have coached 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years etc.
- Discussion regarding the All Region/All State forms and the 'line item' that requires the Coach to report if their athlete has been in 'good standing' or not for the season
- Consensus was reached that we would bring up the item at the beginning of the Class Meeting, throw it out to the group that we can discuss it, vote on the players up for All State and move forward
- Andi O. is moving towards an earlier start time for the State Championship Semi Final days (12:01 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm) She will confirm this change for 2017
- Board discussion continued regarding moving the deadlines, dues for coaches and 'exceptions' if proof provided
- Email notice to AD's to remind them that if they don't have coaches 'hired', then they should sign up for membership (the name can always be transferred once the coach is hired)

- Heather will continue to investigate 'options' for membership 'online' sign up (ins/outs, difficulties, etc. with colleagues)
- COTY voting...discussion regarding having the vote/balloting potentially between Regionals and ¼ Finals before the State Championships
- This year consensus was that the COTY for 2016 would be the winners of each 'Class'
- Glazier Clinic Invite to January 2017 in Chicago...Jodi is checking on the criteria
- Jodi & Dianne have had some interest and have had contact with BCAM and their push to balance the district playoffs etc.
- There has also been discussion re: moving from Classes to Divisions (Potentially AA, A, B, C D...1-5)
- BCAM is moving forward and have their 'plan' ready to go
- We are prepared to use their template potentially if they are successful
- It was strongly suggested that we survey the membership re: the two items of Seeding Districts and changing to Divisions
- Some discussion on potential UP Representatives. John Christiansen suggested Kathy Miller who is currently Region 2 Rep. and closer by four hours.

***Next Meeting:**

Sunday February 12, 2017...11:00 am – MHSAA Offices/Lansing, MI

- Meeting moved to adjourn at 11:30 am – Jodi M...2nd Laurie G
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Heather Sawyer