

**MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF THE MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
June 22, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

Jim Hawbaker, Billings  
Doug Reisig, Missoula  
Krystal Zentner, Bridger  
Steve Thennis, Helena  
John Fitzgerald, Red Lodge  
Mark Beckman, Helena  
Brian Michelotti, Helena  
Kip Ryan, Helena  
Scott Wilson, Helena  
Amy Bartels, Helena  
Greta Buehler, Helena  
*Luke Kloker, Fairview*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hawbaker called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**TWO-WEEK NOTICE ITEMS FROM APRIL**

A motion was made by Mr. Reisig, and seconded by Mr. Thennis, to approve final action on the following items from the April Board meeting:

- MOA items including soccer officials' pay for regular and postseason, volleyball invitational fee structure, and postseason payments to officials at the beginning of the tournament;
- Providing awards for Class C Golf Divisionals that are the same as those for Class A and Class B;
- Approval of amendments to speech, debate, and drama rules as recommended by the MFEA;
- Changing the date for the District VII music festival to be held in Shelby to April 21-22, 2023;
- Various adjustments to girls' wrestling for both the regular season and postseason competition for 2022-23.

The motion passed unanimously.

**CLASS C BOARD REPLACEMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Fitzgerald to approve Mr. Luke Kloker to fill Mr. Goltz's third year of his term, and Ms. Zentner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting for an individual to fill the fourth year of Mr. Goltz's term.

**SPRING TOURNAMENT EVALUATIONS**

Board and staff reported on the following spring events: State AA, A and B/C Tennis, State B and C golf, State AA, A and B/C softball, and State AA-A and B-C track.

**APPROVED SIGNERS ON STOCKMAN BANK ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Reisig motioned to remove Mr. Beckman as an approved signer from Stockman Bank savings and checking accounts and add Ms. Bartels, and to remove Mr. Beckman and Ms. Homes and add Mr. Michelotti and Ms. Buehler to the Stockman investment account. Ms. Zentner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS**

Ms. Zentner motioned to dissolve the Harrison/Willow Creek co-ops, and Mr. Thennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald motioned to approve the co-op deadline waiver for Whitehall-Harrison-Willow Creek, and Mr. Reisig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reisig motioned to dissolve the Hobson-Moore-Judith Gap co-op in girls' basketball, and Mr. Thennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reisig motioned to approve the co-op deadline waiver for Harlowton-Ryegate-Judith Gap in basketball and volleyball, and Mr. Thennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald motioned to approve the East Helena-Jefferson co-op deadline waiver for softball, and Mr. Reisig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2023 STATE SWIM MEET LOCATION CHANGE**

Bozeman was scheduled to host the 2023 State Swim Meet, but it was discovered the pool building has structural issues. Great Falls has agreed to host the meet instead. Mr. Thennis motioned to approve moving the meet to Great Falls, and Ms. Zentner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2023 STATE C GOLF BID**

A group of Class C coaches and administrators submitted a bid to host the 2023 State C Golf Tournament at Anaconda Hills Golf Course in Great Falls. Ms. Zentner motioned to approve State C Golf be held in Great Falls, and Mr. Thennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **WHITEFISH SOFTBALL REQUEST**

Whitefish requested to waive the varsity forfeiture rule for the 2022-23 season after they forfeited more than 25% of their varsity games this past season. Mr. Reisig motioned to approve Whitefish to play varsity softball during the 2023 season, and Mr. Thennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **SCOBAY RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST**

Scobey submitted a letter requesting to remain in Class C for the next reclassification cycle rather than moving up to Class B.

#### **EIGHT-PLAYER FOOTBALL BRACKET**

Eight-player football requested approval of a five-division playoff bracket. Ms. Zentner motioned to approve the bracket for the next 5 years, and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUDGET CLOSEOUT**

Mr. Beckman discussed additional income and expenses for the fiscal year-end. He recommended putting \$30,000 into general reserves (\$18,880 above budgeted amount), an additional \$40,000 into the health and wellness reserve (above the budgeted amount), and an additional \$30,000 to the legal reserve (above the budgeted amount). Mr. Reisig motioned to approve the recommended amounts to put into reserves, and Ms. Zentner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Beckman reported the NFHS Network 100% Incentive Program payment will be received by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MHSA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HIRING**

The meeting was closed to discuss personnel recommendations. After the meeting reopened, Ms. Zentner motioned to take the hiring committee’s recommendations to hire Ms. Buehler and Ms. Bartels as Assistant Directors and promote Mr. Ryan to Senior Associate Director and Mr. Wilson to Associate Director. Mr. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SOUTHERN C OFFICIALS’ ROTATION**

Mr. Ryan discussed a Southern C proposal for changing the official rotation. Ms. Zentner motioned to approve the rotation, and Mr. Thennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Michelotti previewed the agenda items for the July meeting.

Mr. Beckman discussed the change in the mileage rate effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Hawbaker adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.

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Executive Director Mark Beckman

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MHSA President Jim Hawbaker