

NSOA Board Minutes – General Meeting 8/18/24

-Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon with the Pledge of Allegiance

-Motion to approve 2023 General Meeting minutes motion made by Eddie Blough, second by Lowell Berryhill. Passed.

- Board members introduced.

-New members introduced – Anthony Irvine, Andy Camden, Rick Bassett, Brian Briggs, Charlie Hockey, Josh Fiebing, Tom Andersen, Chris Carr.

-NSOA members that worked deep into the State Tournament – Genevieve Knudsen, Jessica Miller-McKinnon; volleyball

Bill Lobsinger, Joe Johnson, Mitch Wilson, Dave Jones, Bill Bartholomew, Branden Kelenske, Roark Pargeron; football.

Ed McCarty; basketball.

-Vice President/Lead Assigner Report - Officials fee increases were discussed and implemented throughout the area. MHSAA has increased all tournament fees as well. Schools input was noted and they all asked that they get the same level of professionalism and integrity that's reflected in the increases. Also noted that 2025-26 school year that all officials that wish to work varsity sports, must be a member of an approved association.

-Treasurer Report – Joe Johnson reports income \$6,967.32, expenses \$6,998.65 – Spreadsheet distributed with that info. Motion to approve Treasurer report by Kenny Allen, second by Eddie Blough – passed.

-Honorary member status has been awarded to Jack Miles, longtime NSOA member and official.

-Member at Large updates – Scott Jones and Al Hebden – Clinics for Basketball, baseball, softball and football, that include collaboration with other approved association have been a gigantic success. Not only are they great learning experiences, they also help with the early MHSAA MIGS deadlines. The first NSOA Golf outing has been scheduled at Crystal Lake Golf Course by Joe Johnson and Scott Jones. Around 40 folks have registered for it.

-Dave Smeltzer has been appointed Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. Dave has been helpful in guiding our new officials through the process of registration and policy.

-Presidents Report – Mike Reed reflected on the tasks and priorities that the Board set last year. MIGS procedures and By-laws clarity were all tackled and successfully implemented as requested by the membership. Motion to approve By-laws updates made by Brandon Kelenske, and second by Bob Hallead. Membership vote unanimously Passed.

-Member comments – Jessica Miller-McKinnon had a thought for recruiting. NMC may be a great resource for engaging some folks in the future. Penny McDonald – Asking for officials that want to work Highland Conf basketball. Al Hebden – The basketball clinic this year is once again in Kalkaska on November 3rd. More on that at a later date.

-Elections – Member at Large candidates – Scott Jones and Dave Buck nominated. Scott Jones elected for a two year term. Mike Reed, running unopposed, was elected for 2 year Presidency.

-Motion to Adjourn by Curt Wolf second by Kenny Allen. Passed

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