

MDTA Board Meeting  
Monday, July 17, 2023  
MSHSAA Office

Present: Jean Woodward, Stephanie Simon, Brett Elder, Yvonne Cole, Karen Asbell, Nikki Boekhout, Karen Bahr, Kara Mueller

1. Introductions
  - a. MSHSAA's Toni Hill who replaces Davine as Executive Director who will oversee Spirit.
  - b. New Executive board members
    - i. Stephanie Simon, new vice president
    - ii. Brittani McCellan-East regional rep
    - iii. Zoe McCarthy-Academic All State
2. Constitution and Articles of Incorporation
  - a. Verified name and address changes
  - b. Review of roles and responsibilities
    - i. Restate Bylaws was updated in 2014 and voted on by membership.
    - ii. No constitution, only the updated restated by-laws due to what is required when we incorporated in 2014. Policies and Procedures also predate 2014 and are not valid.
  - c. Issues and concerns
    - i. When charter members started, each school had one coach. Now, some schools get have more coaches and more votes.
    - ii. One school, one vote. Board members get a vote, but retired coaches and businesses would not.
    - iii. Proposal for new language: In matters of elections and bylaw amendments, voting rights are extended to head coaches and executive board members only. One school, one vote.
    - iv. Sidenote: Ballots will specify if the election is for head coaches only or for all membership.
    - v. Karen Bahr motioned to vote on the amendment, Stephanie seconded. Motion passed.
    - vi. New concern: review and update Policies and Procedures, determine if it is needed.
    - vii. Nikki proposes new language for Qualifications: A member running for president should be a member of the MDTA executive board for two consecutive years prior to the election. Karen Asbell seconds. Motion passed.
    - viii. Goal is to find more members at large across the state, particularly from the southwest region. Julia at Smithville could potentially be in charge of social media
    - ix. Nikki will create a member feedback and concerns to be mailed out prior to each meeting.
3. Scoring and Safety-State 2024

- a. Breaking of ties will go to membership for a vote for both category and state champ.
  - b. At state team and solo competition, would you be in favor of breaking scoring ties?
  - c. Brett presented updated scoring rubric and will add a line regarding appropriate style of dance for genre to the choreography section.
  - d. Add a question about hands-free poms on the registration form and add/drop form, which will then be a column on the state spreadsheet that Safety has on the clipboard. Safety will confirm that the poms match what was indicated at the form.
  - e. Shelley will redo the scoresheets to match the scoring rubric. Asbell will communicate to regional contest hosts and Dan, who creates the online scoring program.
  - f. Nikki makes a motion to approve the scoring rubric as presented for the 2024 contest. Asbell seconds. Motion passed.
  - g. Issues or Concerns
    - i. Suggestion for a return to Friday night team judges' meeting. No meal provided.
    - ii. 80% rule conversation: The rule stands, but teams will be informed that they can have a competition squad and a gameday squad. The rule is only applied to the competition squad submitted on the state form.
    - iii. Separate cheer from dance in spirit rule quizzes. Will talk to Toni.
    - iv. Evaluate for 2024: Kick routine rules, novice/intermediate categories.
4. 2023 State Closure
- a. Shelley has medals for Academic Awards that still need to go out.
  - b. Hyvee not charging us for wifi next year. Suggests that we bring in a couple of hotspots.
5. Regional Rep Report
- a. East-Aug 15 at 6:15 at FZW.
  - b. West-Aug 15 at 6:30 at LSN
  - c. Southeast will Zoom
  - d. Jean will send something out, but regional reps will inform their members.
6. Membership update
- a. Google groups. Will need to create new groups under [mdt-membership@gmail.com](mailto:mdt-membership@gmail.com) so that whoever is in charge of membership has editing rights. New gmails will be created and four new google groups.
  - b. One shared spreadsheet with all coaches information that board members can access.
  - c. \$10 for membership until Nov 1, then it goes to \$20. Waived if coach attends the regional meeting.
  - d. Recruit in newsletter: Why join MDTA.
  - e. On the website, membership checks go to Leah; state checks go to Asbell.
7. MDTA Monday topics

8. Treasurer's report
  - a. Changing addresses on bank account. Jean and Stephanie need to sign signature cards.
  - b. \$-12, 585.00 loss for the past year, July 2022-July 2023. Current balance is \$30, 073.43.
  - c. Cost of event insurance has significantly increased. Review insurance and liability.
  - d. Order less programs. Both team and solo registrations went up last year. Have Julia Lee (Smithsville assistant coach) to design t shirts to increase sales. Increase the number of sponsors.

9. Next meeting

10. Other items

- Next meeting: TBD.
- Submitted by Kara Mueller