

MDTA Board Meeting
Friday, June 7, 2024
Holiday Inn Executive Center-Columbia, MO

Present: Jean Woodward, Stephanie Simon, Brett Elder, Yvonne Cole, Karen Asbell, Nikki Boekhout, Karen Bahr, Kara Mueller, Betsy Cuquet, Melissa Albright, Leah Fiske, Janna Heggerty

1. Introductions
 - a. Janna and Stephanie shared their experience after their first year on the executive board.
 - b. The board thanked Jean for her service as interim president and welcomed Nikki to her new position.
2. Appointed Positions for 24-25
 - a. All executive members shared contact information on Google Form
 - b. Nikki motions that the following people for the appointed positions. Karen Asbell seconds. Motion approved
 - i. Jean Woodard-Past President
 - ii. Yvonne Cole for Judge Coordinator
 - iii. Shelley McCain for Membership Coordinator
 - iv. Zoe McCarthy for Academic All-State Coordinator
 - v. Karen Bahr for Site coordinator
 - vi. Brett Elder for Trustee, which is a non-voting position, but is invited to every meeting and advises as needed.
 - c. Nikki will need to email coaches in the West Region to replace Shelley as West Rep, and one Member At Large for each region.
 - d. Potential Members At Large
 - i. Julie Catron for St. Louis
 - e. Appointed positions may need to termed “Director” to be covered by insurance.
 - f. Leah will contact the insurance agent to see if cost increases for each Member At Large.
3. 2024 State Survey results: Major concerns as priorities
 - a. Practice floor
 - b. Scoresheet sharing sooner than later.
 - i. Delay is needed for accuracy to prevent lawsuits.
 - ii. Changes for next year
 1. Send out no later than Monday with a caveat that verification is needed.
 2. Make an asterisk or bolded to indicate penalties on final sheet
 - iii. Rotate the order of category of routines so lyrical is not always first.

- iv. Spacing ropes and flooring (discussed below)
- v. Trophies for 4th and 5th. Remove the year on the trophy since it is on the placard to make recycling easier.
- vi. 80% rule- if multiple injuries happen, contact the state coordinator.
 - 1. Add an appeal process or provide documentation.
- c. Score data
 - i. Prop- based on the decreased number of entries over the last five years, we're looking at eliminating it as a category. Could potentially be exhibition only. Put on the survey to eliminate in 2026.
- 4. Treasurer's report
 - a. State expenses discussion
 - i. Leah reviewed state financials
 - 1. Expenses: \$82,347.27
 - 2. Revenue: \$88,874.55
 - 3. Difference: \$6,527.28
 - b. MDTA Profit and Loss
 - i. Gross Profit: \$100,535.39
 - ii. Total Expenses: \$86,647.75
 - iii. Net Income: \$13,887.64
 - c. State Floor
 - i. Options at Family Arena:
 - 1. Concrete at no cost
 - 2. \$6000 for basketball floor
 - 3. Marley floor sponsored by DTU: \$10,000-\$12,000
 - a. Would need subfloor and storage for additional cost
 - b. Not feasible for 2025
 - ii. Ropes
 - 1. Whoever puts the rope down needs to have a wristband.
 - 2. Stephanie motioned that teams can use their spacing rope at state. Karen Bahr seconds. Motion passed.
 - d. State stipends
 - i. Last year, \$180 for one session, \$350 for both sessions, plus \$1000 for site coordinator.
 - ii. Asbell motions that the site coordinator gets \$599, \$300 for both sessions, and \$150 for one session. Jean seconds. Motion passed.
- 5. Scoring/ safety Issues
 - a. Review of state penalties
 - i. More penalties this year than before: 17 safety and 4 for category within 15 schools.
 - ii. How many were new coaches? How many sent videos? Who watched Facebook Live? Region and who attended preseason meetings.

- iii. 1 new coach, 3 sent in videos, low number of FB, region not a pattern, Only 4 of the 15 schools attended the preseason meeting. Only two teams had changes in placement.
 - iv. Include data in FAQ so coaches know the consequences of not attending preseason meeting.
 - b. Rule changes
 - i. Half-shoe is okay for kip ups and headsprings. Will ask Toni about handspring.
 - c. Letter to AD's
 - i. MSHSAA threatened to remove sanctioning if we did not penalize shoes at state. We did notify each team if a rule was violated.
 - ii. Betsy has drafted a letter to inform ADs that even though rule is not being penalized, the rule remains and can be violated.
 - iii. Letter was drafted before rules changed.
 - d. Safety judges
 - i. May need more to replace judges next year.
 - ii. Clarify who gets videos to review before state.
- 6. State 2025
 - a. Opportunity for senior scholarship/coach of the year/ community outreach
 - i. Hall of Fame for MDTA
 - ii. Application for senior recognition. Need to check with MSHSAA on what is possible to give. Could be a donation.
 - iii. Team for community outreach
 - iv. Nikki suggested that MDTA to start a community outreach award to a team who shows exemplary community outreach. Jean will organize information and will create a subcommittee.
 - b. Solo comp
 - i. Coaches were happy with the facilities.
 - ii. Keeping both rooms synchronized can be challenging.
 - iii. Looking for venue in St. Louis area.
 - c. Google Suite for non-profit to streamline emails and information.
- 7. Regional Comps- streamline process
 - a. This past year, three on one day.
 - b. Melissa will create a Google form to help create a process so coaches can be more intentional about choosing competition dates.
- 8. MDTA Monday Topics
 - a. State had 251 views
 - b. Safety was 171 views
 - c. Membership 161 views
 - d. Second Monday of each month

- e. Upcoming year
 - i. September- Karen and Shelley: Membership
 - ii. November- Betsy: Safety
 - iii. January-Nikki: State
- 9. Set regional meetings
 - a. Either before school starts or two weeks after school starts.
 - b. Tentatively in September, as more coaches have rule books.
 - c. No discount for attendance.
- 10. Membership Update
 - a. Cheer uses Wix for website. \$800 a year, but will take payments.
 - b. Brett will ask current webmaster to see if payments can be integrated.
 - c. Current site is \$1704 for the year at \$142 a month. Domain name for five years was approximately \$200.
 - d. Registration will open July 1
 - e. Last year, 240 members with 54 new coaches
- 11. Other business
 - a. Newsletter will go out later in July.

Next Meeting: Tentatively September 28, 2024

Submitted by Kara Mueller