

**MSDL Board Meeting Minutes**  
November 20, 2023 @ 7:30 PM  
ZOOM meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by the president, Amanda Parker

Board Members in attendance

Joyce Albert, Joe Bowden, Josh Cohen, Scott Caron, Lisa Honeyman, Jim Honeyman, Ryan Julian, Sheryl Kaczmarek, Janet Novak, Amanda Parker, Tammie Ruda, Chris Sheldon, and PJ Wexler.

1. Teams hosting MSDL tournaments

A host tournament's sole source of income is the food table. In the past, we have waived their registration fees and we will continue to do that going forward. Perhaps we could also pay to feed the TAB staff. There was general agreement.

2. Weather Insurance ("Event Cancellation Insurance").

Over the weekend, Jim sent out a comprehensive summary of the costs and comparisons to the last time we paid for tournament cancellation insurance (2019-20). The minimum premium the company we used before will allow is \$2001. For that money, we can insure all MSDL tournaments for this season in the calendar year 2024, though States. There are other companies - we could contact them, if we want to do further research.

Tournaments that take place in winter months really could use this sort of insurance. There is a general agreement that we should explore an option to insure tournaments against loss.

What about "self" insurance? How much could we (the MSDSL) afford to help? Just out-of-pocket expenses? Lost revenue, as well? Would we be better to go with professionals to avoid putting board members in the position of being claims adjusters? Note: We don't know what the 501(c)3 rules are relating to providing insurance with their funds.

Questions

- Could we get an insurance policy for the entire 2024 year?
- Could we potentially bundle together several years?

At the end of the discussion we agreed:

1. We want to go ahead with insurance
2. We do not want to "self" insure

Jim asks:

- Do we want to look at other companies?
- How many tournaments do we want to cover?

Because of time, we think our best bet for this year is to go with the company we used in the past and try to get the Holly tournament covered - as well as tournaments for the rest of the 2023-24 season. In the future, we will need to get budgets from all schools that want to have coverage far enough in advance to have them all covered.

Jim will contact the company tomorrow, tournament directors will pull together budgets to get to Jim ASAP, and we'll see how fast we can get this together.

### 3. Arlington Tournament

Greg & PJ did a site visit to Arlington H.S. and were very impressed. Folks are asking for information about parking during the tournament on December 2.

Joe reminds everyone to get their legislation in for Congressional Debate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

--Lisa Honeyman

Clerk/Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2023 via Zoom