

Gopher Conference Fall Meeting Minutes (8/23/12)

Eight schools were in attendance with the following voting members: Ed Friesen (FBA A.D./Designated Rep.), Barry Olson (BP- Supt.), Bill Adams (JWP-Supt.), John Currie (Med- Supt.), Dan Stork (NRHEG-A.D.), Mike Haase (Randolph-A.D.), Jerry Jensen (USC- Supt.), & Jeff Boran (WEM-A.D.). Also in attendance Bob Nahlovsky (Conference Secretary), John Worke (BP- A.D.), Jeff Adams (JWP-A.D.), Kevin Werk (Med- A.D.) and Sue Summer (USC-A.D.).

1. Call to Order by Designated Rep. Ed Friesen- (FBA) 5:45 p.m. 8/23/12 at the Faribault Country Club .
2. Approval of Secretary's Minutes from 5/9/12. (Moved Randolph) (Second USC) Approved.
3. Approval of 8/23/12 Treasurer's Report. (Moved BP) (Second WEM) Approved.
4. Additions to Agenda (Report by Jeff Boran on Conference Team Up)
5. Up date on Conference dates was presented as information.
6. A motion was to have each Conference school pay their own Gopher Valley Dues. (Moved BP (Second Medford) Approved 8—0
7. Point of information on letters sent to area schools about joining the Gopher Conference. Hayfield and Triton responded that they were not interested at this time. No correspondence was received from Kenyon-Wanamingo or Maple River.
8. Dan Stork presented a Check (\$725.00) for the Gopher Conference from the B/G Varsity Track Meet Spring 2012. Profit after all expenses were paid.
9. Gopher/Valley Report (Jeff Boran) 2013 will be 12 teams (MCW & MVL left conference) (2 divisions of six) Open date first game. and each school find a non conference opponent. Each division will have 5 conference games and play two games with other division. Need to decide on how Conference Champ is decided and set All Conference selections. No changes in Cross-Country.
10. "r School Today" report (Ed Friesen) Conference has a logo. The Constitution has been updated.
11. Conference Team Up Report (Jeff Boran) Team up will be held in November or December, 2012. No T shirts will be given this year and each school will send 6 representatives (students) Speaker will be Keith Nord paid by the Conference. Each school will pay for their meals. The Conference is looking at applying for another MSHSL grant.

Formally submitted
Bob Nahlovsky, Gopher Conference Secretary
1/9/13 Winter Meeting

Gopher Conference Winter Meeting Minutes (1-9-13)

Seven schools were in attendance with the following voting members: Ed Friesen (FBA A.D./Designated Rep.), Barry Olson (BP- Supt.), JWP- No Representation., John Currie (Med- Supt.), Kevin Wellen (NRHEG- Supt.), Mike Kelly (Randolph-Supt...), Jerry Jensen (USC- Supt.), & Joel Whitehurst (WEM-Supt..). Also in attendance Bob Nahlovsky (Conference Secretary), John Worke (BP- A.D.), Kevin Werk (Med- A.D.), Dan Stork (NRHEG-A.D.), Mike Haase (Randolph-A.D.) and Sue Summer (USC-A.D.), Jeff Boran (WEM-A.D.), Guests: Jeff Annis- (Maple River-A.D.), & Dan Anderson (Maple River-Supt.)

1. Call to Order by John Currie (Medford-Supt.) at 12:30 p.m. in Medford High School.
2. Approval of Secretary's Minutes from 8/23/13. (Moved USC) (Second USC) Approved.
3. Approval of 1/9/13 Treasurer's Report. (Moved NRHEG) (Second WEM) Approved.
4. Additions to Agenda (None)
5. Motion made to accept Maple River to the Gopher Conference effective November 11, 2013. (Moved WEM) (Second BP) Roll call vote. BP, FBA, Medford, NRHEG, Randolph, USC, & WEM voting yes. JWP absent. (Approved 7-0 vote)
6. Motion made to allow JWP to leave the Gopher Conference effective November 11, 2013. (Moved USC) (Second BP) Roll call vote. BP, FBA, Medford, NRHEG, Randolph, USC, & WEM voting yeas. JWP absent. (Approved 7-0 vote)
7. Report on Team Up Program held at JWP High School on December 13, 2012. Jeff reported it was a good program and Athletic Directors were in consensus it should be continued and expanded. Plans call for applying for a MSHSL Grant for the Team Up Program and other conference activities. JWP was commended for hosting the Team Up event.
8. Motion was made to instruct Jeff Boran to apply for a MSHSL Grant for a Conference Team Up Program and other Gopher Conference Activities. (Moved NRHEG) (Second BP)
9. Motion made for the Team Up Program meals to be paid by the Gopher Conference. (\$288.56) (Moved BP) (Second Randolph) Approved
10. R School Today report given by Ed Friesen. Everything working well. There will be a need for changes in the r School Today scheduler on November 11, 2013 due to the acceptance of USC to the conference and JWP leaving the conference.
11. Jeff Boran gave a Gopher/Valley Report. Mn. Valley Lutheran & Martin Co. West are leaving the Gopher/Valley football arrangement. For the 2013 season there will be one large school division of six teams and one small division of six teams. Each division will have 5 games within division, two games interdivisional, and one non conference game at the start of season. No changes in Cross Country. The Gopher and Valley Conference are exploring the possibility of a Gopher/Valley Conference in Wrestling along with a Conference Tournament.
12. Adjournment

Formally submitted
Bob Nahlovsky, Gopher Conference Secretary

Gopher Conference Spring Meeting Minutes (5/813)

Seven schools were in attendance with the following voting members: Ed Friesen (FBA A.D./Designated Rep.), Barry Olson (BP- Supt.), Bill Adams (JWP-Supt.) John Currie (Med- Supt.), Kevin Wellen (NRHEG- Supt.), Mike Kelly (Randolph-Supt.), Jerry Jensen (USC- Supt.), & Joel Whitehurst (WEM-Supt.). Also in attendance Bob Nahlovsky (Conference Secretary), John Worke (BP- A.D.), Jeff Adams (JWP-A.D.), Kevin Werk (Med- A.D.), Sue Summer (USC-A.D.), & Jeff Boran (WEM-A.D.), Guests: Jeff Annis- (Maple River-A.D.), & Dan Anderson (Maple River-Supt.) Absent: Dan Stork (NRHEG-A.D.) & Mike Haase (Randolph-A.D.)

1. Call to Order by John Currie (Medford-Supt.) at 12:15 p.m. in Medford High School.
2. Approval of Secretary's Minutes from 1/9-/13. (Moved WEM) (Second USC) Approved.
3. Approval of 5/8/13 Treasurer's Report. (Moved BA) (Second Randolph) Approved.
4. Additions to Agenda : Wrestling status of Gopher/Valley & Team Up Program
5. A motion was made to deny the St James admission request to join the Gopher Conference for 2014-2015 Season. (Moved NRHEG) (Second-BP) Roll call vote of 8-0 to deny admission.
6. Because November 10, 2013 JWP leaves for the Valley Conference and Maole River joins the Conference on the same date, it was necessary for a motion to set Conference dues for those two schools. A motion was maed to assess JWP \$ 80.00 (Volleyball) Maple River was assessed \$720.00 (GBB, BBB, Wr, ,B/G Golf, B/G Track, Softball, & Baseball) (FBA moved) (Medford Second) Approved
7. The 2012-2013 \$2200 MSHSL Grant to the Gopher Conference provided for \$700.00 reimbursement for Conference AD's attending their AD Conference. Eight Conference AD's were in attendance amounting to \$87.50 per school. The grant, also, included Maple River soon to join the Conference. The NRHEG AD did not attend due to a Football Clinic oblligation A motion was made to reimburse BA, BP, JWP, Maple R., Med, Rand., USC & WEM for \$87.50. (BP moved) (JWP second) Approved
8. Point of information. Due to weather problems of the Spring Season the Softball and Baseball scheduling was changed. There will be no double round robin. The North Division (BA, Med, Rand, & WEM) and South Division (BP, JWP, NRHEG, & USC) will play two games in their division and one game against the other division. There will be no overall champion only division champions.
9. Point of information. The Gopher Conference now has a Federal Identification Number (46-2293740)
10. Gopher/Valley Wrestling there will be no merging of the Conferences. A possibility of some type of Tournament early in the season with revenue and expenses being shared by the two conferences.
11. A third Team Up Program is being planned. Craig Hillier will be speaker (\$1850.00 cost). If program were held at Randolph there would be no Motel cost for speaker only transportation cost. A motion was made to move ahead with plans for Team Up with finances tabled to a later date. (BA moved)(BP second) Approved
12. r School today Report by Ed Friesen was that everything seems to be working.
13. Jeff Boran's Gopher Valley report was the Wrestling item. Other sports will be reported on at the Fall Meeting

Adjournment

Formally submitted Bob Nahlovsky, Gopher Conference Secretary