

MADT Fall 2023 General Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 1:30pm

Location: Edina High School

Attendance:

Albertson, Janie, MACCRAY H.S.; Anderson, Jessie, Hopkins H.S.; Anderson, Raquel, B O L D H.S.; Balfany, Ashley, Yellow Medicine East H.S.; Bendickson, Lexi, Prior Lake H.S.; Biegler, Kayla, Saint Francis H.S.; Biwan, Kristin, Edina H.S.; Blegen, Carolee, Chisago Lakes Area H.S.; Borchardt, Katilynn, Cannon Falls H.S.; Brandt, Tara, New Prague H.S.; Brion, Olivia, Monticello H.S.; Carlson, Megan, Goodhue H.S.; Christenson, Erin, Hawley H.S.; Ciesla, Ann, Rochester Mayo H.S.; Conn, Olivia, Rosemount H.S.; Coffield, Emily, Foley H.S.; Cox, Sophia, Mound-Westonka H.S.; Cox, Victory, Rochester Century H.S.; Dahl, Lisa, Faribault H.S.; Daraitis, Rachel, Crosby-Ironton H.S.; Daum, Carley, Chanhassen HS; de la Cruz, Sydney, Spring Lake Park H.S.; Dengerud, Tori, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City H.S.; Dill, Allison, Hopkins H.S.; Doran, Rachel, Totino-Grace H.S.; Eberlein, Tracy, Fridley H.S.; Edwards-Lieberman, Rhiannon, Becker H.S.; Eichorst, Alyse, Wayzata H.S.; Engle, Molly, Two Rivers H.S.; Ericksen, Rachel, Eden Prairie H.S.; Fay, Megan, Stewartville H.S.; Field, Kelsey, PACT Charter School; Fischer-Danzeisen, Nadia, Becker H.S.; Forde, Sharon, Orono H.S.; Forte, Angela, Totino-Grace H.S.; Gilbertson, Grace, Eastview H.S.; Green, Marit, Hopkins H.S.; Gruber Trocinski, Allison, Winona H.S.; Haakonson, Marissa, Saint Cloud Cathedral H.S.; Harmeyer, Katie, Woodbury H.S.; Hendrickson, Kate, Two Rivers H.S.; Hopkins, Emily, Saint Francis H.S.; Hordyk Portner, Sara, Academy of Holy Angels; Jensen, Kloe, Monticello H.S.; Kamenov, Michelle, Two Rivers H.S.; Klemmensen, Jen, Saint Michael-Albertville H.S.; Krinke, Jada, Cannon Falls H.S.; Kutter, Stephanie, Hutchinson H.S.; Lebens, Sydney, Shakopee H.S.; Leste, Jill, Maple Grove H.S.; Lindberg, Annie, Wayzata H.S.; Lindemeier, Tara, Chaska H.S.; Lockrem, Chelsea, Cannon Falls H.S.; Loera, Darcy, Roseville Area H.S.; Lonetree Brovold, Nicole, Eagan H.S.; Marquardt, Stacy, Maple Grove H.S.; Martin, Autumn, Becker H.S.; Marx, Jennifer, Wabasha-Kellogg H.S.; Maus, Olivia, Albany H.S.; McCarney, Kelly, Sartell-Saint Stephen H.S.; Morales, Karen, Roseville Area H.S.; Nerison, Hailey, Chanhassen HS; Norwood, Rachel, Crosby-Ironton H.S.; O'Leary, Caitlin, Eden Prairie H.S.; Olsonoski, Sara, Shakopee H.S.; Paulson, Allie, Edina H.S.; Phillips, Lexi, Sartell-Saint Stephen H.S.; Ramsey, Britton, Detroit Lakes H.S.; Rehling, Brittany, Roseville Area H.S.; Richmond, Taylor, Saint Cloud Cathedral H.S.; Rindahl, Jacquelyn, Prior Lake H.S.; Roggenbuck, Keelee, Two Rivers H.S.; Ryan, Rea, Chanhassen HS; Rydland, Kris, Chaska H.S.; Saba, Sloan, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City H.S.; Sandhurst, Tiffany, New Prague H.S.; Sayer, Samantha, Shakopee H.S.; Schares, McKenna, Eagan H.S.; Schlasner, Amy Jo, Roseville Area H.S.; Schnackenberg, Kelsey, Former; Segner, Amy, Waconia H.S.; Sellers, Kayla, Austin H.S.; Sims, Jennifer, Albert Lea H.S.; Skeie, Elsa, B O L D H.S.; Smith, Aspen, Rochester John Marshall; Spanjers, Margot, Mound-Westonka H.S.; Sullivan, Katelyn, Osseo H.S.; Swenning, Jamie, Cannon Falls H.S.; Thauwald, Amanda, Stewartville H.S.; Tikalsky, Liv, Two Rivers H.S.; Torke, Chelsi, Yellow Medicine East H.S.; Trzynka, Sheila, Eagan H.S.; VanHofwegen, Melissa, Becker H.S.; Varghese, Taylor, Eastview H.S.; Vazquez, Ari, Eden Prairie H.S.; Wallen, Alexxa, Spring Lake Park H.S.; Wettstein, Amy, Little Falls H.S.; Whiteley, Jennifer, Spring Lake Park H.S.; Wieseler, Megan, Holy Family Catholic H.S.; Witt, Taylor, Little Falls H.S.; Wolf, Alexis, Marshall H.S.; Woods, Jamie, Irondale H.S.; Zahm, Madisyn, Saint Cloud Cathedral H.S.; Ziesmer, Tana, Minnewaska Area H.S.;

Meeting called to order at 1:43pm

President's Report

- MADT Board of Directors
- Election Results: Brittany Rehling, Katie Harmeyer, Tiffany Sandhurst, Molly Engle
- Activity Advisory
 - Same group will represent for 2023-2024
 - Elections for 2-year term will be voted on next season
 - Current reps
 - A – Chelsea Lockrem (Cannon Falls) and Kelsey Field (PACT)
 - AA – Sharon Forde (Orono) and Melissa Koch (Delano)
 - AAA – Alyse Eichorst (Wayzata) and Kristin Biwan (Edina)

- MSHSL
 - o Questions have been brought up for 6 graders at tryouts.
 - Schools are not covered for that grade level.
 - Further questions – talk to your AD.
- JAM
 - o Did bring concerns that occurred throughout winter season in January 2023.
 - o This year is a score sheet review – MADT will be collaborating with JAM on proposed changes.
 - o If there's anything that coaches see, bring it to JAM core group – they only know what they know.
 - Members can funnel through MADT BOD or can bring to the Jam core group themselves.
 - JAM would like to correct issues, if they can.

Membership Update

- All Inclusive Members: 177
- Regular Members: 136
- Retired/Former Coach Members: 5
- Total Membership = 318
- Total Schools Represented: 138 of 167 schools

Social Media

- 2022-2023 Engagement
- 1260 Instagram 1,423 (up)
- 1,293 Twitter 1,274 (down)
- 2,975 Facebook 3,030 (up)
- Members Only FB Group: 213 Members
- **(ACTION)** MADT members to submit MADT color ideas for next season!

Website

- All information submitted is updated on the website.
 - o Coaching Classifieds
 - o Invitationals
 - o Uniforms
- If you have filled a coaching position or sold a uniform, contact us to have it removed (MADTwebsite@gmail.com).
- If you are hosting an invitational, send in your registration form and as we receive them, we will post them.
- Scores
 - o Score reporting was successful again last season.
 - o Thank you to those of you who sent in results.

All-State

- Event: Saturday, March 11th.
- Location: Edina High School.
- All-State Selection Process
 - o 18 coaches from across the State helped with review.
 - o 418 total video submissions.
 - o 262 total dancers selected with 94 high schools represented.
- All-State Admission
 - o Free Admission tonight for MADT All-Inclusive Member Coaches.
 - o Grab an Admission Ticket before you leave.
 - o \$5.00 Tickets - Buy Now to bypass line tonight.

Combine

- Use code MADTCOACH (in all caps) for a discounted spectator ticket!

Awards

- Team academic
 - Bronze (3.3-3.49): 31 schools
 - Silver (3.50-3.74): 56 schools
 - Gold (3.75 and higher): 15 schools
- 102 Total schools recognized.
- Senior academic award
 - GPA of 3.85 or higher: 182 Athletes from member schools.
- Certificates were distributed last night, if you did not get yours, please pick them up after the meeting.
- Coaching awards
 - Rookie of the year: Erin Christenson, Hawley
 - Assistant coach of the year
 - Class A: Christine Nerdahl, Yellow Medicine East
 - Class AA: Tara Brandt, New Prague
 - Class AAA: Annie Lindberg, Wayzata
 - Coach of the year
 - Class A: Grayce Meyer, Holdingford
 - Class AA: Sharon Forde, Orono
 - Class AAA: Stacy Marquart, Maple Grove
- Team sportsmanship
 - Class A: Montevideo
 - Class AA: Totino-Grace
 - Class AAA: Lakeville South

Secretary's Report

- Review of the fall 2022 general membership meeting minutes
- **Motion to approve fall 2022 general membership meeting: Biwan – Edina and Eichorst - Wayzata**
 - **Motion carried at 2:02pm**

Treasurer's Report

- Starting Balance for 2022-23 Fiscal Year: \$33,949.39
- Current Balance (as of March 4th): \$38,954.77
- Most of our income for the year has been received.
- Big expenses still to be paid include costs related to Coaches Celebration, All State (will try to break even), and Student Scholarships.
- Full fiscal year report will be available at the fall meeting.
- **Motion to approve treasurer's report: Engle – Two Rivers and Lockrem – Cannon Falls**
 - **Motion carried at 2:03pm**

New Business

- Sections / State Recap
 - Some materials said "performance" vs. "competition".
 - Would like to see dedicated spectator lines for reserved seat tickets vs. general admission.
 - Sportsmanship handshake timing.
 - Gathering spaces – rooms 2 and 3 were not ideal.
 - Working to make rosters a fillable form.
 - It is the coach's responsibility that athletes are covered:
 - This includes all public spaces.
 - This include marking.
 - Team alternates could be competing on the floor – potential to create guidelines on what to wear down to the competition floor.
 - Food on dancer level was better.

- o Medals were faulty and broke easily.
- o Funnel recommendations through MADT BOD on photographers/videographers that the league would hire to capture the state tournament.
 - **(ASK)** What do you want shots/videos of?
 - Will not be on athlete level.
- o Security issues on non-approved individuals within the team spaces.
 - Expect changes to check-in.
 - MSHSL will do a coach certification check for the state tournament.
 - Wristbands will no longer be given and each individual will be checked in.
- o Any changes to music or uniform – a new AD signature will be required for certification document.
- o Section medal count questions need to go to your AD - region reps to take care of.
- o Escalators were going in the wrong direction.
- o Need a better path for teams to get down to the competition floor that does not go through the crowds.
- o MSHSL most likely will not allow more coaches to be on the competition floor.
 - **(ASK)** What other options are there for the additional coaches?
 - From a security perspective, why is it ok for the additional coaches be in the chute and in the exit but not in between?
- o This was the first year that the Target Center staff did a great job to stop spectators when teams were competing.
- o Big printouts of the schedule in the chute areas were fantastic!
- o Competition order had an error but was quickly corrected.
- o **(ACTION)** Send feedback to madtboard@gmail.com prior to Monday, March 27.
- Scoresheet Review
 - o Last time logistics:
 - Asked for volunteers from all classes.
 - Volunteers brought feedback about MN scoresheet/what was confusing or frustrated.
 - Came up with a proposed scoresheet.
 - JAM also did the same thing.
 - A few reps from MADT and JAM met a few times to collaborate and align on what the overall proposal for the scoresheet would be.
 - o Scoresheet should be reviewed every few years.
 - Due to COVID, MADT and JAM are behind with review.
 - Could get changes passed in August 2023 to be rolled out for the 2023/2024 season.
 - o MADT BOD is asking for volunteers to be part of the scoresheet committee. Volunteers must be active and part of the process from beginning to end.
 - **(ACTION)** Reply to the next MADT Memo if interested in being part of the committee.
 - o Ideas from membership brainstorm
 - **(ASK)** How are acro skills are counted where within the scoresheet? How does it play into difficulty?
 - Could there be half points?
 - Limiting jazz skills in kick – hooked kicks are limited in jazz.
 - Proposal idea for pom?
 - Training and interpretation of the scoresheet coaches vs. JAM.
 - **(ASK)** How much technical training does JAM have?
 - Issue is MN is rank based scoring vs. points based.
 - Supporting descriptions for the scoresheet should be updated.
 - There's a typo in "difficulty or choreography" on the scoresheet.
 - **(ASK)** What is the MN average or why do we even have the MN average? It should be defined and shared with coaches. Why does the "5" change throughout the season?
- Spring / Choreography
 - o Continue to hear from the league this might go away.

- o If members want further changes within the choreography rule, this is a good time to suggest.
 - o If interested in putting together a proposal, contact MADT BOD.
 - o **(ACTION)** MADT BOD to put ideas in MADT Memo and members only website page.
- Enrollment / Section Realignment
 - o Enrollment numbers have been released – some schools will be switching classes.
 - Realignment happens every 2 years.
 - Deadline to petition was March 6 – results and section realignment provided in April.
- Fall Training Ideas
 - o Coaches Continuing Education
 - Navigating college recruitment and timelines.
 - Mental health for the athletes and how to coach through it, as well as resources.
 - Round table discussion – how would you....
 - Team bonding
 - Parent conflict
 - Delegation with coaching staff
 - Diversity training.
 - How to provide feedback for this generation.
 - o Student Convention
 - Loved it!
 - **(ACTION)** Annie Lindberg to send BOD list of potential instructors.
 - Chelsea Pierotti – mental skills.
 - Body shaming vs. feedback and how does this relate to the scoresheet and language to describe.
 - Athletic trainer – hurt vs. sore.
- Kick count and definitions
 - o Discrepancy on how JAM is counting and defining kicks.
 - o Issues with large count gaps.
 - o Could be an issue if JAM is defining dance definitions vs. rules.
 - o If interested or would like to talk more, contact Kris Rydland.

Closing Remarks

- Thank you to Kristin Biwan and Edina High School for hosting our meeting and All-State Event
- See you back TONIGHT for ALL-STATE! Sportsmanship recipients & any rookie, assistant, or head coach of the year recipients will be asked to come down to the floor. Academic award winners will simply be read, no need to come down to the floor.
- CONGRATULATIONS COACHES on a fabulous season. WE MADE IT!

Motion to adjourn spring 2023 general membership meeting: Schnackenberg – Former and Sandhurst – New Prague
Meeting adjourned at 3:56pm