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## **TENNIS ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES**

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 10:00 am CT

Tennis Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Cory Aadland, Mitchell	2025 (2)
Supt./Principal	John Frey, Vermillion	2027 (1)
Girls AA Coach	John Vogel, Aberdeen Central	2026 (1)
Boys AA Coach	Trent Kurtz, Aberdeen Central	2025 (2)
Girls/Boys A Coach	Kevin Plank, Lennox	2025 (1)

1. Call Meeting to Order- Sage called the meeting to order at 10:00 am via Zoom. All were present.
2. Approval of Agenda – motion to approve the agenda by Aadland with a second by Kurtz, motion passed unanimously.
3. Review Duties/Responsibilities/Terms- Sage reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the committee and reminded all that nothing we do at this meeting is binding, that our proposals will move to the AD's conference for a school vote and then depending on their vote what will reach our Board of Directors for two readings.
4. Report on State Event- All thought the state event went well. The weather was wonderful so that helped everything. Got a bit behind on the schedule but realize the set schedule is aggressive and would be difficult to stay on it. Doubles were first in Class A on a trail run, same as what the Class A Boys did last spring. The coaches thought it saved some time, but it was a strenuous day for some athletes with the number of matches played. The committee agreed to play Doubles first on day one and play Singles first on day two moving forward.
5. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration.
  - a. A Coach Representative
    - i. The Class A coaches had the following input: would like to see short sets instead of pro-sets in consolation rounds; would like to rotate State Tournament Days with Class AA; leave classification as is. The other topics are addressed in the proposals.
  - b. Boys AA Coach Representative
    - i. The AA boys coaches are not in favor of rotating days of State Tourney.
    - ii. **Proposal #1 – Put Lowest Flights on First at State Tournament.** This would be for both Class A and AA. The best players will be on courts at the end of the tournament so the best players would decide the team title. Motion by Kurtz, second by Plank. Voice-vote passed.
    - iii. **Proposal #2 – Allow athletes to wear backwards hat.** Due to playing in wind in South Dakota, it has become difficult for players to not have their hat blow off. Motion by Kurtz, second by Vogel. Voice -vote passed.
  - c. Girls AA Coach Representative
    - i. The AA girls' coaches are not in favor of rotating days of State Tourney; would like to see top 16 teams in AA classification.

- ii. **Proposal #3 – Reclassification of Teams.** – Use the top 16 teams by ADM for Class AA. The 16-team bracket would be smoother but would add time to Day One of the State Tourney. There was concern with leaving only nine teams in Class A and how that would work for scheduling during regular season. No motion to move this proposal forward.
  - iii. **Proposal #4 – Expand Team Awards to 5 at the State Tourney for Class AA.** Change the number of teams who are rewarded at the State Tourney. Motion by Vogel, second by Kurtz. Voice -vote passed.
- d. Principal Representative- Information already addressed.
- e. Athletic Directors Representative
  - i. Request to move the Girls A Tennis State Tourney off the dates of the Class A Boys State Golf Tourney.
  - ii. **Proposal #5 – Doubles Seed Points** – The points that are accumulated for winning a doubles match stay with the “light” and not with the individuals. This proposal was written for Class A but the Class AA group was in favor of it as well. The committee is in favor of this but wish to send it back to the coaches’ group for more clarification.
- f. SDHSAA Representative
  - i. **Clarification on Seed Clause:** Just cleaning up language in the handbook – specifically that a coach may challenge an athlete’s seed placement using either the Seed Clause **OR** the Appeals Process for special circumstances.
- 6. Submitted proposal Review
  - a. **Proposal 1** – Lowest Flights on First at State Tournament. Moving forward to AD vote.
  - b. **Proposal 2** – Allow Athletes to wear backwards hat. The AA coaches will provide more rationale and then this will be moved forward to AD vote.
  - c. **Proposal 3** – Reclassification of Teams. No motion to move forward.
  - d. **Proposal 4** – Expand Team Awards to Five at the State Tourney for Class AA. Moving forward to AD vote.
  - e. **Proposal 5** – Doubles Seed Points – No motion to move proposal forward.
- 7. The proposed date for next year’s meeting will be Wednesday, October 29, 2025.
- 8. Motion by Vogel, second by Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.