

MHSIBCA Executive Board Meeting
March 29, 2009
Second Vice President's Report

Since our annual general membership meeting, more of our school districts have started running their own conferences. We have become a recognized high school sport in the MAC. I have spent a great deal of time helping the athletic directors understand what we have done in the past – and what they need to do for the student athlete in the sport of high school bowling. I have answered numerous questions on how the MHSAA comes to a conclusion on formats and other rules.

I am also one of the directors on the Michigan Junior Varsity High School Championship committee. Since we have increased the Junior Varsity Tournament to two divisions, it has been a big success; schools are more competitive now with the two divisions. Our singles competition grew immensely, 290 boys (most we can hold) and 175 girls competed this year. There is still room for growth in the team competition and girls' singles. This tournament was the most successful we have run to date with increased bowlers able to compete. We hope to max out the number of entries in the upcoming years.

I am also a member of the tournament and sponsorship committees and have helped fund raising the money for the 6 Scholar Athlete Scholarships. I am currently raising funds for this year's scholarship money – we hope to have a larger amount of money this year than last. But with the economy this may not be possible. With a little bit of help from other members of the association, we should be able to double our scholarship money easily. There have been many suggestions but not a lot of help. I have also been fielding questions on why the MHSAA decided to play with the oil patterns. Many coaches I have spoken with do not want to see a change in the oil pattern.

I have been helping new coaches and schools become prepared for the upcoming season. I have provided ideas for coaching, training and fundraising to support their teams.

A couple of great things have happened this year to me and my teams. Both of my Varsity teams won the Div 1 State Championships. Who would have thought this could have happened in the same year at the same time. My JV girls' team won the JV Finals Championship, and one of my boys won the individual state JV championship.

In my personal life, I am certainly having a great addition to my family. My oldest son Tom will be getting married in July, and I am looking forward to adding a daughter-in-law to the family.

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