AGENDA

1. Call to Order
   - Eileen Flaherty (acting chair) calls meeting to order

2. Attendance
   - Ann Trytko, Eileen Flaherty, Johanna DiCarlo, Amelia Braun, Stephen Cudworth, Michele Tontodonato, Wes Paul, Mike Denise, Courtney Albin, Maureen Monopoli

3. Introductions

3. Minutes of October 19, 2017 Meeting
   - Minutes accepted

4. Special Recognition
   - Girls Gym Official of the Year = Laura Sauro
   - No nominations for Coach of the Year, we are allowed to do a boys and a girls coach, maybe the Tournament Directors should make sure this happens

5. Tournament Directors Reports
   - Mike Denise gave Boys Tournament update
     - Approach Tournament Committee regarding a stipend for scoring prep (officially)
       - Motion made to bring “Data Entry Prep” as an official stipend to TMC within the budget for boys and girls gymnastics tournament.
       - Motion by Mike Denise, Seconded by Wes Paul, motion carried
   - Amelia Braun gave Girls report
     - Another issue with seeding, more reminders, it is difficult that it is a separate survey monkey
     - AT hourly rate, special request, past history
       - Motion to bring to TMC by Johanna, seconded by Mike, motion carries
   - 24 hour seed grace period added to format?
   - Next year’s tournaments at Algonquin

6. Coaches Association Report
   - Rich Ellis’s Boys report submitted
     - Mike indicated that there could be a concern for Boys Gymnastics after this year
     - Concerns over Newton North/Newton South Co-op
     - Johanna again expressed that we need to look at the gymnastics co-ops, are we losing the high school feel of high school gymnastics
     - Stephen – have school send letters to defend co-ops to our committee?
     - Johanna – we’d have to work with the district athletic committees to do that, maybe we need to start making waves with them, we know our sport the best, and they need to be
educated. Maybe we need to draft a statement to encourage them to scrutinize the co-ops. Use of the private clubs is concerning, one coach coaching more than one team
  - Mike – offer our services to the Athletic District Committees because we have heard the concerns
  - Stephen Cudworth –
    - Senior Super Bowl Feb 4th at O’Leary’s, over 100 kids seniors only
    - State Individuals on February 19th at Tewksbury High School
    - Sr. Nationals in May
    - Gave 2 $500 scholarships from Coaches Association
    - Eileen – can western MA individuals compete in the State Individual meet?

7. Officials Association Reports
   - Kathy’s report is submitted
   - Pick an August date for rules clinic to include the West

8. Breakfast of Champions
   - Not held at MIAA, held at Tri-County
   - Moved the date later in the week to accommodate schools
   - Only missing one team
   - Very nice, homey feel
   - Speaker = Jordan McStay, former ARHS student, Current URI gymnast

10. 2018 West Sectional Tournament

11. 2018 West Sectional Format (approval needed)
    - Change - District F Rep = Christal Murphy
    - Change - Sectionals = Nov 10, Chicopee Comprehensive High School, 4 pm
    - West requests a waiver for 3 AA athletes as opposed to 2 to fill all events
    - Motion made by Johanna, seconded by Wes to approve the fall format for the West.
    - Motion carries

2018 Winter Sectional Format
    - Add “Current Teams not to exceed 8) to 1a on page 3 of boys
    - All Girls Tournaments at Algonquin
    - Keep Girls State meet at 2pm
    - Add all seeds will be final after 24 hrs
    - South Sectional at 10am, North at 3pm
    - Motion made by Johanna, seconded by Wes to approve the fall format for the West.
    - Motion carries

12. NFHS Girls Gymnastics Rule #5, Article 7, Section B
    - See Kathy’s report
    - Rule Modification needed
    - Not done in USAG, NCAA, AAU, YMCA…never done in the past
• Motion made by Johanna that whatever the procedure is this rule needs to be eliminated, seconded by Wes to approve the fall format for the West.
• Motion carries

13. Old Business

14. New Business
  • Johanna on Blue Ribbon Committee – some things may affect gymnastics
  • Looking for consistency with Individual Tournaments, will be looking into it and making recommendations
  • Looking at mixed gender teams
  • Role of Gender Identity

15. Next meeting - TBD