Minutes for MIAA Softball Committee 2/6/18

1. Meeting called to order at 10am
2. Welcome and introduction of members in attendance-Glen Gearin, Avery Esdaile, Martha Jamieson, Mark Miville, Jessica Callahan, Mike Kuchieski, Louis Macedo, David Reid, Joe Gamache, Chris Barbarotta, Josh King, Mary Ryan, Billy Terranova, Elizabeth York, Kelly Farley, Annette Dimascio, Rachel Moo
3. Approved minutes from 10/25/17-Unanimous
4. Made following changes to the 2018 Softball Tournament Format-
   a. West Meeting is at Greenfield High School
   b. State Semi-Finals are: Division I and III South at North at Martin Field, Division II North at South at Taunton, Division II Central at West at UMASS, Division I and III West at Central at Worcester St.
   c. State Finals are at Worcester St.
   d. State Semi-Finals are 6/12 with a rain date of 6/13
   e. Section 9. Media-Change wording to “Allowed in area designated by the tournament director as long as they have their necessary equipment attached to their person.”
   f. Annette also suggested emphasizing Section D, number 4, “Black sun glare worn under the eyes is permitted.
5. National Federation Rule Revisions-
   a. It was discussed that the MIAA will not adopt the NFHS Rule in terms of what constitutes a legal starting position for a pitcher. The MIAA will continue with the rule that a pitcher must have BOTH feet in contact with the rubber prior to throwing a pitch as currently stated in the MIAA Handbook
   b. It was voted 11-2 that the MIAA will observe the following sections of the NFHS Rules regarding “intentional walks”. Section 2-65-2, 8-1-1c, 8-4-3a, and 9-6-2
   c. Rachel discussed the NFHS Rules App which is free and you can download the rules for any sport.
6. Electronic Ticketing-Would like to move to it in the future but currently no vendor that is offering it in an appropriate fashion.
7. Educational Athletics Initiatives-Last Captains’ Workshop is on 3/2
8. Pre-Determined Sites-Was discussed in regards to the possibility of pre-determined sites providing a home field for teams in the tournament.
9. Central MA Walker System-Mark discussed that Central MA will continue to utilize a modified Walker System for Tournament Seeding which will only affect Central MA.
10. Spring Tournament Directors Workshop: May 2, 2018-10am. All Spring Tournament Directors should attend.
   a. Dave discussed that TMC is looking to move to cheaper sites. It was stated that this should not affect softball.
   b. TMC will be looking for a presentation in terms of the logistics of our tournament.
11. Softball Seeding Meetings: May 29,2018-Central at Shrewsbury HS 5pm, West at Greenfield HS 5pm, North and South at MIAA Office 10am
   a. Committee was formed to make decisions on unplayable games/forfeits. The committee consists of Jessica Callahan-North, Martha Jameison-South, Mark Miville-Central, and Chris Barbarotta-West
12. Avery questioned our format for meetings in regards to possibly having 3 instead of 2 so that tournament issues don’t need to wait so long to be addressed. “Google Hangout” was discussed as a possible format for this.

13. Adjournment at 11:44am