Minutes for MIAA Softball Committee Meeting October 24, 2018

- Meeting was called to order by Rachel Moo at 10:00 am.

- Attendance: Avery Esdaile, Martha Jamieson, Christopher Scully, Mark Miville, David Reid, David Stratton, Chris Barbarotta, Joseph Sullivan, Ellen Sullivan, Sally Gamache, Annette DiMascio, Kelly Farley, Mike Kuchieski, Louis Macedo, and Rachel Moo.

- Martha Jamieson was nominated, elected and accepted the position of committee chair. David Reid was nominated, elected and accepted the position of committee vice-chair. Ellen Sullivan was named committee secretary. An honor evidently bestowed on new committee members!

- Committee Contact Information and MIAA Conflict of Interest Statement sheets were filled in and collected.

- Minutes form the February 6th 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

- The committee discussed and voted on the MIAA Handbook Rule Change proposals for 2019 – 2021

- Then2019 National Federation softball rule books were distributed and rule changes were discussed. There was discussion around media being allowed in the dugout. The committee agreed that all media would be prohibited from live ball areas. Louis Macedo suggested that this be stated in the Softball Tournament Format.

- There was discussion as to how the softball cut-off date was changed. There were concerns raised that the date change would extend seasons and therefore effect coaches contracts. The tournament also would now go further into the summer.

- Martha proposed a motion to the Tournament Management Committee that the cut-off be the Sunday after Memorial Day: June 2, 2019 and May 31, 2020.

- Tournament Directors reported on state games. Most comments were positive. All venue seemed to work very well. Moving the date helped with scheduling. A few challenges included one team wearing championship tee shirts and hats during the award ceremony. It was decided that “teams must be in their team uniforms during the award ceremony” be added to the Softball Format. A suggestion was made to use an entry form in Google Docs. It was decided that the Google doc does have advantages but that it may not be used instead of the existing method.

- Other: Programs for tournaments will be on line moving forward and entrance fees will not be reduced.

- Next Meeting: February 5, 2019
- Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm