TMC
9/26/16

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Margaret Conaty, Sherry Bryant, James Bunnell, Mike Devoll, Pam Gould, Dave Lezenski, Nairi Melkonian, Tassos Filledes, Ed Maguire, Desi Vega, Bob Ware, Jim O’Leary, Shaun Hart

1. Call to order – 10:09
   a. Governance – document attached – Sherry explained that this document was created to help with some confusion over governance, what roles each committee has, etc.
   b. Election of Officers
      i. Chair – Margaret Conaty – 12-0
      ii. Asst Chair – Jim O’Leary – 12-0
      iii. Secretary – Pam Gould – 12-0 vote

2. Conflict of Interest Policy – members were reminded this needed to be signed by all

3. Approval of Minutes
   b. March 24, 2016 – Dave Lezenski, seconded, 10-02

4. Football Format Approval beyond 2016 – Sherry explained that this is a bit of a carryover from last year. TMC approved proposal for one year. They are back asking for further approval for beyond the Fall of 2016. Rich Pearson and Pete Smith presented. Jim explained that the Football Committee is looking to move the tournament format from a pilot to full implementation, understanding that they will continue to work to make it the best model possible. Bob Ware asked whether all divisions will be able to play at Gillette. Pete Smith explained that two divisions will not be able to, simply because there isn’t enough time in a day to get all games in during the same day. Jim did express that there would continue to be a rotation with what divisions don’t get to play there. Margaret had a question about the decision that scheduling committee decisions are final. She asked what brought that on. Jim explained that it makes it difficult to have an appeals process because it starts to limit the timeline to prepare for a game. Pete also stated that there is a league rep at this meeting and therefore everyone is represented. Jim reminded everyone that coaches are also able to attend. Bob Ware proposed approval of Tournament proposal, Dave Lezenski seconded. 12-0 in favor.

   Sherry then asked the committee to look at the Football Tournament Director fees proposed increase. Pete Smith explained that due to the increased games this is necessary. Dave Lezenski motioned to approve. Jim Bunnell seconded. 12-0 vote to approve

5. Rule Change Proposals (see attached) – Sherry Bryant tallied the votes from the committee for submission to the MIAA.
6. Finances
   a. Sherry discussed the June 30, 2016 budget. The auditors are now working on the financials.

7. Other
   a. Fines & Penalties – Sherry talked about inconsistencies in applying fines and penalties. She shared a grid that detailed the fine descriptions and the actual fine amounts. Some sports implement them, some don’t. There shouldn’t be a decision to do it or not. There is an opportunity to request a waiver for a penalty. They are commutating now that it will be consistent across the board, will be centralized to Sherry at MIAA and implemented in the winter session, 2016.
   b. Tournament Security – Sherry talked about some enhanced security ideas that other schools are doing. They will be giving out a book to schools with ideas they can use of best practices. More will come with this.
   c. Correspondences – Sherry referred to an email from a member who didn’t feel his previous email was addressed at all. It was regarding tournaments. He feels that a survey should be done. Sherry went over how this was addressed in 2011-2012. There was a survey and meetings about tournament set up. She wanted the group to understand that the issue this member referred to was actually dealt with.
   d. Season Start & End Dates – Dave Reid was looking at some options. Was not able to be in attendance for this meeting. Will report out at a later meeting.
   e. 4-yr Alignment Cycle – discussion about the process for the new alignment, whether the 4-year cycle is the best, etc.

8. Next Meeting Date – January 17, 2017

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM