I. Call to order – 10:02 am by Jim O’Leary, Vice-Chair

II. Committee members present: Sherry Bryant, David Keir, James O’Leary, David Reid, Edward Maguire, Tasso Filides, Mary Ryan, Dan Buron, Shaun Hart, Dave Lezenski, Johanna DiCarlo, Desi Vega, Bob Ware, Dwayne Early, Pam Gould, Jeff Newhall, Mike Lucas, John Brown, (Kara Dupre representing Bryan Lombardi).

   Guests – Dan Shine – Ice Hockey Committee Chair, Phil Napolitano, Assistant Director.

III. Election of Officers – A motion was made by Dave Reid and seconded by Pam Gould to nominate Jim O’Leary as Chair of the TMC. Unanimous. A motion was made by Dave Reid and seconded by David Keir to nominate Mary Ryan as Vice-Chair of the TMC. Unanimous. A motion was made by Desi Vega and seconded by Bob Ware to nominate David Keir as Secretary of the TMC. Unanimous.

IV. All were asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Policy and return to the Chair. Sherry also reviewed the newly updated MIAA Governance Document reflecting the change for the TMC.

V. Minutes – A Motion was made by Bob Ware and seconded by Mary Ryan to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2017, May 25, 2017 and June 7, 2017 meetings. Unanimous.

VI. Ice Hockey Proposal – Dan Shine, Chair of the Ice Hockey Committee was present to request a change in the format for the 1A Tournament for the 2017-18 season. This would now become essentially a double elimination tournament up until the finals where the 2 teams would play one game to determine the champion. The play-in games for teams 7-10 will still be played, there is no change to the selection process for these teams and there would be a guarantee of 14 total games, and this gives all a chance to progress to the championship game even if a team suffers a loss early on in the tournament. There were some questions from Committee Members for clarity. A motion was made by David Keir and seconded by Mike Lucas to support this new proposal for one year with a review next Spring when the Winter 2018-19 formats are due to the TMC for review. The vote was 15-0. Dave Lezenski applauded the work of the Ice Hockey Committee in making this change and acknowledged all of the hard work that went into it.

VII. Girls Lacrosse Officials Request – Johanna DiCarlo and Phil Napolitano presented a request from the Girls Lacrosse Officials to change the language in the
tournament format regarding the number of officials required for post-season games. Last Spring in response to the request from the Boys Lacrosse Officials to require 3 person crews on all games the girl's format was changed to reflect this change so that there was equity. The Officials Board does not have enough certified/qualified officials to staff all games with 3 person crews until the Sectional Semi-Finals. A motion was made by Dave Lezenski and seconded by Shaun Hart to support the request with the language outlined below. The vote was unanimous.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

**TOURNAMENT GAME OFFICIALS:**

- Two MIAA enrolled Game Officials (three recommended) will be assigned during all preliminary round games through quarter-final games.

- Beginning with the sectional semi-finals, three MIAA enrolled Game Officials will be assigned to work the field of play. In addition, one MIAA enrolled Game Official will also be assigned to these tournament round games to assist with the Official Scorebook, GAME TIME substitutions, time-outs, cards, bench personnel, injury time-outs and coaches, scoreboards, and field official injury. This table official will assist misapplications of a rule, and any misconduct by coaches or players on the bench. A detailed description of the table official's duties will be provided to each game official by their assigner and to the host site administrator by the tournament director.

- Officials must have been assigned to, and worked, at least 7 regular season games.

*Beginning in 2020, three MIAA enrolled Game Officials will be assigned during all contests beginning with the preliminary rounds through the state final rounds.*

**VIII. Financial Review** – Sherry Bryant reviewed the Financial Report from 2016-17 Tournaments. The bottom line is that Revenue is down significantly. The Association needs to take a long look at expenses across all tournaments as well as look into ways of increasing the seriously declining revenues. One of the initiatives being considered is sponsorships.

**IX. Tournament Management Workshops/Tournament Host Kits** – a lengthy discussion was held about how Site Directors are trained or not trained to manage post-season sites up to the standard that the Association expects. The idea of putting together a Workshop that could be a PowerPoint presentation that is shared through District Workshops or Sectional Seeding Meetings or New AD workshops. The other idea that meshes with this one is How do we Promote the MIAA at these sites. There are many schools that are consistently hosting MIAA events where some kind of permanent Banner could be installed to promote the relationship of that school with the MIAA. These kits could be given out to all schools or just those hosting. Shaun Hart made a great statement, “If the MIAA wants more then they need to provide
more.” I think all in attendance were in support of this and this Branding/Promotion will happen naturally.

A sub-committee of Mary Ryan, Shaun Hart and David Keir will work with Sherry and others to try and make some progress with this initiative.

X. **BOD Charge** – the change in the Governance document was approved by the BOD in August now the TMC has oversight of Sport Committee procedures and formats. Sherry proposed a timeline for submission of formats to the TMC for review and publishing.

Fall Formats due to TMC by March 1\(^{st}\) and published no later than June 15\(^{th}\).

Winter Formats due to TMC by May 1\(^{st}\) and published no later than October 15\(^{th}\).

Spring Formats due to TMC by November 1\(^{st}\) and published no later than January 15\(^{th}\).

A motion was made by Mary Ryan and seconded by Dave Lezenski to accept this timeline to begin with the Fall Formats for 2018. The vote was unanimous.

XI. **Proposed changes to Start/End dates** – Dave Reid made a proposal many months ago that has not been acted upon yet. These proposed changes would not need a rule change just agreement of each sport committee. The proposal on the table is just a starting point for the discussion.

XII. **Next meeting will be held 1/16/18.** Sherry will email if there is an opportunity to have a meeting in December.

XIII. **Motion to adjourn**

Minutes submitted by: David Keir