MIAA Tournament Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2019

I. Call to order – 10:06 by Jim O'Leary

II. Committee Members Present – Jim O’Leary, Dan Buron, Sean Mackin, Desi Vega, Ed Maguire, Shaun Hart, Mary Ryan, John Brown, Johanna DiCarlo, Dave Lezenski, Derek Folan, Bob Ware, Dwayne Early, Jeff Newhall Liaison, Stacey Rizzo, Liaison Sherry Bryant

III. Clarification of Alignment Language: MIAA Athletic Directors Gordie McClay, Archbishop Williams and Dan Shine, Arlington Catholic and Bishop Stang President/Principal Peter Shaughnessey asked for clarification of Alignment Policy Language which indicates private schools being moved up one division based on their enrolment. Discussion around the clarity of the process with the final decision took place. TMC recognized the concerns brought forth indicating that the talking points had been discussed during the initial conversations. Private schools will have the option to appeal their school divisional placement at the appropriate time. No action was taken.

IV. Girls’ Lacrosse Officials: Kathleen McSweeney, MIAA Lacrosse Liaison, presented on behalf of the Girls’ Lacrosse Committee a request to amend language regarding the requirement to have three MIAA game officials assigned beginning with the preliminary rounds of the tournament. The number of registered MIAA Lacrosse officials is as follows: Total = 642Boys’ = 521Girls’ = 121There has been a concerted effort to increase the number of girls’ officials and limited success has been seen. Due to the low number of available officials for girls’ game, a motion to amend this rule was asked. MOTION :Beginning in 2020, three MIAA enrolled Game Officials will be assigned during all contests beginning with the quarter final rounds through the state final rounds. APPROVED: 16-0The TMC acknowledges the belief there should be equity between the girls’ and boys’ recommended number of officials throughout tournament play, however, at this time there just is not enough officials for girls’ lacrosse to support this request.

V. Spring sport updates: MIAA spring sport liaisons provided summary of 2019 spring tournament and recent committee update, if appropriate. TMC emphasized the line of communication is through the liaisons: Tournament Directors contact the Liaison, Liaison goes to the TMC with request/concern who delivers the information back to tournament director.
a. Track and Field: Tournament format has been streamlined for consistency and clarity; FAT timing under discussion and will approach TMC with proposal for implementation; Spring track tournament report were positive.

b. Baseball: Very positive feedback on 2019 tournament; 2019 tournament under budget; Committee will continue to analyze cost for venues; NFHS rules adopted for the 2020 season; Division 1A tournament will consist of seven innings.

c. Rugby: 2019 Tournament location was good; Securing Rhino rugby ball sponsorship was beneficial; Tournament breakfast at Curry College went well; Budget was just about even; Request to require two trainers at every rugby match will be sent to TMC.

vi. Hockey Committee: The Ice Hockey Committee put forth the proposed 1A selection committee criteria to TMC for approval: VOTE: For the Central, West, North and South Committee representatives (4 total), members of the ice hockey committee will be contacted to see their interest in being a member of the Division 1A Selection/Seeding Committee. Interested 1A Selection/Seeding Committee members will be selected by the MIAA Ice Hockey committee in advance of the 1A Tournament Selection. Should an appointed 1A Selection/Seeding Committee member have a team under consideration or is not able to be present for the seeding meeting, alternates (from the MIAA Ice Hockey Committee) will be appointed by the Chairman. APPROVED 15-0

VII. Chairman, Jim O'Leary, motioned with John Brown seconded, that Tournament Directors not be voting members on any Tournament Selection/Seeding Committee. Discussion followed. VOTE: Tournament Directors cannot be voting members on any Tournament selection committee. APPROVED 10-3-2

VIII. District Workshops: Positive feedback provided. Statewide presentation provided clarity and ability for members to voice questions or concerns to TMC representatives. Having tournament information on MIAA website is appreciated. Need to continue education to coaches and public regarding tournament structure. Additional information will be provided via TBD regional workshops. Note: if state tournament proposal does not pass, there will be a transition to new alignments as approved by the BOD in January 2019. This information is on TMC page of MIAA Website.

The next TMC meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019