MIAA Tournament Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019

I. Call to order – 10:33 by Jim O’Leary

   • Committee Members Present – MIAA Liaison Sherry Bryant, Jim O’Leary, Pam Gould, Desi Vega, Shaun Hart, Mary Ryan, John Brown, Johanna DiCarlo, Derek Folan, Sean Mackin, Ed Maguire, Mike Devoll, Stacey Rizzo

II. Approval of Minutes –

   • November 21, 2019 – Sherry recommended that we include that feedback was given to the Track Committee addresses the rule change process, enhanced communication and education about FAT timing. Approved 11-0-1.

III. Boys Gymnastics Cutoff Date Change Request

   • Sherry reported that the boys’ gymnastics committee voted to move the cutoff date (was Feb 3rd in MIAA Handbook) to Feb 4th.
     Mary Ryan made a motion that the cutoff date for boys’ gymnastics be moved to Feb 4th. Stacey Rizzo seconds. Motion fails 2-9-1.

IV. Statewide Tournament Proposal Review

   • Presenting on December 11, 2019 to the Board of Directors – discussed the presentation
   • Sub Committee has met to finalize presentation.
   • Jim has been addressing some concerns regarding MaxPreps and exclusion games
     o Question is whether we need them anymore with MaxPreps? – For the sake of seeding
     o John Brown made a motion that all exclusion games are accountable contests for the MaxPreps rating system. Mike Devoll seconds. Motion passes 11-0-1.

   • Sean Hart discussed conversations surrounding sport committees and their role relative to discussion on divisions. Would like the sport committees to come back to the TMC with recommendations from the sports on the bubble of the 200 teams (hockey and field hockey) about how to determine divisions

   • Another thing to consider is football and moving to an 8-week regular season for football, with 16 teams qualifying for 5 divisions. It is understood that the football committee may want to come to TMC to discuss this further. The desire is that this would take effect in the Fall 2020, but understand that the football committee may ask for 2021.
     Sean Hart makes a motion that for consistency, in the Fall of 2021, football moves to an 8 game regular season, with the tournament starting week 9. Sixteen teams will qualify for 5 divisions Mary Ryan seconds. Motion passes 12-0.
• **Sean Hart made a motion that for the appeals process, during the alignment, a sport committee may request an adjustment of the number of qualifiers based on the final number of teams in the division. Mike Devoll seconds. Motion passes 11-0-1.**

• **Sean Heart made a motion that now that MaxPreps will be used for rankings, that the timeline is changed to require that schedules be input and committed before September 1 for fall contests, December 1 for winter contests, and March 15th for spring contests. Johanna DiCarlo seconds. Motion passes 11-1.**

• **Sean Hart recommends that all sport committees discuss a tie breaking procedure of all regular season games and come back with recommendations to the TMC. No games will end in ties.**

V. **Alignment Committee – Next Steps**

• Individual sports discussion needed – discuss at Jan 9th meeting

• Geographic and equal divisions

VI. **Financial Structures**

• There is still discussion to be had regarding the financials of a new statewide tournament. Jim O’Leary suggests that we should wait until the vote at the Board level and then discuss further.

VII. **Other**

• Sherry informed the group that the association is moving forward with Arbiter. She explained that the goal is to get to a higher level of efficiency. The intention is to have training sessions at the March AD’s meeting. More information will be sent out after January 1st.

VIII. **Next Meeting Dates**

• January 9, 2020 – subcommittee work

• January 30 or 31 depending on availability

IX. **Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm**