MIAA Tournament Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019

I. Call to order – 10:15 by Jim O’Leary

II. Committee Members Present – Jim O’Leary, Jeff Newhall, Ed Maguire, Bob Ware, Johanna DiCarlo, Derek Folan, John Brown, Shaun Hart. Mary Ryan, Pam Gould, Dwayne Early, Dan Buron, Sherry Bryant - liaison

III. Approval of Minutes –
   A. December 11, 2018 – approved 12-0

IV. Fall Tournament Review – Sherry reviewed the financials for the Fall 2019 season. Sherry recommended that the committee begin reviewing more detailed financial data going forward. Additional recommendations regarding such from Committee members welcomed.

V. Continued discussion of Board Charge
   A. Presentation to the Board –
      i. Alignments – The previously voted Alignment Proposal that was discussed last meeting was reviewed briefly. Committee members offered feedback from their constituents. Jeff Newhall mentioned that there were some questions from the smaller schools but said they know they can appeal, so no real issues. Bob Ware asked if there was a set starting timeline for this to be enacted. The new process begins with the next alignment cycle 2021.
      ii. MaxPreps – Jim O’Leary, Johanna DiCarlo, Shaun Hart and Sherry had a conference call with MaxPreps representatives prior to this meeting. Information gathered during this call continues to support the TMC Committees previous vote. (We had voted in the MaxPreps proprietary software.) Rugby, swimming, tennis and golf will need to be accommodated with a modified version of this formula. In the proprietary system there is a way to modify, but other states take away the point differential. With this system there is a cap on the points the team wins by so teams don’t run up scores. Shaun explained that multiple states use the proprietary system. There are also states that use a modified version of the system, or used the MaxPreps technology to run an RPI model. The Committee was reminded that the sub-committee has done a lot of work and recommends the MaxPreps proprietary system and after this conference call, they are still recommending the proprietary with some modifications for the sports that don’t fit easily into it. Derek asked to clarify that this is simply an improvement on our seeding protocols, looking for consistency. It doesn’t change how teams qualify or how we run our tournaments. That is correct, this is for seeding, not qualifying or
selection. Dan asked what exactly do they use for the seeding. Asked if there will be a document that coaches can look at. Shaun explained that technically the answer is no as it is MaxPreps system that they won’t share, but there is a general explanation that can be distributed to everyone. Johanna explained that MaxPreps will do a better job of stopping the manipulating scheduling to benefit teams, which our current systems allow.

Derek questions whether we should assign a workgroup to run a sport through the new program to see how it would have fallen out. This would allow people that are still nervous about it the opportunity to see what it would look like. Sherry will try to pull together a plan to do this for basketball.

To be added to the current seeding proposal vote:
Johanna makes a motion to employ a modified MaxPreps rating system that will be utilized in all team sports that will not be using the proprietary system (tennis and rugby). This new seeding proposal will be implemented in the Fall of 2020. Mary Ryan seconds. Unanimous vote 12-0

B. Sub-Committee for individual sports efforts
Jim suggests that a subcommittee be put together to look at the individual sports to ensure some consistency with those. Mary Ryan and Jim O’Leary volunteered. Sherry will also reach out to a few more people.

VI. Spring Tournament Formats
Sherry reported that the new spring formats are in the beginning discussion phase. People are adhering to the timelines. If there is anything that is not meeting the criteria she talks with the liaisons. If it goes beyond that she will report it to the TMC. Other than that they will continue moving forward.

VII. Other
- Sherry and Pam reported out on Sherry’s visits to Superintendent’s Roundtable Meetings.
- Jim wondered when it would make sense to really start rolling out more of the information that we have. John Brown thought it would be good to do at the Annual Meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting Dates
A. February 7, 2019 and March 19, 2019

IX. Jim O’Leary adjourned meeting at 12:13pm