MIAA Tournament Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019

I. Call to order – 10:07 by Jim O’Leary

II. Committee Members Present – Jim O’Leary, Dave Reid, Pam Gould, Desi Vega, Dwayne Early, Kara Sheridan, Ed Maguire, Dan Buron, Shaun Hart, Mary Ryan, Jared Shannon, John Brown, Johanna DiCarlo, Mike Deval, Bob Ware, Dave Lezenski, Derek Folan, John Brown, Jared Shannon, and Sherry Bryant

III. Approval of Minutes –
   A. January 10, 2019 – approved 9-0-1

IV. Tennis Committee Request for Consideration
Carolyn Bohmiller represented the Tennis Committee and requested that the TMC waive the predetermined site requirement for tennis semifinals. Their rationale is that there are not enough quality courts, not enough quality site managers, and it will force to schools to incur costs (it is a non-revenue producing sport).
Shaun Hart made a motion to accept the Tennis Committee’s request to allow the semi-final games to be played at the higher seeds home court. Motion passed 12-0

V. Fall 2018 Tournament Financial Report
Detail fall profit and loss statements for fall tournaments, detail general ledger reports for cross country and football as well copies of email exchanges between John Brown and Sherry Bryant re: follow up questions from John on some of these numbers and Sherry’s responses were provided to the full committee in advance of the meeting. Sherry provided two sample Tournament Director’s financial reconciliation packets and reviewed and discussed with the committee the full process. Information regarding the role of the tournament director and the tournament liaison in regards to preparing final tournament financial reports was provided. The role of the tournament management committee in this system of checks and balances was emphasized. Committee members were encouraged to continue to share questions and feedback as we go forward so that we may continue to enhance our efforts. The committee will review full tournament financials at the completion of each season/reconciliation process. These financials will be posted on the MIAA website once audited.

VI. Meetings with individual sport committee representatives will commence
The first individual sport invite will be extended to the XC/Track and Field Committee. The intent of these sport committee meetings is to have focused dialogue relative to TMC oversight/governance in the area of tournament formats, financials, and consistency as charged by the MIAA Board of Directors.

VII. Statewide Tournament Discussion
Kara and Dwayne brought up some concerns from District F regarding philosophy of moving towards the seeding process and statewide tournament, and focusing on that while losing attention to the actual 12 week season for the student athlete (not running up
score, how many goals, etc). They also want to have a better understanding of the seeding process. Jim responded that this is simply replacing systems like the Walker System, that some of this is going on anyway. Kara explained that there is just too much confusion about how the MaxPreps does the work behind the scenes. Jim reiterated that the formula is proprietary to MaxPreps and they will not share that.

The committee reviewed the proposal that we will continue sharing with committees, MSSADA meeting and Annual meeting. The committee will continue work on this proposal discuss presentations during the March meeting. Presenters at the MSSADA meeting and annual meeting will be Jim O’Leary, Johanna DiCarlo and Shaun Hart. Committee members are encouraged to attend the MSSADA session.

VIII. Next Meeting Date
    A. March 19, 2019

IX. Meeting adjourned