Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Margaret Conaty, Sherry Bryant, James Bunnell, Pam Gould, Dave Lezenski, Nairi Melkonian, Bob Ware, Tassos Filledes, Desi Vega, Mary Ryan, David Keir, Dave Reid, Dan Buron, Shaun Hart, Jim O’Leary

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. January 17, 2017 – Motion by Tass to approve minutes, Dave Reid seconds, vote 13-0

2. Finances
   a. Sherry discussed the year to date budget – there were some numbers outstanding at our last meeting. They are now solid. Almost every tournament was down. They are looking at ways to generate revenue in other areas. She only has anecdotal information right now for winter. Ice Hockey is positive. Basketball should be close to where it was last year based on information right now. They are looking at the reasons for this. But it appears that it is also happening in other states, not just here.

3. Board of Directors charge for TMC
   a. Sherry discussed the proposal by the board to commence a comprehensive tournament protocol analysis to determine where any inconsistencies might be and to address them.
   b. Jim made a point to note that he thinks all areas noted on the handout are important but the three most important things right now are:
      i. TMC jurisdiction (what exactly is our role?)
      ii. Consistency amongst sport committees
      iii. Seeding procedures
      iv. Others are important but where alignment was just done, it isn’t as pressing right now.
   c. Margaret stated that she thinks the representatives at the table should go back to the districts and see what their thoughts are about this, what issues they think are important, etc. After that we can develop a direction moving forward. We will put it on the next meeting agenda.
4. Boys Lacrosse Official Presentation

   a. Rich Riley (MIAA) and Daryl Benson (Pres. Eastern Mass Officials) – would like to add a third official to all state tournament games, beginning in 2017. The Officials Association would fund this addition for the 2017 season, and effective in 2018 the host or higher seed school would absorb the additional cost. A question came up about Title IX and why this wasn’t being proposed for the girls. Rich explained that they have a separate committee and he will bring it up to them. They follow the US Lacrosse rules.

   Question came up about whether the officials that work in two person teams all year will be able to transition to the three-person team suddenly. Daryl explained that they just got a grant that will allow them to train their officials this season before the playoffs.

   Tass moves to approve the proposal – Dave Reid seconds – only addition will be that the Officials Association agrees to also pay for the 2018 season - discussion continued about the girls’ vs boys’ lacrosse and equality. Rich asserts that he will be bringing this to the girls lacrosse committee – discussion ensued

Amended Motion:
Starting in Spring 2018, the Tournament Management Committee (TMC) requires that the boys and girls lacrosse state tournament games have a minimum of three game officials (Tass second) – vote 14-0 in favor of the amended motion
Tass withdrew his original motion – Dave Reid also withdraws his second of the original motion

   Dave Lezenski motions that beginning in spring 2018 the boys and girls state tournament games will have a minimum of three game officials – vote 14-0

5. Rugby-relation action

   a. Phil Napolitano came to the meeting

   b. Sherry talked about the Director’s fee – they are looking at $300 for the girls tournament (one event) and $500 for the boys tournament (more involved) – based it on other smaller sport tournaments – There are fourteen boys’ teams and three girls’ teams – also proposing new personnel fees as listed
   Motion moved by Dave Keir, seconded by Dave Reid – vote 14-0

   c. Sherry also talked about a regular season fee for the JV level.
   Motion moved by Jim O’Leary to approve for $58 (as opposed to the proposed $56) for 2017– Dave Keir seconds – vote 14-0

   d. Request to approve 2017 Tournament Fee for Assistant Referee and Match Manager – Dave Lezenski motions to approve, Dave Keir seconds – vote 13-1
e. Request to use a 2-year alignment that would cover the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Tass motioned to accept, Dave Lezenski seconds – vote 8-6

6. Other
   a. Season Start & End Dates – Dave Reid stated that he thinks we should table this discussion until the next meeting.
   b. Fines and Penalties – Sherry gave information to the board about the status of the fines and penalties.

7. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday April 26, 2017

8. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM