MIAA Tournament Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

I. Call to order – 10:01 am by Jim O’Leary, Chair

II. Committee members present: Sherry Bryant, David Keir, James O’Leary, Mary Ryan, Shaun Hart, Desi Vega, Dave Reid, Johanna DiCarlo, Kara Sheridan, Dave Lezenski, John Brown, Jeff Newhall,

III. Minutes – A Motion was made by David Lezenski and seconded by David Reid to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting. Unanimous.

IV. Proposed Start/End Dates - Discussion about the Proposal by Dave Reid to change Start and End dates of the different season. It will likely be presented with the Rule Changes next year and will also likely need to have Board of Directors approval. The proposal presented has schedules for four years beginning in the Fall of 2019. Much discussion about why is there a need for a full week off between Thanksgiving and the first day of winter practice.

Should we do some kind of survey of the membership regarding changing Start/End dates of the 3 seasons to see if there is any desire to really look at making some changes? This may also be a good discussion for District Workshops in the Fall. Discuss at the Cape at MSSADA conference and then have session at the Annual Meeting in April. Ask each sport committee to look over and give feedback. This will give everyone a chance to provide some feedback prior to any action happening on this issue.

V. Spring Tournament Start Date - Motion made by Jeff Newhall and seconded by Shaun Hart to continue with starting dates for the Spring Tournaments as they were in the Spring of 2018. Unanimous.

VI. Board Update NFHS Rules- Jim O’Leary updated the committee about the proposal to use NFHS rules in all sports that have NFHS rules that was presented to the Board of Directors. Board took under advisement to get more discussion from sport committees and the BOD will vote on it at August 7, 2018 meeting. Modifications of any of the NFHS rules that are approved by TMC or BOD need to be published in the MIAA Handbook and in each sport committee Tournament Format to ensure that everyone.
VII. TMC/BOD Charge Items - this is the order in which the Committee should tackle
1.) Seeding Methodology is the most important - these are the Seeding Guru’s - Andy Linkenhoker - Smith Vocational, Pat Mara - Milbury, Jim O’Leary - St. John’s Prep. Should get together and come up with options as to how they think Seeding would best be done. Jeff Newhall volunteered to chair the sub committee and Dave Lezenski and Shaun Hart will assist to examine this.
2.) Divisional Alignments - what should be considered? Enrollment, CO-OP, Vocational, Urban, School Choice, Private, Subjective, Comprehensive School, and how many divisions? Be sure the appeals process for alignment be the same in all sports. Sub-Committee including Johanna DiCarlo, Mary Ryan and John Brown will ask MSSADA folks to join in. Sherry will assist with doing some research for this group and on what other states do for a true State Tournament.
3.) Are we moving in some way to a true State Tournament? This is something we need to have discussion at the Fall District Meetings and get feedback as to how people feel about this issue. How many teams qualify? Do we still have the Super 8? Do we use Districts? Divisions with factors involved in what District/Division you are in.
4.) Formats - Consistency in Start/Cutoff dates, rule modifications, Selection of Officials, as well as Team/Individual sports.

VIII.

IX. Next meeting will be held September 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Keir