MIAA Tournament Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2018

I. Call to order – 10:05 by Jim O’Leary

II. Committee Members Present – Sherry Bryant, Jim O’Leary, Dan Buron, Dave Lezenski, Bob Ware, Dave Reid, Johanna DiCarlo, John Brown, Bryan Lombardi, Shaun Hart, Dwayne Early, Kara Sheridan, Pam Gould, Mary Ryan

III. Governance Language of the TMC – Sherry asked to make sure that we read the Governance and sign the Conflict of Interest Policy. She also ran the election of officers:

Chair – Jim O’Leary
Vice Chair – Mary Ryan
Secretary – Pam Gould

IV. Approval of Minutes – will have to table the last meeting minutes until the October 16, 2018 meeting.

V. Overview of FY18 Tournaments – Sherry reviewed the financial statements from last year’s tournament. Highlighted that net revenues are down again. The MIAA has charged every sport to reduce their expenses at tournaments by 6.5% this coming year. The Finance Committee is meeting to discuss ways that MIAA can maximize revenues. Discussion ensued regarding how to optimize school sites to reduce expenses.

Mary Ryan motioned that we change the current wording under D. 2. To say that “This means that a team may will play on their home field/site…..” Dave Lezenski seconded. 13-0 in favor

John Brown motioned that all sport committees and sport tournament directors will publish all potential predetermined sites prior to each season’s tournament seeding meeting. Shaun Hart seconded. 13-0 in favor

John Brown requests the MIAA evaluate the fee structure for host schools in order to secure more and better conducive host locations for the state tournament

VI. BOD Charge

a. Jim reported that he has been to the BOD twice and the sports committees have this next year to determine how they will make modifications and transition to the NFHS rules

b. Alignment Sub-Committee and Seeding Sub-Committee – Jim O’Leary went over two documents that the sub-committees have been working on (see attachment) –
He explained that he has already met with the liaisons from each of the sport committees. Discussion regarding next steps in communications, included sport committee chairs, full committee, emails, regional meetings, and MSSADA as options.

Committee appreciates the hard work of sub committees. Recommended last bullet point under “Seeding” to change “neutral” to “pre-determined” and to add a bullet to add league/district opportunity to create local tournament competitions.

**Dan Buran made a motion to support the work that has been done by the subcommittee thus far and continue to inform all that need to be informed statewide. Kara Dupre seconded. 13-0.**

TMC asks Jim O’Leary and Sherry Bryant to have a meeting with Bill Gaine to discuss this. Prior to the next meeting on 10/16 members of the TMC will have discussions at the District meetings to introduce the concept of a statewide tournament and how it is seeded.

VII. **Volleyball Cutoff Date** – volleyball committee wants to move the boys spring cutoff date back to what it was originally.

**John Brown motions that we accept their request. There was no second. Therefore, the request is denied.**

VIII. Other – Bob Ware commends the subcommittee that worked on the statewide tournament proposal

IX. Johanna DiCarlo motions to adjourn at 1:03pm. Dan Buron seconds. All in favor