



MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome & Attendance – 11 voting members
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 10, 2024 **APPROVED** 11-0-0
4. Election of Officers:
 - Chair – Tom O'Brien
 - Vice Chair – Dick Newton
 - Secretary – Mike Denise
5. Housekeeping
 - Members were provided with a Conflict of Interest statement to sign and return
 - Keith provided an explanation of Association Governance
6. 2024 Baseball Tournament Review
 - Tournament reviewed by Jay Costa, Tournament Director – Overall very successful tournament
 - Weather issues on Friday of State Tournament forced games to be played on Sunday
 - Ticket sales good
 - Net down due to challenges with semi-final sites and distances of schools involved
 - Discussion around scheduling of games – only date to schedule around is graduation; what do we do if teams cannot mutually agree? Who then ends up dictating – Home Team, Tournament Administration, etc...
 - Predetermined Sites vs. Neutral Sites – are predetermined sites OK despite being a higher seeds field.
 - All Spring TD's need to work together with scheduling in later rounds.
7. Rule Change Proposals were reviewed and voted on.
8. The 2025 Baseball Format was reviewed and voted unanimously to forward to the TMC for final approval.
 - Would like TMC to leave dates for each round in the tournament as pitch count issues and manipulation of dates was prevalent during 2024
9. Officials Topics
 - Officials will be submitting a proposal at the January meeting regarding a fee increase
 - Future discussion regarding having 4 officials at semi and state finals
10. Coaches Topics
 - Pitch counts (currently a Rule Change Proposal)
 - Coaches requesting a future discussion regarding the MIAA to handle round of 8 and on – Coaches would like MIAA to take control from Round of 8 on.
 - 1A status – subcommittee established to begin discussing data.
11. Other