



**Board of Directors Meeting  
September 21, 2023**

**FULL BOARD MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order at 11:05am.
2. Attendance: Members present – Tom Arria, Dan Baurer, Nicole Bottomley, Dave Bouchard, Charlie Conefrey, Keith Crowley, Deb Davis, Liz Legault, Pat Mara, Mark Miville, Jim Quatromoni, Stacey Rizzo, Eric Scott, Dan Shine, Stephanie Sibley, Billy Terranova, Matt Trahan, and Linsey von Holtz.
3. Minutes of the August 8, 2023 board meeting were approved.
4. Tom Arria, Finance Committee Chair. No finance committee this month. Spring financials will be presented at the October meeting.
5. Executive Director Bob Baldwin introduced Mark Ottavianelli and Chris Green from Taunton High School to speak on their experiences of Addressing Hate in School Sports (see attached report). As well Ref Reps that Taunton High School recently implemented at their school.
6. Executive Director Report:
  - a. Recap of District Workshops. Great presentations, discussions, and feedback. A final report will be presented at the October meeting when all 9 are complete.
  - b. Bob presented the Board members (see attached) a newly prepared document on “YOU are the MIAA”. This document details a new organizational structure which will be presented in various stages to the membership as well as on our new website. Motion: To approve the organizational structure as presented (attached) – approve unanimously.
7. Jim Clark updated members on the status of the new website rebuild with Gravity Works. The redesign is in the beginning stages. Jim is meeting consistently with Gravity Works. The rebuild is planned out in 3 stages. The first roll out is scheduled for early 2024.
8. Statewide Tournament Venues:
  - a. The Association will release tournament venues throughout the year when they become available. The first release will be in the September Executive Director Report for fall sports.

- b. TMC requested from District Leadership to supply at least 2 venues from each district for all sports. This communication will be sent to membership next week (after the TMC meeting).
9. Advisory notice – Rule 18 Cancel Season Policy (see attached). Richard Pearson presented the rationale of this emergency rule change as it would not pertain to football. Board members stressed the fact that there is a process that the Association needs to follow going forward. Motion: To accept language as presented (attached). Approved unanimously Amendment: Need to also include Ruby as they only play 1 day a week. Approve unanimously. Amendment: To be voted as a 2-year pilot to allow for the normal rule change process. Approved unanimously.
10. Executive Director Bob Baldwin provided a recap of the NFHS Summer Meeting. Exciting meeting. Boston to host in 2024. At each meeting this year Bob will provide an update on progress and planning. Bob asked if any member had ideas for the National meeting to let him know.
11. Sister Association communications/report:
  - a. MSSADA – finishing up process and selection for annual awards and grant funding conference. 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.
  - b. MASC – busy preparing conference looking to fill 1 more opening on the MIAA Board of Directors
  - c. M.A.S.S. – Gordon Smith absent.
  - d. MSAA – in discussions with M.A.S.S. to provide athletic standards with NEASC.
12. No other business.
13. Meeting adjourned.