

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

1. Call to Order – 10:30 AM by Sherry Bryant

Welcome and introduced new MIAA Staff members Pam Gould and Jim Clark to the committee.

Attendance –T. Bazydlo, J. Brown, M. Devoll, J. DiCarlo, J. Forrest, P. Funk, S. Hart, E. Maguire, J. Newhall, D. Newton, S. Paine D. Reid, J. Shannon, K. Sheridan, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Bryant (liaison), and MIAA staff.

A. Governance Document – Sherry reminded members to review this document which defines the jurisdiction of committees and the role of each, including the Board of Directors.

B. Conflict of Interest forms were available to complete and return to Sherry.

C. Election of Officers – Jim O’Leary’s vacancy as Chairperson left the position open for nominations.

Motion to nominate Shaun Hart (J. Shannon, D. Newton) and

Motion to nominate Jared Shannon (S. Paine, K. Sheridan)

A paper vote was taken - S. Hart voted Chair and J. Shannon Vice-Chair.

2. Approval of March 23, 2022 and June 16, 2022 Minutes – Motion to Approve (J. Newhall, T. Tarpey 14-0)

3. Winter 2023 Formats- Basketball, Ice Hockey, Swimming & Diving, Nordic Ski, Alpine Ski, & Wrestling

COVID “No Contest” language will be removed – any game not played due to COVID (or any other reason) must be made up. If schools are unable to make up a game, an appeal may be requested for a No-Contest determination and provide reasons for why games could not be rescheduled and played. (Previously approved Fall-2022 Formats will also be amended).

Motion to remove COVID language Approved (J. Shannon, D. Newton) 14-0

Motion to Approval Winter Formats Approved (J. Newhall, S. Paine) 14-0

4. Tournament Updates

Sherry shared positive feedback regarding the Statewide Tournament Structure, including electronic ticketing, competitiveness of events, minimization of equity issues, and increased attendance/community support. Sherry noted that nationally some attendance records were set as well. We will have to wait and see if it was a “Covid recovery” or if is due to the Statewide structure.

A review will be done by end of the calendar year with regards to host sites, venues, brackets, assignments of officials, as well as the margin of victory and strength of schedule components of the ranking calculations. Committee goal to communicate potential changes to membership late January 2023.

Currently, Executive liaisons and Fall Tournament directors will begin meeting weekly to keep lines of communication open and address any issues as they arise. This will assist in getting accurate ranking files published timely.

Johanna DiCarlo asked if there was a tournament survey out for all membership. Sherry asked that TMC members that sit on other sport committees get input from peers for the next TMC meeting.

5. FAQ document review – changes discussed and updates will be made.

6. Other – Sherry mentioned that GoFan is offering box office set-ups for schools. If schools are not already using this technology, this would be a great incentive to start. GoFan is also offering a “buy 1, get 1 free” offer for card readers.

Jared Shannon, Craig Antocci, and Sean Makin will make a presentation to the Board regarding the Competitive Equity Tool (CET), which uses fact-based/evidenced- based data, which is provided by the State (DESE). By taking into account the Stability Rate and Equity % variations, this tool considers “high needs” such as student IEP needs and poverty level within the community, which will help with the calculation of equitable enrollment numbers to be then used in the alignment process.

- May help to reduce the many appeals the TMC Sub-Committee addresses
- Can be tweaked over time, but it’s a fair starting point
- Would be able to see if schools are declining and watch for trends

The appeals process would remain in place for those schools that still have re-alignment requests. This will be clarified going forward to be sure the “scope of appeals” and explanations that must be used for this appeal process. For example, data for participation numbers, enrollment numbers, gender enrollment, etc. This is not intended for those schools appealing because they do not have a strong team.

Dates and timeline for appeals will be provided.

7. Next meeting – October 6, 2022

Adjourned 12:00 PM