

**MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 25, 2024 – 10:00 am**

**Attendance**

Derek Atherton, Kevin May, Steve LaForest, Joe Cusack, Michelle Hopkinson, Jesse Carpenter, Wesley Jackson, Michael Jackson, Steve Kendall, Peter Serino, Donna Harrington, Peter Smith

**Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.**

**Introductions and Conflict of Interest Forms Done**

**Election of Officers**

- Derek Atherton was nominated and approved (8-0-1) for chair (Kevin May, Wesley Jackson)
- Kelly St. Coeur was nominated and approved (9-0) for vice-chair (Michelle Hopkins, Steve Kendall)
- Michelle Hopkinson was nominated and approved (8-0-1) for secretary (Steve LaForest, Kevin May)

**Minutes of June 18, 2024, Meeting**

The minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting were approved 10-0. (Steve LaForest, Steve Kendall)

**Sportsmanship Summit Planning (November 7, 2024):**

- A Google document was created for committee members to share recommendations.
- Sportsmanship Essay Contest:
  - Due date: October 10, 2024
  - Topic: "Sportsmanship Beyond the Game: High School Athletes as Positive Role Models"
  - Rubric created for judging
  - Subcommittee established for October 17, 2024
  - Promotion: Executive Director's newsletter, social media, QR code (suggested by Joe Cusack)
- Speakers and Breakout Session Topics:
  - Student Spectator Behavior
  - Fan/Spectator Guidelines
  - Breakout sessions facilitated by committee members
  - Potential keynote speaker: Brad Stevens and Eddie Slowikowski

**William N. Gaine Jr. Sportsmanship Award:**

- Three candidates recommended.
- One page recommendation from committee members: Due October 4, 2024

**Disqualification Data:**

Final contest disqualification data from the 2023-2024 school year was shared. Data will be shared seasonally with athletic directors and principals.

- Suggestion to look at soccer data by category for previous years and in the future.
- Share baseball data with the MIAA staff liaison for committee awareness.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Student Leadership Summit: October 10, Doubletree Westborough
- Sportsmanship Summit: November 7, Gillette Stadium
- Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop: MIAA Office, December 13

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

- October 16, 2024: Vote on MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals
- October 17, 2024: Essay/Multimedia Contest Judging
- January 22, 2025: Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- June 10, 2025: Committee Meeting

**Adjournment: 11:30 AM**

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