MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting
October 16, 2018 – 10:00am

1. Call to Order at 10:15 am

2. Attendance: Tim Finn, Ron Drouin, Wallace Johnson, William Thomas, Bob Rodgers, Matthew Trahan, Patrick White, Sean Burke, Dwayne Early, Dave Racette, Jeff Newhall, Oderra Jones, Mark Donahue, Jim Reynolds, Bill Boutilier, Bob Martin, Stephen Hemman, Laura Fallon, Anthony Price, Trudy Fisher, Roger Bacon, Lou Conte, Larry Kelleher, Joe Rocha, Nathan Bonneau, Keith McDermott, Peter Smith

Regrets: Bill Runey, David Lanczycki, Eileen Donahue, George Johnson, Peter Falkowski, Martha Jamieson, Rita Castagna

Peter Smith and Keith McDermott provided a welcome and introduction as new staff liaisons to the Basketball Committee. The MIAA Governance Document and Conflict of Interest Forms were reviewed.

3. Election of Committee Officers - **approved 15-0-1**
   Chair: Jeff Newhall
   Vice Chair: Matt Trahan
   Secretary: Stephen Hemman

4. Minutes of April 25, 2018 Meeting - **approved 15-0-1**.

5. Review of Recent Committee Actions - NFHS Rule 10.6.1a
   At the April 25, 2018 meeting, the Basketball Committee voted in favor of amending NFHS Basketball Rule 10-6-1, to allow coaches to use the coaching box and remain standing after a technical foul. This action must go through the MIAA Rule Change Process and has been included as a proposal in the rule change packet that will be voted on during the 2018-19 school year. If passed, this change will take affect during the 2019-20 season.

6. Summer Subcommittee Report
   The minutes from the Summer Subcommittee were provided. The following topics were discussed:
   - **Boys day and Girls day at State Semi-Finals**: Joe Rocha discussed low attendance during girls games at the Sectional level. Discussion that attendance at a girls-only day at State Semi-Finals could have low attendance. Roger Bacon and Lou Conte explain that all boys games on the same day would cause serious crowd concerns and advocate to keep things as they are. Will Thomas does not feel this gives girls tournament equal status. **Motion to hold a separate boys and girls day at State Semi-Finals while giving tournament directors discretion when a school has both boys and girls teams competing or other reasons, i.e crowd size.** Approved 12-6-0
   - **Officials staying for fist bump after game**: Bill Boutilier explains that officials have been getting reprimanded by school AD's if they do not stay for the post-game fist bump. The MIAA post-game
handshake rule/process requires officials to stay for the handshake and does not require or prohibit participation in a fist bump. This topic will be included in the preseason newsletter.

- **Shot clock reset to 15 seconds – Approved 18-0-0**  Per earlier discussion, this topic will be included as a proposal from the Basketball Committee in the next rule change packet. If passed, the rule change will be implemented for the 2021-22 season.

- **Eliminate 5 count on dribbler - Approved 18-0-0**  Per earlier discussion, this topic will be included as a proposal from the Basketball Committee in the next rules change packet. If passed, the rule change will be implemented for the 2021-22 season.

- **Mercy Rule:** Discussion item on sportsmanship. Attention to be paid to scores but no action required.

- **Coaches input on assignment of tournament officials:** Discussion surrounding coaches submitting an exclusion list. Peter Smith explained that officials recommendations from schools are no longer done in MIAA sports.

- **Starting winter season at later date:** The Tournament Management Committee (TMC) sets start and end dates. Bob Rodgers expresses concern about an already late winter start date moving even a week later. Jeff Newhall explains that TMC is not moving winter start dates at this time.

7. **2019 Basketball Tournament Format**
   A draft of the 2019 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format was provided. Updates that were made to the draft document since email distribution to committee members are highlighted in red. The updates include consistent language across all MIAA tournament formats related to fees for late tournament entry submission, SAT information, TMC approved Seeding Tiebreaker Process and Predetermined Site information for specific rounds of the tournament.
   - State Finals listed on Friday and Saturday as potential dates, depending upon confirmation of sites.
   - Discussion surrounding UMass Boston as a potential site. Bob Rodgers, Oderra Jones and Keith McDermott speak highly of UMass Boston.
   - Roger Bacon suggested consideration of an extra day before seeding to give TD’s the time needed to track down scores.
   - **Assignment of Officials:** The Tournament Management Committee now requires each sport committee to describe the process used to assign officials for tournament games. Previous subcommittee work was included as a draft in the format for discussion. Lou Conte and others advocate for 5 game limit per sectional tournament (boys and girls combined). Joe Rocha expressed concern with #8, which requires a team to have a recommended official from their league assignor’s list. Joe recommends using the entire pool of recommended officials. Motion to eliminate #8 **Not approved 0-12-6.** Motion to add 8a allowing for 3 neutral officials **Not approved 0-1-17** Discussion surrounding equity in assigning officials.
   - **Motion to approve Tournament Format as edited:** **APPROVED 18-0-0**

8. **Tournament Directors Reports**
   - Larry Kelleher: most likely have Tsongas Arena for North Finals, possibility Tsongas will be available for State Finals.
   - Joe Rocha: Bridgewater-Raynham for girls and Taunton for boys.
   - Lou Conte: Curry Hicks Cage, AIC and WNEU.

   Bill Boutiller provided an update regarding NFHS Rule Changes for the upcoming season. The two changes are related to back court violations (9-9-1) and ball surface definitions (Rule 12-1c).
10. Coaches Association Report
   Mark Donahue provided an update. The annual MBCA Clinic will be held October 28 at Stonehill College. The MBCA Hall of Fame Banquet will take place at Holy Cross on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Roger and Myrtle Bacon will be two of the honorees.

11. Sherman A. Kinney Award Subcommittee
   Lou Conte, Rogers Bacon, Oderra Jones and Stephen Hemman volunteered to serve on the award subcommittee.

12. Other
   Suggested topics for the Basketball Preseason Newsletter included post-game handshake/fist bump information, NFHS rules interpretations/changes and updates and annual award information. Bill Boutilier will provide rules interpretation meetings.

   Communication was received from three schools requesting consideration of alignment appeals for the upcoming season (Chelsea boys, Ayer-Shirley girls, Fenway girls). After discussion, the committee took no action on these requests, reaffirming their previous position of not accepting alignment appeals during the middle of the four-year alignment cycle.

13. MIAA Rule Change Proposals
   The Basketball Committee voted on MIAA Handbook Proposals #1-10 and 19-28:

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14. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm. The next meeting dates are Monday, February 4, 2019 and Tuesday, April 24, 2019.