MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 10:15 a.m.

2. Reading Review (5-10 minutes) – documents related to agenda topics

3. Attendance

4. Minutes of January 29, 2018 meeting
   http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Baskettall_Minutes_12918.pdf  APPROVED unanimously

5. Information Sharing
   • Sherman A. Kinney Award 2018 – Karen McDonald
     http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Sherman_Kinney_Award_Flyer__Karen_McDonald_2018.pdf
   • Tournament Champions
     a) D1 Girls – Braintree High School
     b) D1 Boys – Mansfield High School
     c) D2 Girls – Foxborough High School
     d) D2 Boys – Tech. Boston Academy
     e) D3 Girls – Archbishop Williams High School
     f) D3 Boys – Watertown High School
     g) D4 Girls – Coyle & Cassidy High School
     h) D4 Boys – Pope John High School

   • School Sportsmanship Awards
     a) Girls – Hampshire Regional High School and Assabet Valley High School
     b) Boys – Weymouth High School and Douglas High School

6. Thank You – Jim Peters praises and thanks the following people/groups.
   • Global Sub-Committee
   • Neutral Sites – letters sent to schools
   • Mike Martin – Springfield internal transportation (6-7 used this service)

7. Tournament Director Reports
   • Sectional Reports
     a) Roger Bacon – weather was tough but local colleges stepped up to help. Overall attendance down a bit. Generally though the tournament ran smoothly.
b) **Lou Conte** – attendance down about 18%. Host sites were great and several were available. Overall things ran very well.

c) **Larry Kelleher** – Thanks Mike Lahiff for his help through the years. Notes difficulty in finding sites that will fit crowds and be acceptable to schools involved. Snow caused problems but Woburn and Burlington really stepped up to help. Advocates for Site Managers to get raise as they play a key role in MIAA tournaments. Mike Lahiff and Jim Peters really want to find more ways to show appreciation for host schools. Martha Jamieson and Bob Rodgers echo sentiment and want to find a way to better thank the AD’s who host regularly.

d) **Joe Rocha** – regrets he couldn’t attend today. Jim Peters adds – Hub method (Braintree and Taunton) for all neutral site games really worked well. School leadership was excellent. Overall attendance in the South was very good. Jim praises Joe’s work in his first year and noted some especially difficult decision he needed to make.

- **State Report**
  a) **Jim Peters** states how difficult it was to lose a night at the TD Garden again this year. Attendance in all sports nationwide is trending downward. This will be a challenge to the MIAA overall and of course, basketball specifically. All sectional directors stepped up to help with state tournament. Reminds committee that final determination of returning to Springfield will be made by the MIAA Board of Directors.

- **Site Determinations**
- **Weather implications (state semi-finals)**
- **Mike Lahiff** says his coach was very impressed with entire experience for the kids.
- **Martha Jamieson** understands the weather challenges but noted how long it took at certain times to postpone games. Jim Peters recognized the challenge and will not allow it happen again.

8. **Road to Springfield Review**

- **Review Handouts**
- **Attendance**
- **Thoughts and Reflections**
  a) **Bob Rodgers** notes the Springfield experience for teams and kids is tremendous. Also feels that it hurts the more casual fan and even some of those in the participating communities when travel becomes much farther.
  b) **Larry** notes these concerns but still wants the Basketball Committee to focus on specifically, basketball matters. Thinks the Springfield experience is worth it regardless of attendance.

- **Future Consideration**
  a) Look at boy day and girl day in State Semi-Finals. To be discussion at summer sub-committee meetings.
  b) **Motion to return to Springfield for Finals in 2019**, seconded: Discussion – Lou Conte mentions how much work the Springfield group puts in to this endeavor done solely for the student-athlete.
Mike Martin echoes Lou’s comments and notes the whole experience for the student-athlete is unparalleled in other MIAA sports. Bob Martin asks if we should use a second college site instead of Mass Mutual. MIAA looking into this, but must be careful about attendance. **Approved 17-0-0**

9. **Coaches Association Report**
   - **Mark Donahue** – was asked to make formal request to return to boy day and girl day during State Semi-Finals and State Finals for next season. Discussion surrounds pros and cons, including making better match-ups at finals. Motion made and seconded: **Approved 15-2-0**
   - **Jim Reynolds** – see above

10. **Officials Association Report**
    - **Bill Boutilier** – officials asked about wearing of IAABO patches. Officials asked about staying for kids to fist bump them. Not required so long as the officials stayed to observe the kids handshake. Bob Rodgers likes the fist bump. Table until the summer sub-committee meeting. Shot-clock reset to 15 seconds tabled until summer sub-committee.
    - Asked to offer two rule changes:
      a) If direct or indirect technical foul on coach, coaches would not lose privilege of standing in coach’s box. Rule 10.6.1a delete last sentence. Matt Trahan thinks this is a positive move. Motion to approve and seconded: **Approved 17-0-0**
      b) No 5 count on dribbler – table until summer sub-committee meeting
    - **Bob Martin** – see above
    - **Thoughts on Coaching Box**

11. **Basketball Sub-Committee Report – tournament scores**
    - Mike Lahiff reports on process and meeting generalities from sub-committee meeting. (Jim Peters, Mike Lahiff, Mark Donahue, Nathan Bonneau on sub-committee). Mark Donahue – East Bridgewater took full ownership and took immediate actions to rectify. Tony Price wants Committee to really look at East Bridgewater’s role and the damage done to Madison Park players. Bob Rodgers acknowledges this was a bad situation and thinks the coach made poor choices. Both Tony and Bob are happy to see the steps East Bridgewater took, but still concerned. Bob Rodgers wants to institute a mercy rule by using running clock in second half after certain point difference. Bob Martin is in agreement. Table until summer sub-committee.

12. **2018-19 Basketball Format – for review and approval**
    - [http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Basketball1819FormatDRAFT.pdf](http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Basketball1819FormatDRAFT.pdf) **Approved with minor edits 17-0-0**
    - TMC asking for earlier Format review to ensure some cross sport consistency. Too early for dates and sites so this is a tentative approval.
    - Bob Rodgers asks if Committee has jurisdiction on how officials are selected. Coaches want some level of input in selection process, possibly an exclusion list of a few officials who pose a conflict with a specific school. Tabled to summer sub-committee.
13. Alignment Review (year one)

http://miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/Alignment_Review_with_Tourney_Results_2018.pdf

- Appeal Review/Implications (handout)
  a) Mike Lahiff wants Committee to look at results of appeal actions and reflect on the impact on MIAA tournament. Would like to look at this at the fall Committee meeting.
- Email Communication (handout)
- Discussion

14. Development /Need for Summer Sub-Committee – Topics?
- See above notes for summer topics

15. Basketball Executive Remarks
- Jim Peters thanks Committee members for participation in a long meeting. Jim states that Mike Lahiff is the best professional he has worked with and became a great friend. Mike Lahiff thanks everyone and loves the Basketball Committee, which does major things. Getting involved with MIAA is the best decision he made...met great people and made great friends.

16. Other Business
- MIAA Golf Tournament (July 30th) at the Plymouth Country Club
- Legends Night at Gillette Stadium (June 25th)
- Other
  a) Guest: Coach Dennis Doval – looking for tournament changes. (see handouts). Analysis of tournament teams, match-ups, scores, enrollments, etc. Looking for a state-wide tournament using a power ranking (similar to football process).
  b) Bob Rodgers asks for Committee to send message to TMC of concern about starting winter season a week later without extending the season a week later. Committee will revisit this at the next fall meeting

17. Adjournment at 12:55 p.m.