I. Call to Order
Welcome by Ned Doyle
Reminder to those GOC members to sign the Conflict of Interest statement if they haven’t done so

II. Minutes from January 11, 2016
Motion made by Paul Gibbons to accept…2nd by Tom Pileski…Voted 15-0…Unanimous

III. Presentations
a. Presentation by Steve Tassini, Eastern Mass Wrestling Group, regarding JV Wrestling Fees
   -Steve pointed out JV fee is 72% of varsity fee
   -If no JV team…get an add on fee of $4.00 per event
   -Steve recommendation that all JV fees be the same
   -questions regarding clarification of the add on fee structure, flat rate fee adjustment, etc
   -Steve pointed out border towns to RI and NH attracting MA officials…pay more
Ned thanked Steve for the presentation

b. Darrel Benson presentation of Quality of Officials postponed…Darrel unable to make it

IV. New Business
a. Spring Tournament Fees-Final
   -Motion to accept by Paul Gibbons…Liz pointed out this has already been voted on and approved
b. Regular Season Fees…2017-2018
   -Lengthy discussion regarding fees for 2017-2018…
     -Mark Ottavianelli…raised concern if look @ wrestling fee need to include swimming
     -Motion made by Dave Reid: Increase all sports by $2.00 and JV Wrestling to $4.25 per match
     -Paul Gibbons questioned what the rationale was for recommending JV Fee increase…never has been raised at the GOC in prior years…further Paul pointed out the need for a study of fees in order to bring recommendations to be considered by the GOC in order to move forward.

     -Avery (BPS) and Bill Stewart agreed that a study needed to be completed

     -Charlie Flahive….MASC….suggested to reach out to sports committees for information

     -Don Fredericks pointed out that for 2016-2017 already voted a $2 increase and it had been recommended at the January, 2016, GOC meeting that for 2017-2018 there should be a $2 increase…Don agreed that a study should be completed before any other fee increases are considered…Don also pointed out that with the increase in fees for non-high school leagues, the wait in getting paid by school districts, etc have all had an impact in getting enough sup varsity officials and in many instances has to use sub varsity officials to cover varsity games.

     -Motion 2nd by Tom Pileski…Voted 11-2-1 in the affirmative
Chair, Elizabeth McAndrews followed up with a discussion regarding the forming of a study group
-Charlie Flahive concerned/looking for equity
-Bill Stewart pointed out the need to standardize rates
-Dave Reid suggested sending a letter out to different groups to get some data before voting for any increase for 2018-2019
-Mike DelGrosso reminded committee he had passed out fee structure for New England states and it showed MA officials were at/near the bottom in fees
-Elizabeth McAndrews reviewed that the concern is Standardization and Equity…

Motion by Charlie Flahive to reach out to all the MIAA Sports Committees for fees
2nd by Jim Gormley
-discussion by several members that sports committees would not have that info
-Phil pointed out he would be able to reach out to local officials boards to request info on fees paid to officials for non high school contests…he would develop a series of question to send out

Voted 6-7-1…Motion defeated

Motion by Mike Tropeano to create a subcommittee to gather information on fee structures of neighboring states and competing groups

Voted 13-0 Unanimous in the affirmative

Elizabeth asked for any volunteers for this subcommittee…Paul Gibbons, Tom Pileski, Avery Esdaile, and Mark Ottavianelli volunteered

- All Tournament Fees
  Fall: Motion made by Paul Gibbons to accept: 2nd by David Reid: Voted 13-0 Unanimous
  Winter: Motion made by Paul Gibbons: 2nd by Joe Baeta; Voted 13-0 Unanimous
  Spring: Motion by Paul Gibbons to accept: 2nd by Jim Gormley: Voted 13-0 Unanimous

- MIAA background check update by Ned Doyle…6500 officials registered to date
- Game Officials Banquet Update…Ned reminded committee members of the process to nominate officials

5. Sportsmanship/Educational Athletics Initiatives
Ned made committee members aware of the information regarding these topics is in their folder

6. Informational Items
Elizabeth reminded all officials that concussion certification good for one year only and must be renewed each July 1….

Motion to Adjourn made by Paul Gibbons: 2nd by Baeta: Voted 13-0 Unanimous