MIAA Game Officials Committee Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016

Minutes

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 form Sept. 9, 2015
Motion made by Paul Gibbons to accept…2nd by Bill Stewart…Voted 11-0…Unanimous

III. New Business
a. MIAA Background Check Update
   -Phil Napolitano provided update on the progress of Background Checks stating that there are some 6,000 officials who have registered and are on par

   -Mike DelGrosso raised concern regarding officials who were not members in good standing of local officials board could easily check off any board, and if they passed the CBC, they would show the i-con being eligible to work games/events…the present i-con/system has no way of cross-checking this.

   -Don Fredericks emphasized that each official’s board has set standards in place and the only way that an assignor could be 100% positive he would have reach out manually to get confirmation….would be extremely time consuming…

   -Phil N. stated this has come up and he will bring this concern forward to the Arbiter when they next meet

   -On another note, Mike D raised concern that the present MIAA Handbook, specifically Rule #92 may be in conflict with allowing officials to enroll as individuals. The concern being there is no protocol in place to check whether or not an official is certified/qualified and a member in good standing.

b. Quality of Officials
   -Ned introduced Daryl Benson, Lacrosse and football assignor, who will be presenting information at the March meeting regarding the quality of officials with the intention of providing information/insight into unifying officials.

c. Ned pointed out information regarding Nomination Forms regarding the Game Officials Banquet

d. Regular Season Fees
   -Ned reminded members that regular season fees for 2016-2017 are set and copies in your packets

   -Paul Gibbons raised question as to was there anything written on paying for using 3 basketball officials during the regular season. Should the fee be 85% of full fee?

   -Phil stated he would check with the basketball committee

e. Future fee schedule for officials
   -Mike D presented information on official’s fees in MA and compared with other New England States. There has not been an increase in the last 3 years. Several key facts were raised e.g. all of the other NE States are above us, the impact on recruitment of new officials, the overall fairness of receiving an increase.

   -Mike proposed a 3 year fee increase for all officials of $2-$2-$2 for each subsequent year beginning in 2017-2018

   -Don Fredericks emphasized that we (officials) are/and should be considered partners in high school athletics.
Discussions continued…with Jim, Supt from Norton, stating that any increase needs to be sensitive of the budget process involved with the local schools.

Liz M. pointed out that GOC can only recommend 1 year at time for any increase thus whatever was decided it could be for 1 year and that notes should be attached indicating the intent is for 3 years.

Paul Gibbons pointed out fees from the GOC are only recommended and leagues/schools are free to pay more if they choose.

Don F this would result in problems as best officials would want to go where the higher fees were.

Discussions concluded with the understanding there would be a vote on fees at the March meeting.

f. Wrestling Tournament Fee…Assistant Referee Stipend

-Phil presented information on the need to add a stipend for an assistant wrestling referee

Motion made by Paul Gibbons to add a stipend for Assistant Wrestling Referee

2nd by Dennis O’Leary…..Voted 11-0…Unanimous

g-h. Ned pointed out Information in packets the final 2016 Winter Tournament Fees and the Winter 2016 Game Officials Newsletter was available

4. Sportsmanship/Educational Athletics

- Ned pointed information on upcoming MIAA events including the Annual Leadership Training Week, Woman in Sports Day, and the Coach of the Year

5. Information Items reminders from Ned included Concussion Training and the Coach/Student Disqualification Forms

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Gibbons….2nd by Dennis O’Leary…Voted 11-0…Unanimous

Next Meeting of the GOC March 14 @ 10:00 a.m.