MIAA Swim & Dive Committee Minutes – Tuesday April 4, 2017

I. – II. Call to order & Attendance
Introductions

III. Minutes of Dec. 15, 2016 Meeting:
Motion to approve minutes - passed

IV. Alignment Appeal Hearings:
Member of the school will come in, can bring their appeal to hear. Committee can ask questions. When done, we will go back and vote individually on each school looking at what it does with the alignment for each Division. Schools should hear from the MIAA within a week.
John Brown – Wellesley HS Ath. Dir. – Letter Attached
Avery Astell – Boston Public Schools (East Boston, O’Bryant HS) – Letter Attached
Discussion followed looking at # of individuals at past meets and past appeals from the schools.

  MOTION – To move East Boston and O’Bryant back to Div II - Passed – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions
  East Boston and O’Bryant go back to Div II

  MOTION – To grant Natick’s appeal to move back to Div II in fall girls swimming & diving
  – Passed – 0 opposed
  Natick goes back to Div II

  MOTION – To grant Wellesley appeal to move back to Div II in fall girls swimming & diving
  – 9 in favor – 1 opposed
  Wellesley goes back to Div II

  MOTION – To grant Masconomet’s appeal to move out of Div I and into Div II for both boys and girls winter swimming & diving
  - 0 in favor – everyone opposed
  - Masconomet stays in Div I for both boys and girls winter swim & dive

  MOTION – To grant Westfield’s appeal to move back to Div I for winter boys swimming & diving
  - all in favor – 0 opposed
  - Westfield boys move back to Div I for winter swimming & diving

V. Lessons Learned, Winter 2017 Tournaments:
Peter Foley – Girls Sectionals / Boys States
Girls Sectionals – See attached blue sheet. Things are running smoothly
Boys States – See attached grey sheet. The fact that we had a system in place for when sectionals are cancelled AND had it visible for the public to see avoided a lot of headaches!

Dick Lennon – Boys Sectionals / Girls States – (attached green handouts)
Boys Sectionals – Cancelled due to weather
Some boys were allowed to enter into states based on previous parameters set up by the MIAA a few years ago. Went smoothly because of what was put in place by this committee learning from the last time meet was cancelled.
Had some difficulty dealing with the new ticket company and spectator ticket allocation and
their issuing of tickets to a few schools ahead of time. Some Div II awards were handed out to Div I athletes. Was ultimately rectified and kids got the correct awards.

**Pat McDiarmid (Boys and Girls West Sectionals)**
See attached white sheet
Discussion of officials. Tournament Directors can assign the officials they want. They can listen to input from coaches and others, but they the Tournament Directors have the final say to hire who they feel will do the best job.

**Rachel Moo (MIAA)**
Work on getting rid of seat saving at the meets. This cannot be done by spectators who get there early in line. Should we have monitors in the stands for the future?? Cracking down on “media” on the deck who say they are with the media but don’t have the correct credentials. WE NEED to know who is on the deck at all times for the safety of the student-athletes.

Will look at the future how to cut back on extra people on the deck
- AA Diving videographers
- Relay Alternates
- Parents

VI. **Ticket Allocation Procedures**

See Notes/Handout

VII. **Discussion of Direct Athletics on-line entry procedures**

All good. Please keep using! Coaches and tournament directors like it.

VIII. **NFHS Rules Updates – Peter Foley**

IX. **Standardize the weekly required dive for Fall & Winter – Pete Foley**

Handed in. To be posted on swim website.

X. **Review of 2017-2018 Fall & Winter State Qualifying Times**

*MOTION – To approve the winter qualifying winter time standards. - PASSED*

XI. **Review of Fall 2017 Format**

Will add in any info about ticket sales after sub committee meets about “State Champs”

Looked at Dates. States are 18\textsuperscript{th} or 19\textsuperscript{th} of November and Sectionals are 11\textsuperscript{th} or 12\textsuperscript{th}.

XII. **Look ahead for Winter 2017-2018 Format**

Will look at Championship dates once we have a better idea of when we can have access to host the meets at local colleges.

XIII. **Other**

Rachel - 9\textsuperscript{th} – 16\textsuperscript{th} Place Ribbons for State Tournament
Should we get rid of ribbons. Discussion – Final thoughts that majority of coaches and kids like them and we should keep them for now.

Rob Garon & EMASS Coaches - Going to 7 diving officials for States

*MOTION – To expand the judging panel at sectionals and states to 7 by adding 2 coaches*
to the score panel. Coaches names would be drawn out of a hat if they volunteered but would not be allowed to coach during competition time.

5 in favor – 6 opposed

Josh Blagg – Allowing more than 4 competitors to enter into the sectional and state meet, not changing the scoring. Still only 4 can score.

We need to gather some info from other states and discuss with NFHS if we can appeal the rule and what would that do to us going forward.

Jim Davis – clerical correction in MIAA handbook about 3 meets in a week when it comes to multi school events on non school days.