MIAA Swim & Dive Committee – Thursday September 15, 2016 - Minutes

9:35 – Call to order & Attendance
Introductions

III. Election of:
Chair: Jim Davis (AD @ Belmont HS)
Vice Chair: Josh Blagg (VP @ Chelmsford HS)
Secretary: Mike Foley (Coaches Rep)
Update Contact Info

IV. MIAA Conflict of Interest Statement:
Sign and hand in today

V. Review Minutes of April 5, 2016 – Motion to approve minutes
Accepted and passed. No amendments

VI. MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals (’17-’19)
Read and vote on proposals #1-24 & #37-39

VII. Four Year Alignment Process
2017-2018 through – 2020-2021
Includes CW Sectional Alignment (email dated 8/24/16)
See handout that was emailed out. These start NEXT year through ’20-’21 year.
There are some changes to different Sections as well as different Divisional placement at states.
- Bigger change to Winter placements compared to Fall placements.
- Tried to balance out the meets as well as there was discrepancies in size of meets and # of participants
- N – 43 S - 53 W – 49 (Girls Teams) – not all teams bring athletes to meet
- N - 57 S - 63 W - 43 (Boys Teams) – not all teams bring athletes to meet
- Schools have until December to appeal.
- Appeals will be looked at and voted on after our December meeting. Sub committee may be formed if appeals come in after our December meeting.

VIII. NFHS Rule Changes and Interpretations
Peter Foley
- Highlighting Deck Changing and the MIAA disqualification procedures that go along with it.
- Emphasize that the “Tie Back” suits which are popular fall under the illegal suits in that they have a fastening system which is illegal

IX. Standardize the weekly dive for Fall
Update the website to say “Weekly Required Dives” with the form that was handed out at April meeting. We believe it is on the website already, please just alter the title to reflect “Weekly Required Dives”

X. Review of 2016 Fall Swim & Dive Format
Still waiting on start times. Dates are locked in. Nov 12 (Sectionals) and Nov 20 (States)
Think we can get through the fall without ticket allocation. Do not think we can do it this winter however.
New company doing ticket allocation. Should we use the fall sectionals as a trial run? Peter Foley will discuss with Sherry today more details as to how it will work. No vote taken, but strong belief to use Sectionals as a dry run for tickets with the new company and process for allocating tickets to teams online? Pete will follow up.

XI. **Electronic Ticket Discussion**
   See above.

XII. **Harvard University: Program Consent & Approval Agreement**
   Second year of using this. Form is attached as part of meeting.
   All student-athletes will need to have this completed and hand in during check in the day of the State Championship meet.

XIII. **Looking ahead to ’16-’17 Winter Swim & Dive Format**
   Cut off date – 2/5/17 **Change from last April meeting.**
   Sectionals – February 11-12, 2017 - MIT
   States – February 18-19, 2017 – Boston University
   **Needed to adjust due to the dates the facilities were available to us.**

XIV. **’16-’17 Educational Athletics Initiatives**
   Ned Doyle – Promoting getting coaches and athletes involved with programs that are available.

XV. **Direct Athletics for Fall 2016**
   Again, things went very well last year.
   Errors fall on school.
   Coaches were reminded to log in and get ready to go for this fall at the Fall Coaches meeting last week.
   Have discussion with Districts / Leagues who may like to use Direct Athletics and there is a fee to use it for their league championship meets.

XVI. **Update on Rob Garon Fee Proposal**
   Voted to give the increase ($10) for this year (2016-2017) but committee does not do long range agreements as they don't know their budgets as well and don’t commit that far ahead. They will discuss and continue looking at it each year. See his proposal from April 2016 meeting minutes.

XIV. **Other**
   Pat McD – Reminder about wi-fi accessibility at Springfield College. Needed as part of the check in process. People having to use personal data and the phones batteries also weren't lasting.

Next Meeting is Thursday December 15, 2016 @ 9:30.