MIAA Swim & Dive Committee – Wednesday April 4, 2018

I. – II. Call to order & Attendance
   Introductions

III. Review Minutes of Dec 14, 2017
   Discussion of Letter K from format about banners.
   Banners can be hung at states as long as it is a SCHOOL APPROVED banner and does not block
glass at any of the venues.
   MOTION TO APPROVE minutes - PASSED

IV. Lessons Learned, Winter 2018 Tournaments
   Dick Lennon: - Grey handouts
      New personnel to work with at venues, all continue to be great.
      New State Records – Duxbury Girls Medley Relay, Duxbury Breaststroke and Franklin
   Pete Foley: - Purple handouts (girls sectionals) – Yellow handouts (boys states)
      Surprised that the meets did not sell out this year.
      Some teams even did not use all of their allocated tickets, first time ever
      One automatic all American – Duxbury swimmer
      One Para Swimmer – Female swimmer from Bishop Feehan
      State Records – St Johns Prep- Oliver Zmetrovich – 100 Fly and 100 Back
   Pat McDiarmid: - Green handout – combined girls and boys meet from out west
      First time it has been West & CENTRAL
      Public Thank You to Kim Whitworth who seeded this meet for the first time.
      Pat can’t thank her enough for her a very smooth transition and doing this for us like she has done for
      North & South in the past. Well worth having her do it!!
      See notes about other ups and downs of the meet.
   Rachel Moo:
      Seems like the Central/West transition went well and great job with that meet in a tight
      venue at Springfield. Well run the day of the meet.
      Still trying to find ways to protect the athletes and keeping people off the deck who do
      not belong there. Maybe using lanyards in the future, one color for coaches, one for timers and
      one for videographers.
      Still issues with saving seats. Please help with this issue by getting the word out to
      parents and coaches prior to these big meets.
      ROB GARON – seems like the saving of the seats are from the timers who are let in early.
      If we go to the lanyard system timers can just go down on the deck right away.

V. Ticket Allocation Procedures – What went well, what didn’t work
   It was nice to have MIAA and Rachel handle it rather than tournament directors. THANK YOU
   This was a big load taken off tourney directors which had been thrown on them a few years ago
   as a daunting extra task.
   AD’s and coaches are getting used to it at this point.
   State Champs has done a better job. Still a work in progress, but it is improving.
- Can there be an option to purchase a program when buying a ticket on State Champs to help eliminate extra programs that were copied but never purchased.

VI. **Discussion of Direct Athletics on-line entry process**

Please DELETE swimmers/divers who are not in the meets teams are entering into, don't just make them “inactive”.

Entry process is going very smoothly.

VII. **NFHS rule updates – Pete Foley**

35 new rules proposals. Still needs another step to go through. Will find out in middle to end of April. Most rules dealt with wording of rules and pool markings.

Doesn't look like any operational impact in kids in the potential new rules.

Heard rumors of some states that had issues with kids wearing suits that were not FINA approved and couldn't wear them. **Maybe send out a reminder in the beginning of each season to be weary of buying suits online that may not be legal suits. Coaches association will mention at their meetings as well.**

Some issues with states using automatic relay take off pads and problems that are arising and causing many protests at meets. Advised that we continue to not use those pads at our championship meets.

**When new rules come out and we send out to coaches, perhaps then we need should put the word out about purchasing suits that may not be legal**

VIII. **Standardize the Weekly Required Dive for Fall & Winter – Pete Foley**

Discussion of PVIAC who does not always follow this. It is a recommendation and leagues can over rule. Still going to be posted and given to officials and coaches as the guideline to follow as has been done in the past.

Discussion of start of winter season possibly being moved back a week. Not going to happen next year so it will not affect these dive weeks for next year.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT dive weeks - PASSED**

IX. **Para Swim Format**

Proposed to eliminate the 100 breaststroke and add in the 100 backstroke.

Still keeping the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Still requested that coaches and AD’s promote this at their schools to continue being an inclusive sport. Info is in their handout.

- Be sure to include in the fall format for next year.

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

Fall times were approved at the last meeting.

See PROPOSED 2018-19 WINTER QUAL STANDARDS – Draft #6 (April 3, 2018)

**Boys Div I** – Change 200 IM, lowered by almost 3 seconds. Had 52 entries this year.

Diving went up 7 points as there were over 30 divers.

Colors – Green times stayed the same // Red times had a slight change to them
West – coaches are upset that the times are getting too fast. Tough to balance having a
competitive meet and allowing everyone to participate. Central teams were happy because times were
a little slower and they felt more of their kids got to go. West coaches feel opposite.

We (Committee) knew this was going to be an issue. Part of the “growing pains” and we are
making good progress. Pat Mc watched a lot of the diving and does not want to lower that number. The
right kids are there diving.

MOTION to accept the proposed qualifying standards – APPROVED

XI. Review of Fall 2018 Format
- Cut off date (11/4/2018)
- Sectionals (11/10 or 11/11)
- States (11/17 or 11/18)
  - Will include info on para swimmers before final draft will come out.
  - Advertise team sportsmanship award and dates that they need to be submitted.
  - Still looking to iron out sectional and state locations and dates/times
  - TMC has asked the sport chairs and liaisons to come forward to and present their
tournament formats to look for consistencies/inconsistencies across sports.

XII. Look ahead for Winter 2018-2019 Format
- Cut off date (2/3/2019)
- Sectionals (2/17 & 2/17)
- States (2/23 & 2/24)
  - Will keep in mind the cut off date and that it could move if venues dictate the weekend of
the MIAA championship meets. Will look at venues but try for a week earlier than is listed.
  - It has been 4-5 years now that states has been the weekend beginning vacation and we
would like to see it stay there if possible (from coaches)

XI. Other
- 9th – 16th Place Ribbons for State Tournament – Perhaps don’t get away from them but need
to look at how they are distributed. Envelopes with teams who don’t pick them up.
- Sherri Turner – Question about sharing dive coaches amongst teams, especially within a
league.
- Contrats to Rachel Moo – Receiving an award at EMISCA banquet in appreciation of her
work for out sport on the state level.
- Will start in the fall a swim banquet – Can’t have every state qualifier come, but have a rep
from each league come to the banquet. Doesn’t have to be the fastest swimmer/diver, but
the one who best represents the sport for us. Probably be the week leading into sectionals
or perhaps the following week, not sure yet. Usually a breakfast, and accompanied by a
coach and sometimes AD and principal.
- Look at MIAA Swim Page – Can we have the history put back up there with past champions
and runner ups from all the years of the MIAA meets.

NEXT MEETING TBD – September ??? 2018.