MIAA Swim & Dive Committee – Wednesday September 13, 2017

I. – II. Call to order & Attendance
   Introductions

III. Election of Officers
   Chair – Jim Davis – Nominated and approved unanimously to continue his role
   Vice Chair – Josh Blagg – Nominated and approved unanimously to continue his role
   Secretary – Mike Foley – Nominated and approved unanimously to continue his role

IV. Conflict of Interest Statement:
   Please sign and hand in today.

V. Review of Minutes of April 5, 2017 Meeting:
   CHANGE – notation – on Appeals Hearing section
   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 (original notes say Div II, should be changed to Div I) for winter swimming & diving

VI. Rule Changes and Rule Interpretations (2017-2018) – Peter Foley
   Points of Emphasis – Schools should make sure coaches all have Rule Books
   Very important notes on Warm Up procedures.
   These are also posted up on the MIAA / Swim website

   Points of Emphasis – when a suit is deemed inappropriate, the official shall contact the head coach of the team, not the athlete

VII. Standardize the Weekly Dive for fall and winter
   Accepted last meeting. Handed out at fall coaches meeting as well as EMSOA meeting already.
   Also are already posted on MIAA website under tournament formats

VIII. Review of Fall Format
   Nov 5 – Cut off date
   Nov 11 – Sectionals @ MIT – Start times still TBD – South AM / North PM
   Nov 19 – States @ WPI – Start times still TBD – Div II AM / Div I PM

   Page 4 – Change 2016 Boys State Div I to 2017 Boys State Div I
   Please remind coaches that we are guests at all of these facilities. Ticket allocation procedures will need to be used once again most likely.

   Page 6 – Letter G Meet Rules – change to 2017-2018

   Add something to the media section about - Only credentialed and MIAA Media will be allowed on the deck.
NOTE: If there is going to be an adult videographers for AA Diving on deck who is not a coach they have to be approved by the MIAA. They need to email Rachel Moo with all of their contact info and they need to show up with an ID – This contact must be initiated by the Athletic Director.

Add under K-ATTENTION a piece about photographers here. Only allowed from stands. Not photos allowed from behind the start end of the pool.

- Add Adaptive swim info to the tournament formats for the FALL (It is under winter but not on the fall link) Needs to be updated with current years at top.

Format should be up any moment with start times TBD still for sectionals and states.

IX. Electronic Ticket Discussion
Using STATE CHAMPS once again. This will be the first time in the fall we are using them.

ESSENTIAL – That on the MIAA website that both the MIAA and swim coaches contact info is updated!!!! This starts the whole process and needs to be done accurate to prevent delay in delivery of codes for allocated tickets.

X. Look Ahead to Winter Format
Feb 11 – Cut Off Date (Needs to be changed to Sunday Feb 4th)
- Page 2 of the winter format as welll
Feb 10-11 – Sectionals @ MIT
Feb 17-18 – States @ BU (most likely)

XI. Update / Discuss Direct Athletics Entry Process for Fall 2017
Continues to work very well.

XII. Liaison Update
Wellness Summit – 2017
Please support sportsmanship awards – get the word out.
Ambassador program
Officials fee updates – Rachel has the details.

XIII. 2017-2018 Educational Athletics Initiative

XIV. Other
Peter Farr - New Qualifying times for the West/Sectional meet – concern that there may not be enough swimmers in each event. Figuring only 8-9 kids will be in each event.

- Times get adjusted each year. With new teams coming from central into WMASS it is hard to say with 100% certainty that it will work. We need to start somewhere and will make adjustments in the spring meeting if need be.
- Discussion- West should look at trying to add “league championship” meets to all kids would have a culminating event prior to WMASS/CENTRAL Sectionals. This would usually be the weekend before. Mr. Farr said there has been some discussion of this already.
- Is a State run tournament designed to be the “culminating event" for most athletes or an event to have more of the top representatives move along??? Leagues should be running culminating events for their athletes, not the MIAA.
Follow up to Josh Blagg’s recommendation of allowing more than 4 swimmers in an event as long as they qualify. Additional swimmers would not be allowed to score.

Josh Blagg – Allowing more than 4 competitors to enter into the sectional and state meet, not changing the scoring. Still only 4 can score. States can decide. Even if we voted it would still need to go to TMC for approval.

- Discussion Items:
- Is this opening up too many possibilities for potential problems
- Impact on divers
- When would swimmers know if they were going to compete, Thursday?
- This could impact families especially during winter season with vacation
- What if there were a tie for a spot, who would get it?

**MOTION** – FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON TO KEEP ENTRIES AS THEY ARE (4 per team) AND NOT CHANGE ANYTHING. – Rob Garon – PASSED

We have had discussions in the past for more than 2 years.
We have gathered data in the past – will gather info yet again this year to present it again. - “How many qualifiers did not get so compete today?” is the info we are looking for.

**QUESTION** - Since boys sectionals did not happen last year, can we use the state meet results and put together a “paper” sectional meet and hand out those awards?
Response from Tourney Directors and Athletic Directors – NO

**Rationale**
- not everyone went to states
- Some athletes switched events from Sectionals to States so results would not be accurate / would not reflect Sectional Psyche Sheets

**QUESTION ABOUT WAIVERS** - Waiver for 8th graders being allowed to swim. If not under one principal, then waivers need to be submitted, approved by the leagues and then approved at the district level. The school would have to show the need for the 8th graders on their team in order to keep the team going.

**NEXT MEETING** – THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2017 – 9:30 am