

MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 10:05 a.m.

Attendance: Bill Boutilier, John Daileanes, Dwayne Early, Tim Finn, Gertrude Fisher, John Gould, Rick Grady, Mark Houle, Mike Lynn, Chris Mastrangelo, Jeff Newhall, Marty O’Shea, Jeff Parcels, Tony Price, Steve Reno, Bob Rodgers, Dave Shea, Will Thomas, Peter Smith, Jim Clark, Jim Quatromoni. David Keir, Ron Ford

Regrets: Martha Jamieson, Matt Marani, Ted McCarthy, Matt Trahan

2. Minutes of the October 12, 2022 Meeting

The minutes of the October 12, 2022 were approved 14-0.

3. Basketball Mid-Season Check-In

Committee members reported back from their respective districts regarding the basketball season to date. Discussion topics included officials remaining after the game to observe the handshake line. It was confirmed that fist bumps with the officials after the game are optional. Another topic of discussion was the 10 point margin of victory for the power rankings. Some members felt that the margin of victory impacts how coaches strategize at the end of the game. The transition to the 35 second shot clock has gone well so far. Committee members did not report any challenges with the transition.

4. 2023 MIAA Basketball Tournament Update

Jim Quatromoni will be serving as statewide tournament director again this year. David Keir and Ron Ford will serve as assistant directors. Jim provided an update of work completed to date in preparation for the tournament. MIAA Assistant Director Jim Clark provided an update regarding the release of power rankings for the winter season.

5. 2024 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format

Committee member reviewed the proposed cutoff dates for the next three years. Committee members felt that the Thursday of February vacation week has worked well, especially when teams are competing in regional and other tournaments during that timeframe.

Motion: To approve the proposed cutoff dates (February 22, 2024; February 20, 2025; and February 19, 2026) for the next three seasons. (Jeff Parcels, second Chris Mastrangelo).

APPROVED – 17-0

6. Coaches Topics

Steve Reno reviewed the MBCA Hall of Fame banquet that took place on November 11, 2022 at Holy Cross. Rick Grady offered to provide assistance with communication to the MBCA membership regarding accuracy and reporting of game scores. The MBCA will provide feedback for the committee following this year’s tournament.

7. Officials Topics

Bill Boutilier discussed the importance of providing officials with access to locker rooms during halftime and postgame. In addition, game administrators are asked to make themselves known to officials prior to the game in order to address any issues that occur during the game.

8. **Other**

The 2023-24 and 2024-25 alignments for winter sports are expected to be released by the Tournament Management Committee soon. Information will be sent to the MIAA membership and posted on the alignment page with appeal deadlines.

9. **Educational Athletics Initiatives**

Peter Smith provided an update about current Educational Athletics initiatives including the Basketball Team Sportsmanship Award (deadline 2/28/23), MIAA Coach of the Year Award (deadline 6/30/23) and MIAA Official of the Year Award (deadline 6/30/23).

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am. The next committee meeting is scheduled on May 10, 2023. This meeting will take place in person at the MIAA Office in Franklin, MA.