

MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2023
MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 10:06 a.m.

Attendance: Bill Boutilier, Ron Drouin, Dwayne Early, Rick Grady, Matt Marani, Jeff Newhall, Jeff Parcells, Tony Price, Steve Reno, Bob Rodgers, Kevin Sareault, Dave Shea, Jim Quatromoni, Peter Smith

Regrets: Scott Ashworth, John Daileanes, Tim Finn, Trudy Fisher, Scott Holcomb, Martha Jamieson, Michael Lynn, Chris Mastrangelo, Ted McCarthy, Marty O'Shea, Will Thomas

2. Welcome and Introductions

Peter Smith welcomed the committee members to the first meeting of the 2023-24 school year.

New members of the committee were introduced:

Scott Ashworth (Bourne/District 8)

Scott Holcomb (Taunton/District 7)

Kevin Sareault (Sandwich/MASC)

Peter Smith reviewed the MIAA Governance Document and the MIAA Conflict of Interest Form. Committee members are asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Form and return it to the MIAA Office.

3. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2023-24 year:

- Chair: Jeff Newhall, St. Mary's High School, Athletic Director (11-0-1)
- Vice Chair: Tim Finn, Lawrence High School, Assistant Head of School (12-0)
- Secretary: Chris Mastrangelo, Malden High School, Principal (12-0)

4. Minutes of May 10, 2023 Meeting

The minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting were approved (11-0-1).

5. Basketball Rules Update

Links to the following documents are posted on the MIAA Basketball page – NFHS Basketball Rule Changes 2023-24, NFHS Basketball Rule Interpretations 2023-24, NFHS Basketball Points of Emphasis 2023-24, and NFHS Resumption of Play Procedures/Throw-Ins 2023-24. Game Officials Representative Bill Boutilier presented information about NFHS basketball rule changes for the upcoming season. Highlights of the rule changes include:

Rule 4-8-1: Eliminates the one-and-one for common fouls beginning with the seventh team foul in the half and establishes the bonus as two free throws awarded for a common foul beginning with the team's fifth foul in each quarter and resets the fouls at the end of each quarter.

Rule 7-5-2 thru 4: Establishes four throw-in spots (the nearest 28-foot mark along each sideline or the nearest spot 3-feet outside the lane line on the end line) when a team gains or retains possession in their frontcourt after the opponent commits a violation, a common foul prior to the bonus, or the ball becomes dead.

6. Tournament Management Committee Update

Sherry Bryant provided an update about upcoming timelines and discussions with the Tournament Management Committee. The committee will be reviewing potential changes for the 2024-25 school year.

7. MIAA Basketball Tournament Update

Jim Quatromoni will serve as Statewide Basketball Tournament Director for the 2024 MIAA Basketball Tournament. Bob Rodgers suggested that options for returning to the TD Garden should be explored. A discussion took place regarding hosting the state final round games on weekend vs. weekday times.

8. Coaches Topics

Steve Reno and Rick Grady provided an update about MBCA initiatives. The Coaches Clinic is scheduled for October 29 at Stonehill College. The Hall of Fame Banquet will honor Herb Green (Medfield), Charlie Dacy (Taunton) and Chris Flynn (Blue Hills). Rick Grady reaffirmed the MBCA's position against any football playoff format that interferes with the winter season. The MBCA also recommends researching a power rating system that does not include margin of victory, hosting Round of 8 games at neutral sites and assigning officials at the state level earlier in the tournament.

9. Officials Topics

Bill Boutilier provided an update on NFHS Rule Changes for the 2023-24 season earlier in the agenda.

10. Sherman A. Kinney Award Nominations

The MIAA Sherman A. Kinney Award Nomination is available on the basketball page of the MIAA website. Nominations are due February 9, 2024.

11. Other

A discussion took place regarding the required participation numbers for middle level waivers and co-operative teams.

12. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

January 10, 2024 – 10:00am (Virtual)
May 8, 2024 – 10:00am (In Person)

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:42am.