



MIAA Field Hockey Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021

Virtual Meeting

1. **Meeting called to order by Chairman Mary Ryan**

Committee Members (District # or board position)

Present: Gary Brown (7), Jennifer Gouvin (1), Jenn Hammel (8), Katherine Hennessy (MASC), Robert Marchewka (1), Mary O'Connor (9), John O'Neill (Coach Rep), Ann Palumbo (3), John Parisi (5), Patti Rowe (Official Rep), Kelley St. Coeur (7), Mary Lou Thimas (At-Large), Christina Tuomala (2), Annette DiMascio (Tournament Director), Diane Lussier (Tournament Director), Mary Ryan (Tournament Director), Sherry Bryant (MIAA),

Not present: Kathleen Burke (7), Susan Charochak (MASS), Grace Cunningham (6), Steve Martin (4), Ryan Murphy (4), Scott Palladino (8), Elizabeth York (2)

Guests: Jan Martin (MIAA FH Admin Support), Danny Ventura (Boston Herald), Craig Larson (Boston Globe)

Election of Officers:

Chair: Mary Ryan (Rockport)

Vice Chair: Katherine Hennessy (Marlboro School Committee)

2. **Minutes of April 13, 2021** meeting approved – with correction to spelling of Hennessy

3. **TMC Updates:** Sherry Bryant, Liaison highlighted the game officials section of the format indicating that language will be added once TMC vets recommendation due from Game Officials Committee. This language will speak in more detail to assignment of officials for tournament play. Sherry highlighted the recently emailed and posted Statewide Tournament FAQ document and Power Rating Information document.

4. **Boys Field Hockey:** The committee was made aware that no boys field hockey teams were registered by member schools for Fall 2021. Committee members were asked to gather information from colleagues as to the interest of membership and potential obstacles we may look to address. The committee will include this discussion on the December meeting agenda. Sherry and Katherine Hennessy each spoke to committee members about the willingness of USA FH to assist us in moving this sport forward.

5. **Field Hockey Ed Camp:** Mary Ryan, John O'Neil and Sherry Bryant each spoke to the Summer FH Ed Camp offering. There were over 60 coaches that participated in this offering. The topics selected by participants included rules review, officiating discussion, drills and best practices. The committee will sponsor a post season coaches gathering following the Fall 2021 season.

Discriminatory Incident Reporting Initiative: The committee was made aware of the Discriminatory Incident Reporting initiative from the DEI Committee. More information on this item will be forwarded to the membership once approved by the MIAA Board of Directors.

Title IX at 50 Campaign: The NFHS will be promoting a Title IX at 50 campaign throughout the 2021-22 school year. The campaign will include highlighting of Title IX trailblazers and moments of magnitude. The NFHS will be highlighting Massachusetts during the month of October. The MIAA will continue to spotlight Massachusetts trailblazers throughout the school year. The Association encourages member schools to join in on these initiatives. More information will be shared with the membership going forward.

6. Next Meeting Date: December 15, 2021
7. Meeting Adjourned

