



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA GYMNASTICS VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. Minutes

1. Call to Order
 2. Attendance/Introductions - Please fill in who was missing, as I jumped in late with taking the minutes.
 - Kathy Ostberg, Steven Cudworth, Amelia Braun, Jessica Winders, Rich Ellis, Mike Denise, Ashley Paulsen, Laura Chesson?
 3. Conflict of Interest - please sign and return
 4. MIAA Governance Statement - for your review
 5. Election of Officers -
 - Kathy Ostberg - re-elected as Chairperson
 - Steven Cudworth - re-elected as Vice Chairperson
 - Paula Chausse - elected as Secretary
- All appointments were approved unanimously.
6. Minutes of April 29, 2020 meeting - were approved with one abstention (Laura Chesson)
 7. Girls Coaches Association Report –
 - New Rules Clinic will be held remotely on 10/28 at 7:00 p.m. (review of COVID-19 guidelines)
 - No plan in place to host large competitions, concerns were raised about securing a venue, and equipment
 8. Boys Coaches Association Report -
 - Coaches' Meeting will be held on 10/23, and decisions will be made about the season once there is further information provided by the state.
 9. Officials Association Report –
 - Officials' Clinic to be held on 10/25 to review the NFHS rules. Officials' testing will be completed virtually.
 10. COVID-19 Task Force and sub-committee for modifications/guidelines -

- Task Force was formed in June to review and create policies
- Fall Sport Committees were also formed to create guidelines and modifications per sport.
- S. Cudworth provided valuable input for the Fall Gymnastics SubCommittee, citing recommendations and guidance that was distributed by USA Gymnastics
- Specific modifications included: no bringing in own equipment, other than springboards and 8 inch mats, which are to be cleaned and sanitized
- Cleaning of the Uneven Bars - the bars themselves may not necessarily be disinfected, as athletes have their own chalk bucket/container, wear grips, and sanitize hands immediately before placing grips on, and as soon finished competing

11. Fall Season Update - Western Mass Fall Gymnastics

- Season is underway, and A. Trytko observed excellent social distancing, mask wearing and designated spacing for personal belongings at a recent meet.
- Coaches report that things are going well, and cleaning has been adopted into the routine of running practices and meets.
- No spectators are allowed, as all West teams are competing in schools (and not private clubs).
- Recommendations are to communicate ahead of time the expectations of the venue and/or event to opponents.

12. Winter Season discussion -

- No JV competitors - to maintain lower numbers on the competition floor, discussion ensued about not having the 7th competitor on each event (the JV competitor) for this season
- Virtual Meets - is this something to consider, as it is happening in swimming/diving presently?
 - USA Gymnastics releasing guidelines about virtual competition that can be reviewed
 - Technology - what will be needed?
 - How do schools ensure that there is adequate viewing of all events (so that parts of routines/skills are not missed)?
 - Remote vs Virtual - for remote, the same officials would go to each school and judge the competition; scores would then be compared between the two districts to determine the winner
 - SubCommittee formed to discuss virtual meets: Ashley P, Paula C, Mike D, Rich E

13. MIAA Information and Resources -Highlights, FAQs

- EEA Guidelines will be released in November.
- Wrestling / Gymnastics Cooperatives - concern was raised about the allowing of cooperatives for the winter; some leagues are maintaining smaller geographic pods

- TaskForce will continue to meet and provide guidance for the upcoming season.
- DEI - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is offering great webinars and events.

14. [Voting for Rule Change Proposals](#) – Non-voting members were able to log off. The Gymnastics Committee voted on questions 1-24 & 38-46, N. Bonneau recorded the results of each vote.

15. Old Business - none at this time

16. New Business - already discussed

17. Next Meeting: May 4, 2021 at 10:00 am

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