

Rugby Committee Meeting October 6, 2020

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Phil Napolitano at 10:03am
 - a. **Welcome/Introductions**
 1. New member introductions: Scott Hutchinson, and Brian Scott
 2. Members attending: Josh MacCreery, Rich Greer, Bill Good, Sarah Greeley, Scott Hutchinson, Brian Scott, Ryan Madden, Tom Arria, Jeff Sperling, Greg Bruce, Jesse Nocon, Phil Napolitano MIAA, Katie Kampersal MIAA
 3. Update on Phil from current state of sports/rugby. Waiting for guidelines to come out for winter sports. Call to think about modifications.
 4. Modifications include flag rugby, scrum changes, wearing masks, etc.
 - b. [Conflict of Interest](#)
 1. Reminder from Phil that all members need to complete and either email or scan back to the MIAA.
 - c. [MIAA Governance Document](#)
 1. Phil mentioned that Rugby had a standing quorum change which could be found on page 3 of the Governance
2. **Election of Officers**
 - Jeff Sperling- Chair Unanimous
 - Greg Bruce -Vice Chair- Unanimous
 - Jesse Nocon- Secretary- Unanimous
3. [Minutes of February 27, 2020 meeting](#)
 - Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the February 27, 2020 meeting
4. [MIAA Rule Change Proposals](#) – Rugby voting on #1-24 & 38-46 – Voting took place
5. **2021-2023 Rugby Alignments** – Jumped ahead to five. Rugby had two, two year cycles. Cycles are coming back after to four years after that. Need to be clear in alternative rationale for rugby. Group decided to form a subcommittee to put together alternative rationale.
 - a. [TMC Alignment Process](#)
 - b. 2021-23 Rugby Alignments – Proposed (see attached excel sheets)
6. **New Business**
 - a. 2021 Season overview
 - ☑ Modifications meeting- Phil will work on find a day/time for a subcommittee to meet and discuss modifications for the spring.
 - ☑ Regular Season update - Tom Arria
 - b. 2021 Rugby Format – on hold - Waiting on EEA guidelines
 - c. [Form for tracking substitutions](#) – Jeff discussed form and the thoughts behind it. Has not had a chance to use it yet in an actual match. Jesse N seconded this thought. Phil will work on finalizing the form so it can be used in the spring.
 - d. Growth of the sport – Request for the group to put together a workshop to educate schools on starting a team. Town hall style.

Sarah G noted that she is worried about teams, especially girls, being able to recruit and restart after the break in play.

Jeff S noted that many youth programs he spoke with are looking to expand the programs back into local schools/communities that are offering the sport
 - e. TMC Update
 - f. Other – Phil updated the group on covid19 MIAA taskforce website
7. Coaches Input- Congratulations to MIAA Rugby Coach of the Year, Greg Bruce!
12. Future Meeting Date: February 9, 2021 @10:00am
13. Adjournment called by Phil at 11:45