



## MIAA Soccer Committee Minutes: 9/15/22

Present: Steve Dubzinski, Danny Erickson, Bob Keuther, Karl Zigmand, Sean Mackin, Karen Guillemette, Ric Beaudoin, Nolan McKinnon, Jeff Newhall, Ted Currie, Christopher Schmidt, [Aaron Joncas](#), Cheryl Welsh, Bonnie Lamote

1. Welcome Back and Introduction – Steve Dubzinski

### **Business and Compliance:**

2. Elect chair, vice chair and secretary: Chair, Bob Keuther Vice Chair, Danny Erickson, Secretary: remains open, [Aaron Joncas](#) serving for this meeting: 10-0-0 for all three positions

3. Approve minutes from May 17, 2022 meeting: Minutes approved 10-0-0

4. Conflict of Interest: Request was made to complete the form and submit it

### **Statewide Soccer Tournament Topics (from Spring Meeting):**

5. Margin of Victory: tournament is not going to change in Fall 2022 - TMC maintains that all tourneys will be played for 2 years before any changes are considered.

- A request was made to have Jim Clark attend the October meeting to provide information on power rankings
- A suggestion was made to have Jim attend also at the end of the season to look at 2 full years of data
- Jim Clark will be asked to attend in October. If Committee has specific data it would like Jim to bring to the meeting, members can request in advance

6. Assignment of Officials: Discussion re: 3-person system and the experience level and availability of experienced officials to insure that officials are skilled

- The Soccer Tournament Director was asked if a list of experienced and available 3-person officials could be shared to better assign officiating. The challenge remains that the home school's assignor will likely use officials they have employed all season.
- It is not until the state semifinal that the MIAA assigns officials, so such a list of officials would likely not be utilized.

- It was determined that the Committee would wait to learn if the TMC has input on the assigning of officials, as the discussion is relevant in other sports as well.
7. Forfeited games: The committee is concerned about the impact of forfeited games on opposing teams and their power rankings. An update will be available in October.
  8. Power Ranking Review: October
  9. State Tournament Directors Report – Jeff Newhall
    - Looking for some direction re: end of tourney locations. Regional locations worked for revenue and spectator enthusiasm.
    - Questions remain re: venue equity if other sports are playing in marquee locations.
    - Games that are canceled must be made up. Covid language has been removed and schools must play full schedule.
  10. Entering soccer infractions – we will be using formstack again this year to enter them.
    - A reminder to submit infractions to the MIAA in a timely manner.
    - The point was raised that the proposal to increase the number of cards that will impact tournament participation does not go into effect until next season IF it passes.
    - The understanding and concern is that officials have been told that they should use cards more judiciously to clean up the game with the belief that there is more leeway at the end of the regular season for student-athlete tourney participation.
    - The Committee will communicate to the membership that the rules have not changed and will only change next year if the proposal passes.
  11. Burke Incident update: to be address in executive session

**Quarterly Reports:**

12. *Coaches Report* - None at this time
13. *Officials Report* – Ric Beaudoin Rule Changes 2022-2023: See attached NFHS rule changes for 22-23

**Information:**

- a) MIAA Officials of the Year Nomination Form – more information to come
- b) MIAA Coach of the Year Nomination Form – more information to come
- c) Next Meeting Virtual- October – Vote MIAA Rule Change Proposals for 2023-25

- Next meeting will be Oct. 13th, 10am

14. Adjournment: Adjourned at 11:02 for Executive Session

Executive Session:

- Burke incident update: Burke principal and BPS AD attended a meeting this morning with MIAA staff and Soccer Committee leadership
  - Incident with player: player was suspended and has graduated.
  - Coaches' behavior: attend coach education. Remains in the position. Burke has hired an asst. coach to support the team.
  - Co-op process
- Results: Follow-up with all BPS teams to ensure appropriate site administration, adherence to and understanding of co-op rules. MIAA will continue to monitor and provide assistance to Burke, including requiring a game administrator to all home and away boys soccer games.