



# MIAA Tennis Committee MINUTES

October 23, 2023

After approval of the minutes (N. Schlierf) 11-0-0, the committee elected leadership positions:

**Chair:** Dave Bouchard (N. Schlierf, J. Linders) 11-0-0

**Vice Chair:** Nick Schlierf (D. Bouchard, J. Cutter) 11-0-0

**Secretary:** R. Gary Pina (G. Pina, D. Bouchard) 11-0-0

## **Tournament Review Spring 2023:**

- Successful tournament
- Participation was consistent with previous years, maybe slightly more students involved.
- Weather presented some challenges.
- Sites stepped up to really help solve needs.
- Seeding/cutoff worked out well; we needed every day.
- helped out
- MIT helped by offering indoor and then Endicott College came forward at last minute to help and get matches in; adjustments have been made.
- Asst. Directors, D. Bouchard and J. Quatromoni, helped manage.
- Coaches access, changeovers coaches could enter courts.

**Tournament Format, Spring 2024:** The format was presented to the committee with updates and any changes if necessary. Format was accepted with some edits (N. Schlierf, J. Cutter) 11-0-0. Other items discussed:

- USTA moved their singles tournament to Sunday,
- Stress the importance of the justification form
- Digital solutions, email to coaches, paper still at match, 24 hours in advance email, emphasize forms.
- Explore digital means.
- Emphasize 10 cans.

**USTA Partnership - Information:** R. Pearson mentioned the USTA has reached out to develop and maintain a partnership. R. Pearson to follow up with USTA.

**Individual Tennis Tournament:** The committee again discussed the individual tournament history and desire. Discussion points:

- Could be a cost to UTR for schools.
- Challenge is there is some sentiment to helping the sport, makes a difference for some individuals.

- Would take some radical development, caution for realistic approach that can be considered.
- Subcommittee, Pina, Cutter, Swett, Fogarty, Pelkey, Bouchard, Schlierf. Virtual meeting in the next 30 days

**Other**

- Rule changes next meeting

Adjournment

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates  
February 6, 2024; 10:00am Virtual

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