

MIAA Volleyball Meeting 9/28 10am

Minutes:

- Welcome from Kathleen McSweeney, introduction of members present
- Election of Officers:
 - o Chair – nominate Brian (Marc and Julie make a motion and 2nd)
 - 9 in favor
 - o Vice Chair – nominate Marc Aria (Lisa and Tom make a motion and 2nd)
 - 8 in favor
 - o Secretary – nominate Stephanie Ridolfi ()
 - 8 in favor
- Approval of May minutes – 9 in favor (Kelsey and Lisa make motion and 2nd)
- Tournament Director Reports
 - o Kathleen McSweeney thanks all that helped to assist the spring tournament and appreciates all the hard work put into getting it done
 - o Different structure for the spring than normal
 - o North Director – Brian
 - Seeding went well
 - Some scores were entered wrong but it was fixed
 - o West Director – Debbie Loomer
 - Steve P helped out as Debbie was absent
 - Everything went well
 - Westfield eventual winner
 - o Central Director – Terri Riley
 - Online seeding without Ads – went well
 - 10 teams opted in
 - L/S won
 - o State Tournament
 - Home sites up to a certain level
 - Ads did a great job hosting and handling protocols
 - Officials did great without line judges
 - Finals – Needham vs L/S – 1000 people standing room only
- Coaches Rep
 - o MGVA has been officially changed to MVCA to include the boys
 - o Clinic info is still being decided on – not sure if virtual or live
- Officials rep
 - o Officials are not responsible for masks during competition
 - o If teams do not plan to switch sides please notify officials before the match
 - o MIAA follows NFHS rules and if a league wants to change a game protocol there must be a league vote on record and then make a request to Kathleen McSweeney for the committee to take it under consideration
 - o If schools have “school policy” rules the MIAA must be notified of this policy
 - o Once the state tournament happens MIAA rules will be enforced

- Blue Ribbon Committee
- Volleyball rule was passed in the spring
 - o Last step is to go to the lawyer and have it approved
 - o Lawyers say it can not be done
 - o Moving forward the rule from the 2019 modifications and what was in place previously will be what is used in 2021
 - o Reps/Blue Ribbon/Legal will meet to look at the rule again (Carol, Jane, Tom, Pete)
 - o Suggestions to get over the hump of this rule
 - Co-ops within volleyball – first answer?
 - Promote and grow boys volleyball to create more opportunities for the boys
- Sherri Bryant – Power Rating/State Tournament
 - o 2021-2021 is a new structure, new experiences – all hands on deck
 - o Volleyball should identify successes and faults after the tournament
 - o Assignments of officials
 - Stills needs to be fixed and decided on
 - Committee is meeting to look at this
 - o TMC page on MIAA website has the tournament format/documents
 - Link to power rating will be here
 - o Score input/reporting needs to get done within 24 hrs of the game being over
- ArbiterLive
 - o Neutral site game – who is home and who is away has been a problem
- Fall Volleyball Tournament Format
 - o Seeding is November 1st – virtual or in person still be decided
 - o November 3rd will start the state tournament
 - o State Finals – 19th/20th
 - Will you need 2 days (Fri/Sat) or 2 sites to accommodate 5 divisions
- Title IX – 50th Anniversary
 - o Ways to recognize this – stickers, announcements, social media platforms
- DEI
 - o There has been a process decided on that will include an educational component
 - o This process if going before the board and being looked at to start in the winter
- Other
 - o Mask Mandate
 - Not an MIAA rule – DESE has determined this rule
 - Not the officials job to enforce the mask wearing
 - Coaches and ADs should be responsible for their district and talking to players and coaches about the DESE policy
 - If a team is not compliant a game can be played under protest
 - o Hand Shake Modification
 - Only modification from the MIAA for the fall season