



**Board of Directors Meeting
August 8, 2023**

FULL BOARD MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 11:01am.
2. Attendance: Members present – Tom Arria, Nicole Bottomley, Dave Bouchard, Brian Callaghan, Charlie Conefrey, Keith Crowley, Deb Davis, Liz Legault, Mark Miville, Jim Quatromoni, Eric Scott, Dan Shine, Stephanie Sibley, Gordon Smith, Christine Vigneaux and Linsey von Holtz.
3. Minutes of the May 17, 2023 board meeting were approved.
4. Tom Arria, Finance Committee Chair reported on their meeting. Members were informed of a new website rebuild, Jim Clark to discuss further in the full board meeting. A new Tech Director will be joining the MIAA, replacing Nancy Palie who recently retired. Spring Tournament review. Overall spring tournaments are down approximately \$50,000. Expenses have increased due to increased security, facility rentals, officials' fees. A more detailed report will be provided in September as all spring expenses should be in by then. Spring tournaments were a positive experience overall. There is an opening on the finance committee, more information to follow.
5. Executive Director Report:
 - a. The Association has signed a contract with Gravity Works for a new website rebuild. Jim Clark will be spearheading the project.
 - b. Tech Director Nancy Palie has retired. Process of replacing her with Leo Brehm who is scheduled to begin September 11.
 - c. In the process of working on an AD Standards curriculum with NESC and NFHS.
 - d. Game Officials – a letter from Rep Roy was received and forwarded.
 - e. First year of Constitution Review is underway.
6. District workshops are currently being planned to be completed by the second week of October.
7. Board members received a copy of the revised MIAA Handbook. These revisions provide a clearer way to search for rules and combining rules when necessary (see attached for detailed changes). Below changes/revisions require a Board vote:
 - a. Motion to accept rule clarification 34.4 Recognized Sports and Scheduling Limits

- i. PROPOSED BOD ACTION - delete "... except in football which runs from Saturday through Friday. Exception: Thanksgiving and Friday evening football games." (already deleted in new handbook)
 - b. Motion to accept rule clarification 45.3 Loyalty to the High School Team: Bona Fide Team Members
 - i. PROPOSED BOD ACTION – addition "The postseason officially begins the day after the cut-off date. For the purpose of this rule, the postseason officially begins the day after the cut-off date."
 - c. Motion to accept rule clarification 46.2 Only One School Sport per Season is Permitted
 - i. PROPOSED BOD ACTION – addition "Determining the halfway point of the season: Example- In the sport of ice hockey, if you had scheduled 20 games, the half season point would be at the conclusion of the 10th scheduled game on your originally committed schedule. If a team had scheduled 17 games, the half season point would be at the conclusion of the 9th game."
 - d. Motion to accept rule clarification 45.1 determining 50% of the regular season
 - i. PROPOSED BOD ACTION – addition "Determining 50% of the regular season: Example- In the sport of ice hockey, if you had scheduled 20 games, 50% would require participation in at least 10 games. If a team had scheduled 17 games, the 50% point would be 9 games."
- 8. Two new membership applications were review and approved unanimously:
 - a. Brooke Charter School
 - b. Codman Academy CPS
- 9. Sister Association communications/report:
 - a. MSSADA – finishing up process and selection for annual awards
 - b. MASC – 2 openings on the MIAA Board of Directors
 - c. M.A.S.S. – Executive Conference in July – focus remains on DEI and making resources more accessible
 - d. MSAA – Summer Institute was great success
- 10. Executive Director Bob Baldwin provided a recap of the NFHS Summer Meeting. Exciting meeting. Boston to host in 2024. Each meeting this year Bob will provide an update on progress and planning. Bob asked if any member had ideas for the National meeting to let him know.
- 11. Roll call Executive session – motion by roll call approved unanimously.