

Game Official Committee  
March 9, 2021

MINUTES

Call to Order

- Attendance
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting – [October 20, 2020](#)
    - Motion by Tom and Second by Matt to approve minutes; Dan requested amendment to his name. Vote: 6-0-0
  2. Recommended Regular Season Fees 2022-23 (*see attachment*)
    - R. Pearson presented the spreadsheet detailing 1-3% increase recommendation for regular season fees. All members noted how hard this has been for officials and the great work provided by them during the pandemic and throughout the years. Motion by M. Tropeano and seconded by D. Curran to raise the Varsity by 3% and provide the equivalent dollar amount for JV. Vote: 6-0-2
  3. 2020 Virtual Game Officials Banquet; Jan. 7, 2021
    - Great time had by all. Officials appreciated being recognized. There is a 3 minute video on MIAA site developed by students that is very positive about our officials.
  4. 2021 Game Officials Banquet, Wednesday, May 26, 2021– Seeking Nomination- [Form](#)
    - R. Pearson suggests waiting before a decision to go virtual. We may be able to run this later. D. Curran suggested prior to Labor Day. D. Fredericks noted how well it is received by officials that are recognized.
  5. Subcommittee for State Assigning
    - R. Pearson noted that we have done this in the past but he is looking for support to have a working subcommittee to address ideas and concerns. 7 members volunteered. R. Pearson to reach out and set up a meeting. SubCommittee Members – D. Curran, D. Fredericks, B. Stewart, D. Sanschagrin, T. Tarpey, C. Butterfield, A. Eisdale
  6. Open topics/subcommittee
    - Sportsmanship
      - R. Pearson noted that he wants to keep this going but that further discussions are needed. Members volunteered to provide support for this initiative. D. Sanschagrin, M. Tropeano, D. Fredericks, B. Stewart, M. Baker, W. Foley
    - Discriminatory Incident Reporting
      - D. Curran and M. Tropeano are actively involved with providing a detailed report to the committee in the near future. The work includes educating all parties as well as punishment. More to come.

7. Officials Input

- Discussion on various topics including responsibilities during the tournament, officials, etc. R. Pearson noted "higher seed" may be responsible.

8. Educational Athletics Initiatives

- Initiatives ongoing at this time.

9. Other

- Rich- Rule Change process with updates to make up of our committee.
- D. Curran – Sport Modification Committees- Why aren't game officials more involved? R. Pearson noted that all modifications started with the sports committee including officials on each committee.
- D. Fredericks - Sports Medicine Committee reviewing softball and baseball with attention to umpires behind the plate. More to come. R. Pearson noted that SMC is meeting and will approve/not approve recommendations.
- D. Fredericks- Can Leagues go against the Sports Medicine Committee decision? R. Pearson- This has not been previously discussed but discussions on safety are the most important.

Meeting Dates to Remember: *2021-22 meeting dates are TBD (early Sept. 2021)*

Adjourned at: Motion by M. Tropeano and second by W. Foley - Unanimous.