

MIAA GAME OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Minutes

Introduction and welcome by Chairperson Elizabeth McAndrews

Reminder to complete Conflict of Interest and forward to MIAA

Review of Governance document by Chair and Richard

Acceptance of 3/3/20 Meeting Minutes (Avery/Dave) 9-0-2

Election of Officers-

Elizabeth McAndrews nominated by Joe B/Liz L 11-0-0

Dave Curran nominated by Joe B/Liz L 11-0-0

Joe Baeta nominated by Elizabeth M/Liz L 11-0-0

Presentation by Tom Arria, AD at Cambridge RLS on Discriminatory Incident Report as an MIAA new reporting requirement. Discussion on presentation with support in general.

Richard suggests that a separate subcommittee be considered to develop this proposal. Discussion on utilizing 3rd party to support vetting (Northeastern Sport and Society) of this entire proposal. Richard suggested Sportsmanship Committee as well.

Motion to support the efforts for developing the form – (Dan C/Bill F) 11-0-0

Subcommittee volunteers- Dan Curran, Michael Richard and Tom Tropeano

20-21 Tournament Fees- Richard presented recommendations; function of percentage in most cases and others adjusted per MIAA; This is traditionally done in Sept. Concerns about Cross Country by Charlie- the "flat fee" is a concern. Consider sending this to the committees to review going to percentage increase across the board.

Motion to approve Tournament fee increases and move to have flat fee reviewed – (Joe B/Liz L) 11-0-0

Update by Richard on Fall and Winter Officiating- consider having winter sports officials come together and discuss. Liz L commented on decisions being made sooner than later. Dan is concerned about how officials are getting "trained" and the issue of consistency via C-19 during games. Richard in response to Liz L comment is that youth sports controls the bar/base line...MIAA have suggested discussions and youth sports are not really interested at the time of the MIAA request. The baseline is important because it will deal with the greater or less restraints for winter athletics. Liz L wants student-athletes back in for games etc. She also thanked officials for their work. Elizabeth M echoed Liz L comments about students wanting to play and be in school. Students following protocols in school.

Officials input- Charlie Butterfield-some have noted they paid dues and can't work...dues are for belonging to an organization. Support statements noted by families as to officials creating normalcy.

Chair took items out of order-

Informational items- Richard sent out ads on awards etc. Banquets will be via virtual solution bringing closure to the year. Continue to go via normal route and make changes based on C19. Essay/multimedia competitions still taking place.

Rule Change proposals 2021-2023, 46 topics/changes for discussion and cast vote online. We voted in groups of 10 questions at a time. Committee votes taken and will be forwarded.

Dave noted the prior meeting and discussions on sportsmanship that need a review. Rich will do so in the next week or so.

Adjourn until 3/9/21 at 10am

Motion to adjourn (Liz L/Dave S) 11-0-0

11:42am.