

**MIAA Sportsmanship Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022**

Attendance:

Ric Beaudoin, Derek Atherton, Peter Serino, Kevin May, William Haggerty, Kelley St. Coeur, Jesse Carpenter, Michelle Hopkinson, Meghan Patrissi, Sheila Hoffman, Steve LaForest, Donna Harrington, Peter Smith

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.
2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Derek Atherton welcomed the committee to the first meeting of the school year.

 - a. Sheila Hoffman and Steve LaForest were welcomed as new committee members.
 - b. Peter Smith reviewed the MIAA/MSAA Conflict of Interest Statement.
 - c. Peter Smith reviewed the MIAA Governance Document.
3. **Election of officers:**
 - a. Chair – Derek Atherton was nominated by Kelley St. Coeur. Approved 10-0-1.
 - b. Vice Chair – Kelly St Coeur was nominated by Michelle Hopkinson. Approved 10-0-1.
 - c. Secretary – Michelle Hopkinson was nominated by Ric Beaudoin. Approved 10-0-1.
4. **Minutes from June 14, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes by Jesse Carpenter, Second Michelle Hopkinson. Approved 11-0.
5. **Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest**

Peter Smith provided an overview of the sportsmanship essay/multimedia contest history. The theme of this year's contest is "How Do Courageous Leaders Demonstrate Sportsmanship?" The entry deadline is October 11, 2022. A subcommittee of Derek Atherton, Ric Beaudoin, Meghan Patrissi, Steve LaForest, and Michelle Hopkinson will meet on October 14 to select winning entries.
6. **Sportsmanship Summit Planning**
 - a. Schedule and Format – The committee reviewed last year's format and suggested lunch be served earlier noon or 12:15 for students.
 - b. Suggestions for workshop topics included - How to be a better partner with the community and build community spirit, focusing on the impact that students can have. Additional workshops will be facilitated by the Northeastern University Center for the Study of Sport in Society and the Anti-Defamation League. A suggestion for the adult workshop is sports psychology to help coaches address the social and emotional needs of athletes.
 - c. Award Recommendations –
 - i. William N. Gaine Jr. Sportsmanship Award – Kevin Maines, nominated by Derek Atherton, Second by Kelly St. Couer.
 - ii. Ron Burton Award - Peter Serino recommended a Celtics player. Kevin May mentioned the Celtics have a couple of home games that week and that may help with player availability.
 - iii. Nominations are requested by September 30, 2022.
7. **2021-2022 Contest Disqualification Report**

The committee reviewed the MIAA Contest Disqualification Data for the past few years. This data will be reviewed again at the end of the 2022-23 school year. The MIAA staff have updated procedures for communicating with schools when a contest disqualification form is received.

8. Spectator Behavior Discussion

NFHS has a new toolkit “Bench Bad Behavior” to address bad behavior by spectators. This information will be shared with member schools and distributed in the Executive Director’s Newsletter.

Jesse Carpenter informed the committee that Berkshire County schools have shared a list of individuals who have been ejected from games. In addition, coaches visit with the youth sports program and talk with parents and children on how to behave at events

9. MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals

The committee will meet virtually on October 18 to vote on the MIAA Handbook Rule Change Proposals. Committee members are asked to review all proposals (43 in total) in advance. The committee votes are due by November 1, 2022.

10. Other

- a. More information will be coming soon regarding the Addressing Hate in Schools Sports Partnership with the MIAA, MSAA, MASS, Attorney General’s Office, DESE,
- b. The MIAA Educational Athletics Summit will take place on October 21, 2022 at the Doubletree in Westborough from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- c. The Becoming a Student of Leadership Workshop will take place on December 2 at the MIAA office in Franklin.

11. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- a. October 14, 2022 – Essay/Multimedia Contest Judging
- b. January 12, 2023 – Committee Meeting
- c. May 16, 2023 – Committee Meeting

12. The meeting adjourned at 11:18am.