

# ***MIAA Tournament Management Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**May 23, 2023**

- 1. Call to Order – 10:00 AM by Shaun Hart**  
**Attendance –Attached**
- 2. Approval of Minutes April 26, 2023**  
**Motion to Approve (D. Newton, J. Newhall) Approved 16-0**
- 3. Outdoor Track Format additional language request –** MIAA Track Liaison K. Brouillard joined the committee to present a request for additional language in outdoor track format. Request to include language to fill the field in each event after auto qualifiers are set. This is the same terminology that appears for divisional meets on pg. 2 of the format. Conversation included discussion around numbers, qualifiers and consistency with other events (in line with unified track at the current time).  
**Motion to approve (J. Shannon, A. Linkenhoker) Approved 13-1-1**
- 4. Wrestling Committee proposal –** MIAA Wrestling Liaison P. Napolitano presented a brief overview of the proposal brought forward by the wrestling coaches' association and supported by the wrestling committee. The committee recommended to allow the top 5 of each weight class from each sectional tournament to compete at Divisional States, with no alternates. Currently, the top 4 in each weight class are entered with the 5<sup>th</sup> placer being an alternate.  

An analysis of the impact, including time (estimated 2.5 additional hours per event) and estimated cost increase (\$1,000) for each event was also shared. The committee discussed the **existing** challenge **currently** when working to secure wrestling sites, and the additional strain this change would add to venues. J. Forrest inquired as to rationale. Essentially it was noted that these participants attend the events so they should have the opportunity to participate.

**Motion to support the proposal (J. Shannon, J. Newhall) Motion does not pass 5-10-1**
- 5. Fall Formats reviewed.** The committee discussed ensuring that each format include the Cutoff date, Bracket Release date and State Final date. Reminder of the 24-hour window remains in place unless the two schools mutually agree to play within that window. The Committee also discussed the sportsmanship compliance requirements. Discussion included potential challenges to sending staff to cover contests. Committee also noted that in the current climate, staffing is needed to be sure attendees are properly managed. No change was made to the policy at this time. **Motion to approve formats (J. Newhall, S. Paine) Approved 16-0**
- 6. District Venues –** Shaun Hart led conversation regarding venue policies. The committee decided to form a venue sub-committee. Members of the committee are: S. Paine, S. Hart, A. Linkenhoker, T. Tarpey and J. Newhall. Scott mentioned utilization of GoFan data may be a helpful resource for sub-committee work. Staff will provide data for that meeting.

## **7. Statewide Tournament Feedback**

Shaun provided feedback regarding the statewide tournament questionnaire which was distributed to membership following the Annual meeting presentation.

Shaun summarized the consistent “likes” as accuracy in rankings, good competition, power rankings, equal path, and similar size opponents.

Feedback regarding areas “suggested for improvement” include officials (round assigned and neutrality policies), revisit MOV, and revisit added element in ranking formula to add weight to a win.

Committee discussion regarding the feedback resulted in additional suggestion to look at staggered sport start dates and venue policies. The committee will continue the discussion regarding venue specifications and policies as well as tournament officials’ policies at the June meeting.

Shaun noted that it likely makes sense to hold on making changes to ranking formula for one more year to utilize consistent data for future discussions regarding divisional structure, specifically as it relates to 1A tournament. J. Brown expressed concerns and questions regarding lack of understanding around 1A conversations. S. Hart and S. Bryant reminded the committee that the Board of Directors vote has 1A tournaments on hold until at least 2025.

J. DiCarlo did clarify that the Blue Ribbon Committee is not opposed to 1A tournaments. The efforts and focus have been to determine necessity in the new structure, and if the committee determines a need, then what the new 1A looks like in line with the new statewide structure (selected based on rankings, single elimination). Re-envisioning the 1A is a great conversation to be had.

**9. Next Meeting Date- June 8, 2023 @ 10:30am – VIRTUAL**

**10. Meeting Adjourned**

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Name:	Title	School	Representing:	COI		Attendance	
				Completed	Voting	RSVP	Attended
Mr. Todd Bazydlo	Principal	Shrewsbury High School	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mr. Andrew Bott	Head of School	Brighton High School	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mr. John Brown	Athletic Director	Wellesley High School	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Michael Devoll	Principal	Old Rochester Reg. High School	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Johanna DiCarlo	Athletic Director	Westborough High School	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Dwayne Early	Athletic Director	Springfield Public Schools	At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. James Forrest	Principal	Dedham High School	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Patricia Fry	Principal	Plymouth South High School	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request by email 5/18	
Mr. Adam Gagne	Assistant Principal	Whittier RVT High School	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Shaun Hart	Assoc Prin / Athletic Dir	Burlington High School	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Beverly Hugo	MASC Representative	Framingham Public Schools	MASC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request	
Dr. Andrew Linkenhoker	Superintendent	Smith Vocational and Agricultural HS	MASS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Edward Maguire	Assistant Principal	Woburn Memorial High School	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jeff Newhall	Athletic Director	Saint Mary's High School	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Richard Newton	Athletic Director	Lynn English High School	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Scott Paine	Athletic Director	Scituate High School	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David Reid	Athletic Director	Montachusett RVT High School	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Mary Ryan		(No School)	Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jared Shannon	Athletic Director	Wahconah Regional High School	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Kara Sheridan	Assistant Principal	Hampshire Regional Middle/High School	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Thomas Tarpey	Athletic Director	New Bedford High School	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Desi Vega	Vice Principal	Douglas High School	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Count of Members: 22