

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023

1. Call to Order – 10:15 AM by Shaun Hart

It was with sadness that we began the meeting with a moment of silence and reflection for our colleague, Paul Funk.

Attendance –Attached

2. Approval of Minutes March 23, 2023

Motion to Approve Approved 14-0 J. Brown, , M.Ryan

3. Fall Formats – moved to May meeting. Committee did reaffirm format calendar timeline for distribution to liaisons going forward.

4. District Venues – Shaun Hart spoke to desire for Districts to designate two venues per sport for utilization during tournament. The request would include emphasis on collaboration and support of district to run events not have burden left on shoulders of an individual. Examples of success with such a model in this year and prior year were shared. Shaun has met with MSSADA and spoke at the MIAA Annual meeting regarding this item. Shaun has also solicited individual district feedback. Johanna shared feedback from District 3 was related to need of districts for more specifics regarding expectations. Next steps to discuss with directors and liaisons to identify necessary venue attributes. Once we have guidance for districts it was suggested that perhaps a shared google sheet for folks to complete would be efficient management tool for this initiative.

5. Statewide Tournament Feedback

Shaun provided feedback regarding the statewide tournament questionnaire that was distributed to membership following the Annual meeting presentation. Shaun and Staff are working to create a readable format to share with the full committee. Overall feedback was consistent with that the committee has been hearing. Items such as protocol for assignment of officials/what round – TMC will work with game officials committee on this item. Venues and when to move to “neutral sites”. Assessment of Power Ranking/MOV scenarios for possible “tweaking” . We will await feedback from this spring season and then all of these items will be reviewed and discussed in more detail going forward.

6. Unplayed Games – The committee discussed need to better define determinations on unplayed games. The committee will solicit input from the association staff to assist in clarifying this item going forward.

9. Other- James Forrest raised discussion regarding perceived dominance of “private” schools in some tournaments. This is an item that has been discussed by the Board of Directors and membership over the years. Statewide data collection may assist in discussions going forward.

10. Next Meeting Date- May 23, 2023

11. Meeting Adjourned