

MIAA Boys/Girls Lacrosse Meeting
May 8, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 10:04
 - Attendance: Regrets: Jeff, Chris S will be late
2. Minutes from Jan. 11, 2024, Moved and Approved
 - Girls (ML. Thimas, D. O'Brien) 7-0-0
 - Boys (J. Domingos, C. Schatz) 8-0-0
3. Tournament Update from Dan Brothers
 - Message to Membership going out this week.
 - Timeline will be included:
 - Cut Off: May 27th, Bracket Release: May 29th at 2PM
 - Prelim: May 30th
 - Round of 32: May 30th - June 3rd
 - Round of 16: June 3 - June 6
 - Round of 8: June 6-8 Girls, June 7-9 Boys
 - Round of 4 (Semi's): June 10-11 Girls, June 11-12 Boys
 - Finals: June 13/14 Girls, June 14/15 Boys
4. Running Clock – Discussion
 - The running time (mercy) rule for boys' lacrosse (74.6) in the MIAA Handbook is different from the NFHS Rule for the Boys.
 - Discussion:
 - Suggestion to obtain input from officials (and coaches) to determine level of confusion currently.
 - Suggestion to submit a rule change proposal to remove it from the MIAA Handbook and request early action from the BOD.
 - Suggestion: Create a brief pre-season notice for all schools/teams/coaches/officials with common points of emphasis regarding frequent rule questions and clarifications.

MOTION (BOYS): Allow Richard to author a rule change proposal on behalf of the committee and also request the board consider instituting the change for the Spring 2025 season. (BOYS): (W. Pugliesi, L. von Holtz) 9-0

MOTION: To ask Richard to edit Rule 74 (Lacrosse Section in Handbook), eliminating rules that are in line with the NFHS to continue to clarify.
(BOYS): (D. Benson, J. Domingos) 9-0-0
(GIRLS): C. Schmidt, A. Davenport) 11-0-0

5. Coaches' Representative Reports
 - Girls Lax (Meridith McGinnis):
 - Eastern Coaches Associations submitted a rule change proposal to the NFHS to address "stop clock" at the end of 1st and 3rd quarter to be consistent with the 2nd and 4th.
 - Eastern Coaches Association would like to create a formal/uniform evaluation or feedback form for officials to be used by Coaches and Athletic Directors. Would like this information to be used to determine which officiates tournament contests.
 - The Eastern Coaches Association are concerned with overall game administration and table duties, specifically around-clock management. It would be helpful if officials would clearly show a 'stop-clock' signal when in the critical scoring area. Add this to the pre-season MIAA notice

- Boys Lax (Wayne Puglisi):
 - Coaches were excited about MOV adjustment to 7 goals.
 - Question about JV/Sub-Varsity Games: Officials seem to believe that they are running time or are dictating the decision to make a game running time. Add reminder to pre-season notice about game length unless two coaches agree (without pressure from official). Official's reps have agreed to pass along a reminder to officials.
6. Officials' Representative Report
- Girls Lax (ML. Thimas & T. Riggs):
 - Games have been very physical, specifically horizontal stick violations.
 - Start Times have been problematic. Games are starting late. Officials wish AD's would schedule the game later if they know the other team may not be able to arrive.
 - Fields have not been ready. Some are missing tables or have equipment from another sport still on the field.
 - Discussion on # of Contests. Proposal coming from Officials Association. Girls Committee will meet again virtually in a month to review prior to submitting to MIAA Rule Change Proposal.
 - Boys Lax (Daryl Benson):
 - Remind coaches/teams about eye black and solid line at midfield (add these to our preseason notice).
7. Committee Members/Structure – BOD
R. Pearson detailed information from the Board of Directors to create more clear guidelines for the structure of committees and how coach and official reps are nominated and selected. Committee members should be active in the position they represent.
8. Joint/Separate Meetings - Discussion
Members agreed that two separate committees are necessary, and meetings should be at two separate times.
9. MIAA Rule Change Proposals – FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES
NFHS Deadlines: Boys Lax 5/1/24, Girls Lax 5/15/24
MIAA Rule Changes – July 1 (should plan for June 1)
10. Other
MOTION (BOYS) to adjourn: (W. Puglisi, C. Schatz) 6-0-0
MOTION (GIRLS) to move into executive session with no intent to return: (C. Schmidt moved, K. Guillemette) 8-0-0