



## MIAA Field Hockey Committee

### Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 10.10 am by Chair Mary Ryan
  - Present: David Bouchard (2), Gary Brown (7), Karen Gomez (1), Katherine Hennessey (MASC), Mary O'Connor (9), John O'Neil (Coaches Rep), Anne Palumbo (3), Patti Rowe (Officials Rep), Mary Lou Thimas (at-large), Elizabeth York (3), Mary Ryan, Annette DiMascio (Tournament Director), Sherry Bryant (MIAA Liaison)
  - Regrets - Steve Martin (4), Ryan Murphy (4), Scott Palladino (8), Jennifer Reynolds (2), Kelley St. Coeur (7)
  - Not Present: Susan Charochak (MASS), Grace Cunningham (6), John Parisi (5), Amy Rose (5)
  - Conflict of Interest Statements signed and turned in to Sherry
2. **Elections of officers:**  
Mary Ryan - Chair  
Kathleen Hennessey - Vice Chair  
Patti Rowe - Secretary  
Motion: John O, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann P, unanimous
3. **Minutes of May 28, 2023**
  - Correction: Donna Woodcock passed away on May 8Motion: John O, 2<sup>nd</sup> ML Thimas
4. **Fall 2023 Tournament:**
  - Jim working on Brackets.... things that affect rankings, overscheduling, canceled games, and games not played.
  - Sites. Semi-finals TBA depending on teams who are still in it.
  - Finals - 4 finals at WPI November 18 (Rain November 19?)
  - 2023-2025 Alignment (2-year cycle).
  - FH removed the goggle mandate, now in alignment with NFHS rules.
5. **Field Hockey Ed Camp**
  - Lots of enthusiasm and new coaches in attendance - a success!
6. **Informational notes**
  - NFHS Changes. Jewelry now allowed, suggested that officials not approach players but speak to the coach.

- Gender Rule 43- above all must be compliant with Rule 43
    1. Way they identify
    2. Gender at birth
  - Boys league: still trying to get it started. Malden HS only registered boys' team
  - Discussion: Scorers picking up the ball after a goal or let the defense carry it in. Not let scorer enter the goal.
  - Ref Reps. Schools using it and official boards looking into it
  - District Workshop: TMC asked each school from each sport for 2 sites for the semi-finals
  - Go Fan: Ticketing- set it up
  - OCR investigations. Baseball and Hockey want what they had before power rankings - 1A tournaments
7. Next committee meeting date - December 7,2023, virtual
8. Adjournment 12:18 pm  
Motion: Patti Rowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> John O'Neil Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Patti Rowe*

FH Committee Secretary