



## MIAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Welcome
3. Minutes Approved
4. Finance Report: Tom Arria
  - Spring tournaments were down \$27,000.
  - Expenses in tournament up over \$200,000 overall for the year. MIAA budget overall will be met, despite tournament being down.
  - No change on stance regarding ice hockey officials' fees increase.
5. Executive Director's Report
  - Our job to respect to budget process with respect to the ice hockey officials. We are supporting budget processes within our member schools.
  - Pre-activity timeout- was previously proposed in the rule change process and was voted down. It is NOT required as it has not been voted in through the rule change process.
  - Regional Informational Meetings-
    - Had District 1 yesterday at Belchertown and it went well. Reviewed the remaining schedule and intent behind these meetings.
    - Summer- NFHS Summer meeting was a major success. Bob ran through success of that event.
6. New MIAA Website: Jim Clark
  - Gravity works has exceeded our expectations
  - Jim covered the website at length, including the next steps
7. Tournament Management Committee Presentation- Sherry Bryant and Shaun Hart
  - Sherry discussed the timeline of TMC being charged by the BOD with reviewing tournament and developing consistency
  - Shaun- Hot topics
    - i. Just completed 3<sup>rd</sup> year of statewide tournament. Big push to get to year three and be able to look at data over 3 year period
    - ii. Power Ranking Formula and MOV. When statewide came about, we used data to come up with MOV. Thought it was important to have our own version of the ranking's formula. Has a tremendous success rate. We have been

asked to run alternative formulas with no MOV, or only 1 pt MOV, or giving 1pt for a win.

- iii. Last year, TMC took a recommendation from Lacrosse. MOV was 10, proposal to reduce the number was adopted and approved by TMC.
  - iv. Super 8/1A Tournaments- Conversation will start on July 1, 2025 on how it would look if we were to move forward with it. We will provide definitions and terminology that have never been done before.
  - v. Alignments- In the past, teams have always had to make the same appeal every two years. The upcoming cycle, we have made the decision to leave anyone granted appeals to stay where they were granted last cycle. Over 200 appeals by this time last year.
    1. Shaun discussed the appeal process, which has two levels. Last cycle, we developed a formula to remove the subjectivity to the process. Met with every sport committee to review. At this time, I have 20 appeals. Goal is to stop the appeal process eventually. Goal is to set alignments and place teams appropriately.
8. MATCH Charter School - Approved unanimously
  9. Sister Associations
    - MSSADA- Planning 50<sup>th</sup> MSADDA Conference this spring
    - MASC- Busing situation and impact on athletic programs travel
    - MASS- Great relationship with MIAA and MASS.
    - MSAA- Mark S- summer meeting but first meeting is on Monday
  10. Other- None
  11. Move to Executive Session (Brian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deb)- Unanimous