

## Minutes MIAA Sportsmanship Committee, April 6, 2021

**In attendance:** Derek Atherton, Ric Beaudoin, Jesse Carpenter, Ryan Conway, Wesley Jackson, Kevin May, Kristen McGill-Kelly, Meghan Patrissi, Jared Scarpaci, Peter Serino, Kelley St. Coeur, Daniel Thornton, Joe Cusack, Rob Pearl

1. **Call to order:** Chris Vasta, who has served as Chair of the Committee for 2 years resigned due to a change in his role at Xaverian. The Vice-Chair, Derek Atherton assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of this school year.
2. **Minutes from last meeting:** Were approved ~ Ric Beaudoin made the motion, Jared Scarpaci 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
3. The 2020-2021 Sportsmanship Summit has been postponed until November 2021 due to ongoing venue restrictions due to COVID.
4. In the agenda for today's meeting links were shared for the Sportsmanship Essay and Multimedia contest award winners. Rob Pearl will work with the Administration from the schools for the winners to set up visits to present the plaques and checks. Committee members will be invited to attend if they wish.
5. The Ron Burton Community Service Award will be presented to the Henry Family in recognition of the work they are doing with the DJ Henry Dream Fund. Their foundation provides funding for underprivileged children and young adults throughout Massachusetts to maintain and promote healthy lifestyles through athletics and wellness programs. Rob will coordinate with Steve Burton and Derek Atherton to set a date to present the award. The Henry's will also be invited to attend the Summit in November.
6. The initial planning process has started for November. Members were asked to email names of potential guest speakers, award winners, and the essay contest topic to Rob and Donna Harrington.
7. Derek Atherton updated the committee on the work being done by the subcommittees from DEI and Sportsmanship on the Discriminatory Incident Reporting Form the committee has been working on since last October. The subcommittee is planning to present an update at the Annual Meeting and have a finished document to present to the MIAA Board of Directors in May.

8. The recent events that have been spotlighted with acts of unsportsmanlike conduct were discussed. Although most felt those issues were better handled in house, the committee would like to hear from the schools involved on lessons learned, and how to help others avoid such incidents in the future. Rob will reach out to the schools.

The next meeting is planned for June 15 at 10:00.

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