

MIAA Football Committee

October 14, 2020 - 10:00 AM

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Pignataro.

Attendees: Jim Pignataro, Tom Azeved, Steve Dembowski, Dan Bauer, Jim O’Leary, Don Heres, Paul Funk, Josh MacCreery, Jay Costa, Steve Traister, Brad Bustin, Jake Conca, Ryan Conway, Bill Fonseca, Joe Gamache, Dave Pignone, William Bryce, Scott Fry, Joe Doyle - TD (18 voting members, 1 TD)

Minutes of previous meeting on Sept. 15, 2020 were approved unanimously.

Sport Modifications Subcommittee: Richard Pearson, MIAA liaison to the football committee offered an update to the meeting held on Oct. 2. The subcommittee had preliminary discussion about possible sport modifications for Fall II but delayed detailed conversation until EEA baseline guidance is considered for the winter sports season. The Subcommittee will set another date to meet in the future.

Playoff/Season Proposal Subcommittee: The subcommittee committee met on Oct. 1 to consider playoff/tournament designs as well as regular season designs for the future. The topic was presented by MHSFCA coaches’ representative Steve Dembowski who offered a design supported by his member association. The committee asked questions and offered discussion as to their individual perspective as well as points of attention for playoff and regular season design. It was noted that the football format for the fall of 2021 is due to the TMC by March 1. It was also pointed out that this meeting discussion was preliminary with no decision or adoption of any kind by the MIAA Football Committee.

After a lengthy discussion, committee members proposed that all MIAA Football Committee members take the current proposal back to their constituents for discussion and opinion. The feedback will be forward to the subcommittee to compile and consider. It was suggested that a survey to the entire membership be sent out around the beginning of December with results reported back to the football committee at a meeting in January.

Rule Change Proposals 2021-23: The Football Committee ended the meeting by voting on the 2021-23 Rule Change proposals.

Next Meeting: A future meeting date for January will be determined by the chair and sent out to committee members.

Adjourn (Josh M, Jay C) all in favor