



MIAA Golf Committee Meeting

MINUTES

September 20, 2021

Meeting called to order – 10:01 AM

Attendance and introductions

Members present: Matthew Gillis, Thomas Murphy, Carolyn O'Donnell, Ben Kelly, Peter Jones, Jay McGilvray, Michael Fitzpatrick, Kevin Anderson, Kevin Karo, Tara Sartori, Erik Sudnik

Tournament Directors present: Joseph Rocha, James Adams, Andy Ingham, Kevin Riordan, David Keir, Mary O'Brien

MIAA Liaison: Ann Trytko

Motion by J. Gillis to elect M. Fitzpatrick as Chairperson for the 2021-22 school year.
Second by K. Karo - **APPROVED 11-0**

Motion by T. O'Brien to elect P. Jones as Vice-Chairperson for the 2021-22 school year.
Second by K. Karo - **APPROVED 11-0**

Motion by T. Murphy to elect T. O'Brien as Secretary for the 2021-22 school year. Second
by K. Karo - **APPROVED 11-0**

Motion by J. Gillis to approve minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting. Second by E.
Sudnik - **APPROVED 11-0**

Spring Tournament Reports:

Late spring tournaments and having open tournament presented some challenges. Tournament participation numbers were down and some of the best players in the state did not participate for a variety of reasons.

Fall Tournaments:

Tournament dates & locations shared. Some discussion regarding concerns over unknown size of fields for the upcoming fall tournaments due to new alignments. Could be possible to have larger fields, which would impact the tournament. Will gather data from this year and decide if should request additional divisions or other actions need to be taken.

Sportsmanship:

Must adhere to any regulations set forth by local golf courses. Only protocol is no handshakes.

Some discussion regarding concerns over very large margins of victory in some matches during the year.

New England golf championship has returned to the fall. It will be held Nov. 1 at Mohegan Sun.

Spring Tournament Format:

Page 2 should be changed to mirror the fall tournament format information.

Eliminate contacting course option under inclement weather.

Update all of the dates in the format.

Individual qualifying discussion: Current qualifying criteria states that females must shoot an average score of 95 over ten, 18-hole rounds in a calendar year. Some concerns over lack of consistency with fall qualifying criteria as well as using rounds played outside of the MIAA seasons.

If spring criteria was to mirror the fall, it would read: "Entrants in the Individual Championship from a team that does not qualify must score a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of their 9 hole rounds during the season in eleven (11) over par or better"

Motion by J. Gillis, Second by E. Sudnik -to change the qualifying criteria for spring tournaments as well as accept and approve all other changes to the Spring Tournament Format as stated above. **APPROVED 10-1**

An informal poll of tournament directors was taken regarding their opinion on the change to the individual qualifying criteria. Tournament directors voted 4-2 in favor of the change.

The next scheduled meeting is March 15, 2022.