

Attendance:

1. Call to Order at 10:04 by Rob Keuther

- a. Attendance/Introductions: Dave Keir, Sue Hendee, Rob Keuther, Rob Pearl, Bob McArdle, Tania Rich, Danny Erickson, Karen, Guillemette, Chris Schmidt, Greg Nevader, Joe Francis, Aaron Joncas Billy Terranova, Ric Beaudoin, Sean Mackin, Ted Zawada
- b. [Conflict of Interest](#) reminder

2. Review and approve minutes from [February 9, 2021](#) meeting- Bob M Motion to approve, 2nd by Billy-all in favor

3. Coaches Report- Sue-nothing to report at this time

4. Officials Report R Keuther-Nothing to report

* Ric- huge success seasons, coaches were very pleased that the players could be out on the field competing. Danny Erickson-thank you for the time/thought for the modifications, and then the revisions for Fall II.

* Maybe a rep from the Boston city schools to take the open seat on the committee.

* Asking for official registration of refs, however many are under the assumption that they do not need to be certified/registered through the MIAA to officiate state tournament games. Rob Keuther-we do not send the list to the MISOA, however you must be registered to officiate an MIAA tournament game. Rob Pearl-yes this is correct. The official is responsible for registering. Must officiate 10 high school games. Rob Pearl-the assignor in his league were in charge of doing the research of the officials for each game/tournament games, they would be responsible to check Arbitor. Danny-our AD/assignors are required to check the background on each official. This is an issue that is bigger than just officials in Soccer. Maybe this is a topic that should be brought to the Official Committee Board. Joe Francis-Rule 92.5 in handbook-the word recommend not requires. Rob Pearl-I will work with Richard Pearson on this topic, and the language that is in the handbook. ** All athletic directors should be talking to their assignors to make sure that they are in good standing ** The Soccer newsletter can include this.

* State wide interpretation meetings-this opportunity will be extended to AD's and Coaches at all levels to these meetings. This way everyone, in theory, will be getting the same information.

* What is the default going into the fall in regards to modifications-Right now there are no modifications required for any fall sports. However, like before we could get the call at the last minute for some modifications, but as of right now there is no talk about modifications.

5. Follow up from last meeting on excessive cards, ejections, etc.

* Schools that were flagged, Rob Pearl reached out to those AD's in those schools to work on a plan for these flags to be decreased. Most of the flags were excessive language.

* Barnstable-Rob reached out and had a conversation. No virtual meeting was set up, however it can if the committee thinks it should be. Danny-outreach and making them aware that the committee is aware of the number of cards.

* Rob 2nd meeting of the year we will discuss and invite those with excessive cards to have in person hearings.

6. Finalize discussion for Margin of Victory-official vote is needed by TMC

* Many sports are requesting that there is no Margin of Victory-TMC has asked the BOD to reconsider this.

* If margin of victory of play in the fall-what should the margin be (RK)

* Danny-I think we need to separate the 2 things. Margin of victory is going to be required, 3 goals as a max would be a reasonable number (I do NOT think it should be included, but if we are being asked as a committee to play by those rules I think 3 goals is reasonable).

* Sue- I echo what Danny said. Margin of victory changes your coaching philosophy in a negative way. However, if we need to follow this, then 3 goals.

* Motion by Danny-the Margin of Victory for Soccer should be capped at 3 goals. 2nd by Sean Mackin. All in favor 11-0-1

* Bob McArdle- everyone I have spoken with are against this, however 3 is a reasonable number of goals.

* Danny-want to stress that the committee originally did not support a margin of victory at all, however IF they the committee NEEDS to provide a number, 3 would be the number they would bring to the table.

7. Finalize the 2021-2022 Soccer Format

* Rob-TMC is requesting the format. If no one sees any changes then I can submit to TMC with the language that if things need to change due to state wide changes will be made.

* Rob K-we can form a sub committee to review and then a vote can be made.

* Thursday May 20 at 9am-Ric, Danny, Sue, Sean Mackin, Rob Keuther

* Katie will send out the link, and then follow up with an email to the committee with the updated format.

8. Update from Bob Keuther on appeals for division placement

* 81 appeals came through-they have been read through. Most were accepted, 6 for boys, 3 for girls that were not approved. 90% were urban schools and asked for the drop down due to participation. Those that were denied were schools that had a full roster and if they were bumped down they would have been given an advantage in the lower level. 1 school asked to move up (Ludlow from 2 to 1) which was approved.

9. Informational Items

a. [MIAA Game Official of the Year Nomination Form](#)

b. [MIAA Coach of the Year Nomination Form](#)

Arbiter-there has been a bump with negotiations with Arbiter. AD's have spent hours inputting the information into the site. Joe Francis 2nds Danny's thoughts.

10. Next Meeting-TBD (September 14th?)

11. Adjournment at 11:00