

**MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY January 23, 2018 @ 10:00 A.M**

1. Call to Order - 10:07 am

2. Welcome

a. Attendance

Jim Abel, Scott Ashworth, William Beando, Phillip Brangiforte, Keith Brouillard, Joe Cacciatore, Frank Carey, Mike Denise, Patrick Driscoll, Tass Filledes, Don Fredericks, Don Irzyk, Mike Lahiff, Dan McGarry, Bob McNamara, Craig Najarian, Thomas O'Brien, Gerald O'Connell, Marc Talbot, Doug White

Guest: Bennett Grismer

3. Minutes of October 17, 2017

Approved Unanimously 14-0

4. [2018 Baseball Format](#) - Review and Approval

Richard Pearson Reviewed

Discussion points:

Dates and Times of tournament pairings/selection

Conversation regarding TMC and Championship sites

Officials Selection - clarification as to how officials are assigned/selected: State Tournament does have a selection method

Deadline for Formats - manage, regulate, approved and submitted

DQ form for Baseball is 2016 edition ???

Only 1 Team Sportsmanship given last year

Format was approved 17-0

5. Baseball Rules Sub-Committee - Update

Tom O'Brien submitted differences of rules - NCAA rules easier to read and follow - simpler

Can a survey/vote be sent to coaches across state?

Discussion points:

Frank Carey - E-board not in favor of rule change 16-0; coaches envious of MA due to MLB Rules

Joe Cacciatore - waiting for this board to vote; looking for moving game along quicker (trips to mound, etc.)

Don Fredericks - changes should always be considered; it isn't broken

Don Irzyk - rule book not available typically towards end of season; can't implement new MLB rules immediately

Subcommittee will meet to further discuss and to attain membership feedback - chart should be sent with the survey question to coaches and umpires

Richard will send information to all baseball playing schools as needed

6. Other

Spalding is the new baseball

Next Meeting - March 14, 2018 - 10:00am

Adjournment - 11:16 am