

MIAA ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

MIAA Office, 33 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome
 - Attendance – **Present** – T. Brillo, N. Kurty, S. Paine, J. Duran, B. Ware, T. Hooton, D. Lezinski, D. Shine, R. Pearson, J. Rudzinsky, M. Hollick, K. Burke, S. Pallidino, J. Macquire, A. Furano-Foster
 - **Regrets** – J. Brown, D. Buron, C. Flahive, j
3. Coach of the Year – Coach of the Year Nomination – Deadline Friday, March 29th
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 12, 2018
 - **Minutes Unanimously Passed 13-0**
5. Overtime Request for 2019-2020 – Cape Ann League
 - David Johnson from Cape Ann League presented proposal for an overtime for Cape Ann for 2018-2019.
 - Would give exposure to players who never play overtime in regular season then are required to in tournament play.
 - 5 on 5 including goalie to start, proposal open to number of minutes of overtime session.
 - For tournament seeding purposes – game counts as tie for each team. The result would only count towards league standings.
 - Discussion of whether it should be done just Cape Ann or state-wide; concern ice time
 - If passed by Hockey Committee, proposal would still have to go to the MIAA Board.
 - Kathleen Burke made motion that we form a subcommittee to work on potential policy for overtime in regular season. **Unanimously passed.** Subcommittee – Bob Ware, Scott Paine, Allyson Furano-Foster, Paul Spear, Jim Duran, Dave Lezinski (CHAIR – Bob Ware)
6. Kathleen Burke reported on the District Management Committee – related to hockey concerns on middle school waivers and co-op programs. More the co-ops; how long they last and the number of schools that comprise a co-op.
7. Alignment Updates – Richard Pearson shared the most recent alignments:
 - Drop from Participation – Milford, North Attleborough, Quabbin Regional
 - Sharon co-op with Stoughton (Placed in Div. 2)
 - Sizer co-op with Leominster (Placed in Div. 2)
 - Tri-County co-op with Dover-Sherborn (Placed in Div. 1)
 - Worcester Technical co-op with St. Peter-Marian (Placed in Div. 1)
8. Tournament Updates – Richard Pearson reviewed the Tournament Update that was sent out on January 8, 2019 – highlighted the following:
 - Preliminary Games both Boys and Girls – at Higher Seed
 1. Discussion of formulating a checklist for host team to utilize for planning purposes. Tournament Directors will provide a checklist.

- Predetermined Sites
- Official Assignments

9. Format Discussion

- First Round Games – Higher Seed – current Hockey policy is neutral site in first round. Tournament Management Committee has all other sports with First Round at higher seed – would like hockey to follow suit. Discussion about feasibility; ice rink major concern. Richard Pearson proposed contacting 2018-2019 qualifying higher seed tournament teams and seeing hypothetically how it would work out.

10. Girls Ice Hockey

- Allyson Furano-Foster reported that discussion revolves around middle school exemptions and co-ops.
- Kathleen Burke brought up equity of scheduling time of State Final games is still an issue.

11. TMC Updates – Sheri from TMC presented

- Seeding – will use MAXPREPS starting in Fall, 2020.
- Alignment beginning in Fall, 2021
- Appeals Criteria Shared

12. Other

- Dan Shine call for volunteers for 1A Tournament Selection Committee:
Bob Ware
Dave Lezinski
Scott Pallidano
Barry Haley
Kathleen Burke
Scott Paine
Dan Shine?

Next Meeting: April 1, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.