



## MIAA Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Attendance: Ricky Andrade, Carolyn Bohmiller, Cynthia Borghesani, Dave Bouchard, Kate Breen, Glenn Doulette, Stephen Fogarty, Julie Gosselin, Bob Jampol, Michael Lucas, Linda Partridge, Patty Provost, Mike Sabin, Nicholas Schlierf, Matt Smith, Geoff Swett, Chris Warren

- Meeting called to order at 10:00am by co-chair Dave Bouchard
- Welcome/New Members/Conflict of Interest Statement
- Reviewed and approved minutes from 10-3-19 meeting

### Old Business:

- 2020 Tournament Format updates were briefly reviewed.
- Coach of the Year Nominations are due March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please consider nominating a deserving coach.

### New Business:

- Thomas Dodd, from the South Coast Wheelchair Tennis Foundation, spoke about wheelchair tennis opportunities for athletes of all ages. He will continue to provide information on upcoming clinics and events to help encourage students with physical disabilities to take up the sport and ultimately play high school tennis. Information on wheelchair tennis will continue to be posted on the tennis page on the MIAA website.
- The Statewide Tournament proposal passed last week by a vote of 193-140. There was discussion as to how the statewide tournament will impact tennis with regards to format and structure. How this change will impact tennis (and all sports) will be addressed and communicated in a timely fashion.
- Fall 2021 Alignments – There was discussion regarding when the alignment process would start and how appeals will now be addressed by a new alignment subcommittee (comprised of TMC members and sport committee members) being created this spring. Mike Lukas will attend the upcoming TMC meeting on March 17, which will address upcoming alignments and the role of the sport committees. Mike Lucas, Matt Smith, Dave Bouchard and Ron Ford have agreed to serve on the tennis alignment sub-committee, to begin looking at tennis alignments for the next alignment cycle.
- Tournament Assignor – Cynthia Borghesani has resigned as assignor after three years of service. The committee offered their gratitude for her tremendous work. A new assignor is needed for the upcoming tournament. Carolyn will contact the USTA office for recommendations on a new assignor.
- UTR Spring Pilot with Southern Worcester County- The SWCL will be piloting the Universal Tennis Ranking System (UTR) in Spring 2020. At the conclusion of the pilot, discussion will be had with regards to UTR vs. Max Preps. As it stands, beginning Fall 2020, all MIAA team sports will be seeded by the Max Preps rating system.
- The International Tennis Hall of Fame has donated 3 cases of tennis balls to be used for the State Individual and Team tournaments.

- USTA New England – Information on upcoming coaching clinics and resources as well as junior team tennis has been posted on the tennis page of the MIAA website.
- Championship Tennis Breakfast – Due to several conflicts on the scheduled date of Monday, June 15, there was discussion on potentially changing the date to the Friday prior. Stay tuned for updates on the topic.
- Reviewed upcoming MIAA Educational Athletics wellness initiatives
- Tournament Director Matt Smith inquired how the role of the tournament director will change with the approval of the statewide tournament proposal. More details will be available as the process moves forward.
- Tournament Director Bob Jampol addressed continued issues with teams scheduling matches after Memorial Day, creating the potential for multiple no contests/forfeits on the seeding date. Schools have been encouraged to leave the last week of the season open for postponed matches and rescheduling matches for the next playable date.
- The MIAA recently announced a partnership with the Teall Properties Group (TPG), a multimedia and marketing management company for high schools. TPG will seek partnerships and sponsorships for MIAA sports and tournaments. Stay tuned for further updates and information.

**Adjournment at 11:10am.**

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