

MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.**

Attendance: Dwayne Early, Peter Falkowski, Dave Shea, Steven Dubzinski, Ron Drouin, Chris Mastrangelo, John Daileanes, Will Thomas, Jeff Newhall, Rich Cormier, John Gould, Matt Trahan, Matt Marani, Bob Rodgers, Martha Jamieson, Trudy Fisher, Tony Price, Mark Donahue, Jim Reynolds, Bill Boutilier, Dave Keir, Jim Quatromoni, Keith Brouillard, Peter Smith.

Regrets: Mike Lynn, Tim Finn, Ted McCarthy, Bill Runey

2. **Minutes of January 12, 2022 Meeting**

Motion: To approve the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting (Steve Dubzinski, Jim Reynolds).

APPROVED Unanimous

3. **Tournament Planning Update**

Basketball Liaison Peter Smith and State Tournament Director Jim Quatromoni gave a presentation about updated planning for the 2022 MIAA Basketball Tournament. Presentation topics included the responses to the basketball site survey that was sent to member schools, potential state semi-final sites, and the importance of all schools entering game results and scores into Arbiter as soon as possible after the completion of a game.

A subcommittee will be meeting a few times in advance of tournament seeding to review unplayed games and requests for forfeits and no counts.

Next steps include finalizing scores and results for the Basketball Tournament Seeding release on Saturday, February 26 and communication with school administrators regarding tournament format policies and supervision expectations for games.

A discussion took place regarding the February 15 membership email announcing that semi-final round games would not be played at the TD Garden due to an uneven experience for athletes and teams competing at the same level. Bob Rodgers, Whitman-Hanson Reg. High School Athletic Director made the following motion regarding the use of the TD Garden.

Motion: To put Division 1 and 2 boys/girls qualifying teams in a hat, and Division 3, 4 and 5 boys/girls qualifying teams in a hat to select games to play at the TD Garden. The remaining games would play at the best available venues. (B. Rodgers/J. Gould) **NOT APPROVED 5-13-0**

4. **2023 Basketball Format Timeline**

The 2023 MIAA Basketball Format will be presented for discussion and approval at the next committee meeting in April.

5. **Other**

Officials Representative Bill Boutilier spoke about the importance of providing access to locker rooms for game officials.

6. **Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55am. The next meeting is scheduled on April 27, 2022.