



MIAA Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 3, 2019

Attendance: Ricky Andrade, Carolyn Bohmiller, Dave Bouchard, Tim Breen, Brian Cogswell, Glenn Doulette, Julie Gosselin, Bob Jampol, Bob Lospennato, Michael Lucas, Diana Myers-Pachla, Jameson Pelkey, Nicholas Schlierf, Matt Smith, Chris Warren

- Meeting called to order at 10:00am
- Welcome/New Members/Conflict of Interest Statement
- Election of Officers
 - Chair- Brian Cogswell
 - Assistant Chair- David Bouchard
 - Secretary-TBD
- Reviewed and approved minutes of 2-26-19 meeting

New Business:

1. Dave Fish, the Head of Development for Universal Tennis (UTR) presented on the benefit of the UTR rating system and the potential of the MIAA utilizing it in the future. Per Dave, this easy to use, free program, will help attract more potential players to high school tennis and highly benefit players, coaches and tournament directors alike. More information will be gathered going forward but the Southern Worcester County League has agreed to pilot the system in spring 2020.
2. Bob Jampol (Girls North) and Mike Sabin (Boys South) were introduced as new Individual Tennis Tournament Directors.
3. MIAA Governance Mission Statement
4. Sport Suspension Breakdown
5. The Sport Participation Survey was reviewed. Carolyn will email the committee a 5 year history of tennis participation following the meeting.
6. Coach of the Year nominations are due March 27, 2020. Please nominate a deserving coach from last season.
7. Carolyn reviewed 2018-2019 finances. The year ended slightly under budget and down 4% from the prior year. Savings were as a result of increased usage of portable units, no indoor court time, reduction in cost of tournament bag tags, and the donation of state tournament tennis balls by the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

8. Committee members were encouraged to visit the Tournament Management Committee (TMC) page on the MIAA website for ongoing updates and initiatives.
9. The new Format design, which is more streamlined and concise was reviewed.
10. The Individual and Team Tennis Formats were reviewed and approved to be sent to the TMC for final approval.
11. The committee discussed the USTA Officials pay structure and agreed officials should continue to be paid the USTA rates going forward.
12. The committee discussed and agreed with the logic of moving the Individual cutoff date from Monday to the prior Friday, allowing for more time for TD's to gather their information for seeding. This change has officially been made beginning in spring 2021. The TMC will determine this fall if it can go into effect in spring 2020.
13. Last spring's rain resulted in over two dozen no contests at the time of seeding. An email will be sent to schools in early spring emphasizing the need to reschedule any matches for the next playable date, including weekends when possible.
14. Home teams during the tournament, have the strategic benefit of determining the order of matches put out on the courts, if a site only has 3 or 4 courts. The committee decided that the order of play should remain the decision of the home team.
15. The ACT falls on Saturday, June 13th, the same day as the Individual State Tournament. The committee decided to keep the play date on the 13th and communicate to schools (via format and email) regarding the potential conflict and the need to plan accordingly. The ACT's are also being offered in April, July and September.
16. Reviewed upcoming MIAA Educational Athletics initiatives

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

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