



## MIAA Gymnastics Committee

Minutes - 10/12/21

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Kathy Ostberg -
  - a. Attendance - K. Ostberg, A. Trytko, R. Jacobsen, T. Steeves, A. Paulsen, M. Gill, A. Braun, S. Cudworth, M. Denise, J. Kelley, J. Winders, P. Chausse
  - b. Conflict of Interest/Mileage sheet were distributed - Please fill out and turn in both at end of meeting
  - c. MIAA Governance Statement - distributed for review
2. Election of Officers -

Current officers:

K. Ostberg - Chairperson  
S. Cudworth - Vice Chairperson  
P. Chausse - Secretary

Chairperson Nominations:

K. Ostberg nominated by S. Cudworth / seconded by P. Chausse - unanimously elected

Vice Chairperson Nominations:

S. Cudworth nominated by A. Paulsen / seconded by M. Denise - unanimously elected

Secretary nominations:

P. Chausse nominated by K. Ostberg / seconded by S. Cudworth - unanimously elected
3. Review of May 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes - the following changes were made:

Western MA Sectional Championships Date - 11/6/21  
Girls State Championship Date - 3/5/22  
Motion to accept as amended - M. Gill / Seconded by K. Ostberg - unanimously accepted
4. Western MA Gymnastics report (James Kelley) -

Fall season is going well, reports have been strong from coaches, amendments have been made to spectator policies at some schools

  - Kept guidance from last year regarding masks
  - Westfield HS hosting the Western MA Sectionals Championships

5. Girls Coaches Association Report (Steve Cudworth)

- Took 18 girls to Senior Nationals in FL, MA finished 2nd
- MA crowned two national AA Champions: 2021 G. Mowers (Masco) and 2020 Olivia Keys (BR) - both 2021 and 2020 seniors were able to compete this past spring
- Pre-Season Meeting - 11/2/21 @ 7p (virtual)
- Senior Superbowl Meet - 2/13/22 at O'Learys Gymnastics, Norton, MA
- State Individual Championships - 2/21/22 at Tewksbury HS
- Senior National Championships - May 2022 at Fort Myers, FL

Discussion ensued regarding:

Mask wearing - same guidance is recommended as last year for masks and chalk, when meets are at high schools;

As far as meets held at private gyms, discussion took place about the varying policies at each club.

MA schools require masks indoors per DESE, unless schools have 80% vaccination rate.

Recommendation is being made to the coaches association that masks are worn unless a competitor is competing, in which she or he would remove the mask at the event prior to saluting, and then place the mask back on when finished competing.

P. Chausse will forward the DESE guidance to S. Cudworth for review, and recommendations to the coaches association will be consistent with the DESE guidance for high schools.

6. Boys Gymnastics Coaches Report (Tom Steeves, official)

- Schedule annually released by M. Denise.  
All teams will compete against one another twice, traveling to the other four schools.
- There is discussion among the coaches and officials to modify rules for this upcoming season, as such:  
Five competitors on each event, and only three scores count since numbers are down among all teams;  
No limit to the number of events each athlete can do;  
No limit on number of athletes capable of competing AA;  
Federation rules - is there a possibility of going to Level 7 format as opposed to the NFHS format?

M. Denise will work with the coaches and officials to determine the next steps and enact the appropriate protocol to request these modifications.

Newton North will host the Boys State Championships on 2/4/22.

7. Girls Officials Report (Kathy Ostberg) -

K. Ostberg provided the attached handout which included:

- NFHS Rule and MIAA Handbook updates and timelines;
- Officials Course is being offered for new high school officials, and currently 18 people are interested in becoming officials;

- Coaches Pre-Season Meeting will be jointly held with an Officials Rules Review, again on 11/2/21, virtually at 7p.

Discussion also took place regarding the changes to Arbiter and how athletic directors will now be entering meets into Arbiter.

8. Tournament Dates and Updates –

Boys (Mike Denise) -

2/4/22 - State Championships @ 6:30p

Location: Newton North HS

Girls (Amelia Braun) -

2/26/22 - Sectional Championships - South @ 10a / North @ 3p

3/5/22 - State Championships @ 2p

Location: Algonquin Regional HS (both sectionals and states)

9. Tournament responsibilities and reconciliation -

Host School / Site Director - all tickets will be on-line, via GoFan ticketing and links will be provided by the MIAA;

Compensation will be provided as the amount of responsibilities and expectations are increased (especially re: tournament paperwork).

10. [MIAA Gymnastics Sports Page](#) -

Please review and the coaches association will hopefully set up a link with their recommendations on this page.

11. Old Business - none at this time

12. New Business - Dr. Robert Bladwin, the new Executive Director for the MIAA and MSAA came by to introduce himself to our committee.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2022 at 10:00 am (virtual) -

Motion to adjourn at 11:10a made by P. Chausse, seconded by J. Winders, unanimously approved

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