

MIAA Wrestling Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

MINUTES

Attendance: Brendan Kent, Ann Palumbo , Joe Bianca, Jeff Lareau, Mary Sokol, Steve Cullinane, Brian Brewer, Scott Connolly, Keith Crowley, Tom Angelo, John Longley, Keith Poloskey, Steve Rotondi, Paul Shvartsman, Brian Tildsley, Eric Conti, Robert Pritchett, Amy Daniels, Phil Napolitano, Katie Kampersal, Brian Urquhart, Desi Kaplan

Media- Danny Ventura Boston Herald, Eric McHugh-Ledger

1. **Call to Order** by Phil at 9:02/Turned over to chair Brendan K
2. **Minutes of October 8, 2020**
 - Any discussion-none
 - Ann motion to approve minutes, 2nd by Jeff-all in favor (13 voting members – APPROVED 13-0)
3. **New Business**
 - a. **2020-21 wrestling season**
 - Timeline- Still at EEA level 2, hoping the EEA moves wrestling to level 3 for competitions. EEA is waiting to see how football does (a few weeks) to use that data to move wrestling to level 3. This will not follow the other spring sports. The modifications will be reviewed on April 8th
 - Wrestling Modifications- discussed with committee. See Wrestling Modifications
 - b. **Future tournament structure proposals-** forming a sub-committee
 - MIAA sponsored Spring Tournament vote was specific to team sports. No indication yet about individual tournaments.
 - Future tournament structure questions
 - Question raised by Paul Shvartsman regarding a possible Team Sectional.
 - Phil – Team sectionals can be discussed, subcommittee to discuss how this would looked. At this time we are still at level 2, our biggest goal is to be moved to level 3.
 - Paul- This would cut into 1 week of the regular season, looking at how the Middlesex did their tournament.
 - Desi - is this really possible through all the sections?
 - Phil-future tournament structure proposal, need a subcommittee to look at the structure and come up with a couple different models. Please reach out to Phil if you are interested in being part of this.
 - c. **FloArena – Desi Kaplan**
 - FloWrestling bought Track wrestling. It will take a season before changes are seen. Desi is still very involved and as updates are available he will notify the committee.
 - d. **TMC Update**
 - e. **Other**
4. **Coaches Input**
 - Paul- Can an athlete play more than 1 sport (football and wrestling)
 - Phil- No, a student athlete can only play 1 sport per season, even if the seasons overlap like this year.
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5. Officials Input

- Brain T-officials are ready to go. Small concern with the electronic whistles, but they will resolve

6. COVID-19/Return to Play Resources

- Phil pointed out the links and the information being offered at each link

a. COVID-19 Task Force page

b. EEA Guidelines (updated 2/8/21)

c. FAQ (updated 2/18/21)

7. Informational Items

a. MIAA Wrestling All-State Champions 1994 through 2020

b. MIAA Girls' State Champions 2019 through 2020

8. Educational Athletics Initiatives (Virtual offerings)

a. Becoming a Student of Leadership – March 5, 2021

b. MIAA Wellness Summit- March 9-11, 2021

- Phil- any other questions?
- Robert P- what is the trend on how this is going to go?
- Phil-EEA is going to look at few weeks of football, using that DATA to hopefully “move” wrestling to level 3. Conversations with the committee have been very positive
- Phil-Myself, Brendan and Ann will be in communication as things come up, EEA communications and all other changes.

9. Meeting Dates to Remember: April 27, 2021

10. Adjournment: 10:15