

MIAA Volleyball Meeting 2/15/22 - MINUTES

- Welcome from Rich Riley (new liaison)
- Blue Ribbon/Volleyball Sub-Committee (Sherry Bryant)
 - o Topic is alive and well but progress has stalled at the moment
 - o Legal Counsel concerned about language and topic has been kicked back to committee
 - o Committee has met and continue to discuss ideas – at the moment the sub group has not come up with an idea with the language
 - o Will go back to the board in spring
- Fall State Tournament Review (Sherry Bryant)
 - o First season is over and was a positive start to the new statewide system
 - o Schools play like size schools, path to the championships is equal, same format across the state, one seeding and qualifying method for all divisions, allows teams to play if in the same division not geographically, pulls schools and ADs together to appreciate all communities, rankings coming out every week created excitement for all sports
 - o One piece of data – 54% increase in attendance at volleyball state games
 - o Debriefing and collecting information is happening and continuing to be evaluated
 - o Concerns – traveling issues, Catholic schools moving up, venues not equitable
 - o Competitive equitable tool – looking at using
- Approval of September Minutes – motion to accept minutes (Pat), 2nd (Andy) – all in favor
- Review and Approval of Spring Tournament
 - o Capacity – same as basketball and ice hockey (250, 500, 1000)
 - Motion (mark), 2nd (Pat)
 - 10 members for advisory vote - YES 5 NO 5
 - o Passing Spring 2022 format – as is YES 10
- Fall 2022 Format
 - o Motion to accept (Mark), 2nd (Patricia)
 - o Capacity discussion – lack of consistency
 - o Motion to pass as is – YES 10
- Coaches Rep – Jane/Tom
 - o MABCA Coaches Clinic March 19 at Game On Fitchburg
 - o First year with merger of girls and boys
- Officials Rep – Ted not preset, Carol will represent
 - o NFHS rule changes – Rule 3-1-3
 - Padding of equipment
 - Padding is a must and proper padding is needed to play – no pads no play (officials chair and poles)
 - Motion to accept (mark), 2nd (Patricia) – all in favor 10 members
 - Uniforms
 - 6 legal uniforms – what does the state association want to do
 - o A point is taken from the team first match or ignore it
 - o Mark makes a motion to take away a point and accept the similar NCAA rule in place, 2nd (Andy)
 - o All in favor – 10
 - 4.16 – Addresses religious hair styles

- Uniform bottoms – logo on waistband
- Indicate the captain with a C
- Coach can verbalize or signal for timeout
- 12.2.5A – Asst coaches can stand during a dead ball – our association says asst coaches can always stand
- Reardon – retiring and assigns for over 200 schools
 - Position needs to be promoted – MIAA job board can advertise
 - Some leagues will need to prepare and find an assignor
- DESE Mask Mandate
 - Feb. 28th mask wearing protocols will end, but will adhere to host schools and venue site rules
 - Communicate to any traveling team if there are any restrictions with masks
 - Masks must be worn on the bus – Federal law
- Handshake Rule
 - Jan. 25th and informational document was sent out – recommended that post game handshake should be reinstated to promote sportsmanship
 - If you shake hands you can have sanitation stations or fist bump