



MIAA Sportsmanship Committee Meeting Highlights – September 14, 2021

Nominations for Officers:

CHAIR: Derek Atherton (Hopedale)

VICE-CHAIR: Kelly St. Coeur (Ashland)

SECRETARY: *Position not filled*

All in attendance were informed about “Conflict of Interest” standards. All in attendance completed and submitted their signed forms acknowledging compliance to the committee chairs.

Welcome: Bob Baldwin was introduced and thanked the committee members for their time and dedication. He presented his visions for the Association.

Rob Pearl, MIAA Liaison, reviewed the MIAA Governance document from the Handbook as an informational item.

Derek Atherton and Rob updated the committee on the DEI/Sportsmanship Sub-Committee work on the Incident Reporting process.

The committee is being asked to review the MIAA Taunting Policy and Fan/Spectator guidelines for future discussion.

Sportsmanship Summit: The Sportsmanship Summit is tentatively scheduled for November 19, 2021 at Gillette. A decision will be made in early October to determine if the Summit needs to be postponed to the spring or held virtually due to COVID concerns.

The essay topic for the annual contest has been posted and sent to member schools. In celebration of 50 years of Title IX, the topic is “*Title IX and Sportsmanship Make High School Sports Better Because....*” Essays (500 words or less) and videos (3 minutes or less) can be submitted to dharrington@miaa.net.

Sportsmanship Promotion: The Committee would like to promote sportsmanship more by endorsing a “Sportsmanship Week” each season where schools can post positive player interactions or fan support through social media. Suggestions will be brought to Pete Smith.

The Committee also looking to collaborate and support the 50th Anniversary of Title IX initiative. Suggestions will be brought to Sherry Bryant.

Next meeting: October 26, 2021. Committee members will review and vote on essay and video submissions.

