

# ***MIAA Tournament Management Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**March 23, 2023**

### **1. Call to Order – 10:05 AM by Shaun Hart**

**Attendance** –J. Brown, M. Devoll, J. DiCarlo, D.Early, P. Funk, S. Hart, E. Maguire, J. Newhall, D. Newton, S.Paine,D.Reid, M. Ryan, J. Shannon, T. Tarpey, , S. Bryant (liaison), MIAA staff and a member of the media

### **2. Approval of Minutes February 15, 2023**

**Motion to Approve Approved 14-0 J. Brown, J. Shannon,**

### **3. Hybrid Sports**

Hybrid Sport Sub-committee chair Jim Forrest reported out to the full committee. The first meeting of this group was held. The sport committee representatives were positively receptive to the TMC request. Each sport will create a sub-group to work on requests and report back with recommendations. Biggest challenge raised by some was the need for adequate venues.

### **4. Alignments**

The winter alignment process for 2023-24 through 2024-25 has concluded. Spring proposed alignments are being released this week.

### **5. Power Rankings / MOV**

Jim Clark presented power point to the committee with overview of power ranking initiative to date. This presentation will be linked on the TMC page of the website.

### **6. Seeding Committee / Forfeits**

There has been concerned raised regarding un-played games the reporting (or lack thereof), timing of reporting, as well as determination of no-contest vs forfeit status of those contests.

TMC discussed better defining forfeit categories, such as academic ineligibility, injury, overscheduled games, and players/coaches illness. Leagues already have defined language for forfeits. MIAA could extract some language to use as a baseline, allowing for leagues to use more stringent language if they so choose. This language may need to go to the Board of Directors for approval.

### **7. Winter Feedback**

Committee members were asked to share reflections following the completion of the winter season. Comments were shared regarding additional expense to schools that travel to the island and for the island schools themselves when traveling. (D.Reid/J.Shannon) Disappointment with some venues. Are athletic directors providing accurate information regarding capacity and suitability of sites for tournament tplay. Ads that have feedback should forward to the sport liaison or Sherry. (D.Early) Perception around assignment of officials at the round of 8 level continues to be common feedback. (J.Shannon) This item is being discussed in concert with R.Peason efforts with assignors and game officials committee representatives.

Schools provided the opportunity to host round of 8 games has been awesome. Is it possible to increase monies to schools hosting. On the other side of the coin can the association consider assisting with costs of staff that travel with teams for administrative oversight? (M.Devoll)

## **8. Annual Meeting Presentation**

The Board of Director's Annual Meeting Committee has requested a TMC panel to include updates re: Statewide and Power Ranking Presentation by Jim Clark. Committee asked to provide recommendations as to items to touch upon during presentation. Group agreed power rankings have elevated excited around tournaments. The positives have been more than anticipated when building this model into statewide. Discussions and feedback around the specifics of formula were shared. There remains some questions as to why division do not count in rankings. Committee discussed best ways to communicate. It was noted that there has seemingly been more cross divisional play than has been seen in quite some time. Division does not matter, quality of program matters. Playing good teams matters. Question asked "Are there too many teams qualifying?" Should the committee look at adjusting from 50% qualifier to something higher?

## **9. Other**

Shaun has spoken to MIAA staff member P. Napolitano about opportunity to add content in current workshops for new athletic directors to include how to host events. We could consider offering stand-alone workshops going forward.

Kudos for winter tournament directors were shared throughout the meeting. We are extremely grateful to all those in the trenches that are getting it done with such professionalism.

**10. Next Meeting Date:** April 3 Sub Committee  
April 11 for full committee?

**11. Meeting Adjourned:** 11:30