

# ***MIAA Tournament Management Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**September 26, 2023**

### **1. Call to Order – 12:04 PM by Shaun Hart**

**Attendance** – T. Bazyldo, A. Bott, M. Denise, D. Early, J. Forrest, P. Fry, J. Gouvin, S. Hart, E. Maguire, C. Mastrangelo, H. Matthews, J. Newhall, R. Newton, S. Paine, K. Sheridan, T. Tarpey, S. Bryant (liaison), J. Clark (MIAA staff) and media.

**A. Conflict of Interest** forms were available to complete and return to Sherry or Deb Metcalf

#### **B. Election of Officers**

**Motion to nominate** Shaun Hart as Chair (S.Paine, D. Newton) **Approved 13-0-1**

**Motion to nominate** Vice Chair Dick Newton (S. Paine, J. Newhall) **Approved 13-0-1**

### **2. Approval of Minutes May 23, 2023**

**Motion to Approve** (S. Paine, T.Tarpey) **Approved 14-0-0**

### **3. Previous Business**

**A. Hybrid Sports** – J. Forrest will be scheduling a sub-committee meeting date to discuss moving individual sports to a Statewide Tournament model. This model gives the individual/hybrid sports the opportunity to go Statewide while addressing specific needs (qualifiers, venue needs, etc.). Conversations with sport chairs should be shared with their committee, as they work together with TMC.

**B. Tournament Format Reminders** – generally there is a lot of consistencies with formats, but further conversations will be had to remind schools that travel distance is not a consideration for higher seeded team vs lower seeded team when sites are determined. The MIAA site policy is used for setting venues, and if necessary, the Tournament Director has the responsibility of finding suitable sites.

The Tournament Entry form also includes a box that is checked when completing this form and indicates that MIAA policies are being followed. If you cannot abide by the requirements for hosting a tournament event (field conditions, lights, gate security, using GoFan ticketing, etc.) then do not click the box. Sites not equipped to properly administer a tournament event should not a host school. Another reminder is the MIAA Tournament Hosting forms are required to be submitted to receive the Host Fee.

**4. Statewide Tournament 2-Year Debrief** – no changes were made during the first 2 years to keep consistency. S. Hart shared specific feedback from each sport committee chairperson and liaison based on seasonal recap meetings held during last fiscal year. He noted there was overwhelming positive feedback. TMC committee will be addressing topics to cover over the next two months to prepare to solidify any changes to FY25 by January 2024.

S. Paine wanted to be sure that ADs are aware that when alignments were released, schools cannot appeal to move up or down after the deadlines. S. Bryant agreed, and noted this information was discussed at the recent Board of Directors meeting.

**5. Un-Played Games – Forfeits & No-Contests** – S. Bryant had discussions at district meetings reminding folks of the Association rules regarding a cancelled season, ineligible players, and overscheduled games. **There is no seeding committee ruling required on these.** Requests for forfeits and/or no-contest determinations must go through the season seeding committee process and every attempt should be made to schedule the game on the next available date, understanding that bus schedules, officials’ availability, etc. are factors that need to be considered. A formstack form will need to be submitted by participating schools to request a determination from the seeding committee.

**6. District Venues** – Shaun Hart had conversations at district meetings recently requesting schools becoming a “District Venue”. Having 2 per district would help to have sites in place before tournament time. Once all district meetings have taken place, a formstack questionnaire will be sent out to requesting interested schools provide information regarding venue attributes and capacity limits.

**9. Next Meeting Date-**

October 24, 2023 @ 10:00am – In-person

November 13, 2023 @ 10:00 am – virtual

December 13, 2023 @ 10:00am – In-person

**10. Meeting Adjourned @1:04 PM (D. Newton/S.Paine)**