

MSBOA MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Antonelli at 10:02 A.M., and the following members were present:

BOARD 25-----MARK ALFORD, PETER GUTMAN

BOARD 26----DAVE GUSTAFSON, RON PARKER

BOARD 27----RICH ANTONELLI, JACK DOYLE, MIKE HAMMOND, TOM O'CONNOR

BOARD 28----BOBBY BETSOLD, MIKE CHURCHILL, BRYAN FLUERY

BOARD 30----MICHAEL RICE

BOARD 31----JOE LAVOIE

BOARD 44----LOU LEVINE, TIM O'BRIEN

BOARD 54----PETER HANSEN, RON SCARBROUGH

BOARD 95----LARRY CAVANAUGH JR., JON LOWE, JOHN RAFFERTY

BOARD 130---BILL BOUTILIER, DAN BRYANT, MIKE MUCHMORE

BOARD 175--- NICK CASTELLONE, BILL MILLER

BOARD 208---BABE GRADY, LARY MACHIONE, RON MARTEL, RICH VITALI

A moment of silence was held for all departed and sickly members and their families.

A motion was made by Peter Hansen, seconded by Dan Bryant to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dan Bryant, seconded by Rich Antonelli to accept the Treasurers report of the November 9, 2014 meeting, with the motion carrying unanimously.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Bill Miller reported that one name was submitted for consideration to the Life Membership Committee, Jon Lowe of Board 95. Bill told the membership that the application turned in for Jon was extremely well done. A motion was made by Mike Churchill, and seconded by Babe Grady to accept the committee report, and

to advance the name of Jon Lowe for Life Membership consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Congratulations to Jon.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Jon Lowe reported that the name of Mark Alford from Board #25 was the only one submitted for the position of Vice President. With that a motion was made by Mike Churchill, seconded by Mike Hammond that a vote be cast for Mark Alford for the position of Vice President. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations to Mark.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

Babe Grady was very thankful to all, and said that there may have been some miscommunication via e-mails, but that the matter was straightened out. Babe said that once again the participation was great and that all the games got covered. Babe said that Board #54, once again contributed greatly to the success of the program in their respective area.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Incoming President Mike Churchill told us that he would be going through the committees of the State Board and would be looking for names from the respective boards in filling spots.

REGION 2 ELECTION:

Ron Martel reported that Region 2, which consists of Rhode Island and Connecticut, would be having an election with Peter Palermino, and Gary Pucino seeking a spot on the Executive Committee. It was felt at this time, since it is not Massachusetts' Region, we should wait until the Rochester meeting and invite both parties to speak to us before the votes are cast.

MIAA MEETING:

Bill Boutilier attended a meeting on April 9, 2015 and he told us that there would be a follow-up meeting on April 29, 2015, 6 P.M. at Medway High School. The meeting will focus on CORI checks for all officials, of all sports. Since there are many questions to be asked, relative to costs, what constitutes an offense that will have a negative effect on officials, etc. This issue, in effect, as said by Rich Antonelli, is a background check.

Boots also reported that relative to the tournament revenues were said to be down 4% in the Central area. The North, with the Tsongas Arena was considered good. And the South and the West, maintained. Overall attendance was said to be up by 1400 people.

Bill said that the MIAA in conjunction with the Basketball Hall of Fame is considering a Final Four weekend. Sites for the games will depend largely on how the respective teams, travel. It was mentioned that the seeding process is being looked at, and the coin-flip in particular needs to use additional or different criteria. Times for the games would be 12noon, 2:30 P.M., 5 P.M., and 7:30 P.M. Bill is trying to get appointed to the general review committee. He also spoke of "court storming" in a Central Mass. Championship game at WPI

Bill spoke of the possibility of eliminating the coaches list, and having instead a league assignors list.

Relative to three person officiating, Bill told us that the MIAA was satisfied, but reminded us that we have to improve. It was mentioned that IAABO in general needs to get younger. The revenue sharing process currently used by the MIAA will be looked at since the schools realized that they are doing all the work, and giving more than half of the money to the MIAA.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

It was mentioned that the Honig's store in Connecticut has closed. Materials are now coming from North Carolina, Michigan or Florida. We will find out more in Rochester, N.Y.

No meeting date was set, as we will be meeting in Rochester N.Y.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bill Miller made a motion to adjourn at 11:42 A.M., seconded by Bill Boutilier, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Tim O'Brien Secretary/Treasurer