

MASSACHUSETTS STATE BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2011

OPENING:

The regular meeting of the MSBOA was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by President, Bernie Beriau.

A moment of silence was observed for the departed members and friends of MSBOA

PRESENT:

BOARD 25: Mary Bradbury

BOARD 26: B. Loftus, R. Parker, T. Williams

BOARD 27: J. Doyle

BOARD 30: B. Mikolazyk

BOARD 44: L. Levine, T. O'Brien

BOARD 54: P. Hansen, R. Scarborough

BOARD 95: J. Lowe

BOARD 130: B. Boutilier

BOARD 152: B. Beriau

BOARD 175: N. Castellone, D. Farley, J. Palmer

BOARD 208: B. Grady, L. Machione, R. Martel, R. Vitali

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORTS

A motion was made by Peter Hansen, seconded by Jon Lowe to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as copied. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jon Lowe and seconded by Nick Castellone to accept the treasurers' report as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Jim Palmer, on behalf of committee members Larry Cavanaugh, Ron Martel, and Bill Miller, said that one application for Life Membership has already been received and Jim reminded us that the deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2012.

Some discussion was had relative to the guidelines for application, and it was said that the requirements listed in the IAABO book were very clear.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

Jack Doyle reported that the dates of the games to be played will be March 9th, 10th, and 11th. Jack said that the venues will remain the same, but there has been no confirmation as of yet from either Holy Cross or Assumption, Jack said that both schools are considering the possibility of making the NCAA tournament. More information will follow.

CONCUSSION

Bill Boutilier told us that it is important that officials take the on-line course relative to the symptoms of a concussion. State Law regulations require officials to take this test. We are also reminded to tell officials that when encountering a player that may be suffering from the symptoms, to use the word **distressed**, rather than concussion.

Although not a requirement, officials should be reminded to try and keep their certificates with them during the season.

MIAA BASKETBALL MEETING

Bill Boutilier reported that he and Peter Hansen attended the latest Basketball meeting of the MIAA. The 2011-2012 basketball season will allow teams to have 5 **full** time-outs and no 20 second time-outs. Bill reported that although way behind the times, schools will adhere to the uniform rule starting with the 2013-2014 season.

The subject of player disqualification came about, and the local boards are reminded to tell officials that if a player is disqualified, the proper paperwork should be filled out prior to the officials leaving the venue. Officials should also be told to make a copy of their report.

Bill stated that he forwarded a copy of the shot-clock situations to the MIAA, and is waiting for them to be posted on the MIAA web-site. We were reminded that although it is the NCAA model of the shot-clock that we follow, the shot-clock will be fully reset when the ball is kicked.

I will send an e-mail to all board secretaries asking them to forward the latest cards distributed by Donnie Eppley relative to scorers, and timers, to the MIAA.

A motion was made by Ron Scarbrough, and seconded by Jon Lowe, with unanimous passage that all boards enroll with the MIAA.

OFFICIALS VERSUS CANCER

Once again it was stated that the State of Massachusetts can do a better job relative to this cause. It was said that in some ways it was embarrassing that we didn't do a better job of raising funds. Several ideas were talked about but it was decided that each and every board must be more vigilant in their ways of garnering funds.

SURVEY

Jon Lowe supplied us with a report of his findings. It covered the different costs per boards, number of meetings, and the percentage of time spent at meetings on basketball and business. Several other items were included in the survey and kudos to Jon for his work on this project.

Under this heading a discussion was had pertaining to changing the constitution/by-laws of the State Board to include the newly created position of State Interpreter.

Larry Machione said that updates go back to the 1990's, and have never really been incorporated. Larry said that it was important to make sure that things are put in their proper place.

Lou Levine told us that the State Board constitution lacks in the area of indemnification, and is area of concern.

After much discussion Ron Martel reminded everyone that all members of the state of Massachusetts will have a vote with respect to the changes made. With that in mind a motion was made by Babe Grady and seconded by Peter Hansen that "Housekeeping" is done on the Constitution with respect to the State Interpreter.

It was decided that Bernie Beriau, Bill Boutilier, Tim O'Brien, and Ron Parker work with Lou Levine in an effort to make the appropriate changes or additions to the constitution and bring it up to snuff so to speak.

REGIONAL CLINICS

Bill Boutilier, the State Interpreter, will be lecturing on three person mechanics, and Interpretations at the three remaining venues.

They will be as follows:

November 14, 2011 at Westborough High School 7P.M. Hosted by Board 26

November 16, 2011 at Holyoke High School 7P.M. Hosted by Board 31

November 21, 2011 at Oak Ridge School, Sandwich, Ma. 7P.M. Hosted by Board 152

NOTES

The D&O was paid to the Borden Perlman Ins. Co. in the amount of \$900.00, and we also chose the three year plan so to speak. In so doing our price of will remain at \$900.00 for three consecutive years, and we will only receive an invoice rather than the D&O renewal forms.

MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the State Board was scheduled for April 15, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. to be followed by the luncheon at the Auburn Elks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

Tim O'Brien

Secretary-Treasurer

