

**MAC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 9, 2017 @ SER @ 9AM.**

**PRESENT:** Avon, BC, BH, BA, BP, Dim, Holb, OC, SH, SER, SS, TC, UC, WB, WP,  
Ron and Gail

**ABSENT:** CCT, Monomoy, Nant, NA, Kathy

**NOT-REQUIRED:** ---

1. The **meeting** was called to order by Mike at 9:01am.
2. The **Secretary's Report** was presented by Gail due to the absence of Kathy. Gail noted that Kathy put the minutes from the October 12, 2017 monthly meeting on the MAC website. **Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Matt, Second by Ed. Vote: unanimous.**
3. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Ron. Ron noted that there is one outstanding annual assessment which he has addressed. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Keith A, Second by Jay. Vote: unanimous.**

**4. Bishop Connolly update -**

Mike reminded AD's that he gave John F. a letter at the October 12th meeting requesting that the BC Principal attend today's meeting. He noted that the BC Principal isn't present today. In addition, Mike stated that BC was to present a plan for their football, golf and lacrosse programs to finish the year and that BC and Westport do a better job of communicating with each other for the betterment of the kids and the MAC.

John F. noted that BC played a JV football schedule for its last three games; that he has spoken with the Atlantis Charter School and co-opting with them isn't a viable option at this time; and that he was going to set up a meeting with his Principal, his Football Coach and the Westport AD and Principal to discuss their co-op status.

Joe M. asked if BC can receive a varsity football schedule next year. Gail stated that Article 11, Section 7 of the By-laws state: "A school that eliminates a varsity sport and subsequently re-enters the conference in that sport will return to their previous divisional alignment." Therefore per the MAC by-laws, BC will be given a varsity schedule for the 2018 season.

With regard to lacrosse, John F. asked that a Tri-op be approved with BC (host school), Westport and Durfee. It was noted that BC has 9-10 players, Westport has 4 and Durfee has 15 players. Mike added that Durfee should be the host school since they have the most players. **Motion to approve a Boys' Lacrosse Tri-op with BC, WP and Durfee. Roll-Call Vote: Yes - 1 (BC), No - 8 (BH, BP, OC, SH, SER, TC, UC, WP), Abstain - 6 (Avon, BA, Dim, Holb, SS, WB). Final Vote: 1-8-6 (Motion failed).**

**With the failure of the Tri-op vote, John F. motioned to approve a Boys' Lacrosse Co-op with BC & Westport. Roll-Call Vote: Yes - 10 (BC, BH, BP, Dim, OC, SH, SER, TC, UC, WP) No - 0. Abstain - 5 (Avon, BA, Holb, SS, WB) Final Vote: 10-0-5 (Motion passes)**

Mike concluded this discussion by noting that BC does have many viable programs, but their past issues are a concern for the MAC.

\*\*Ed requested that Agenda item # 10 New Business be discussed since he had to leave the meeting shortly. Mike granted Ed's request and noted that once this item was discussed that he would return to Agenda item # 5.

## **10. New Business -**

### **a. Non-Playoff Football Schedule -**

Matt expressed concern that AD's were losing control of who they are playing and that the non-playoff schedule is based on the strength of your team. He motioned that the MAC teams should be taken care of first. (No second to Matt's motion was made.) Ed added that in the past, this was the practice. Dan noted he was present at the meeting and that the committee tried to create a fair match-up and that they didn't want teams playing each other multiple times. Joe stated that the system doesn't work and since the MIAA doesn't seem to care about this issue that the MAC must take care of this themselves. He added that Peter and Dan did a good job with the schedule. Peter asked if competitiveness or higher seed be used as the criteria. Steve noted that WB played Hull and he wasn't aware that he had any recourse to dispute the team WB was playing or the location. Matt added that this is not an attack on the committee. It's the process that's the problem! His issue is one of "who is in control?" Joe reiterated that the schedule is our job to do and it must be arranged ahead of time.

After lengthy discussion, **Matt motioned that a committee be formed to develop a non-playoff football schedule for MAC schools, Second by Joe. Vote: unanimous.**

\*Mike asked interested AD's to meet at the conclusion of today's regular meeting to discuss this matter further.

#### **5. Atlantis Charter School -**

Mike noted that the Atlantis Charter School has again requested admission into the MAC. It was noted that Article 3, Section 7 of the MAC By-laws states: "any new school applying for full membership will be accepted by the MAC only in a year when a new alignment is being established or during a two-year review year."

Therefore, this request must be tabled until next year.

Joe informed AD's that this was discussed at the recent District meeting and it was noted that the MIAA isn't allowed to put schools into a league. He added that he requested that the MIAA form a committee to discuss the protocol involved when a school is denied admission to a league several times. Joe asked AD's to put themselves in this situation and felt that we should at least listen then decide if admission would strengthen or weaken the league. He added that the Cape and Islands League would be meeting next week and this was on their agenda. Steve felt that the MAC must look at other schools who have applied in the past for admission such as--Cape Cod Tech, South Shore Christian, Randolph, Coyle-Cassidy, Rising Tide and now the Atlantis Charter. Mike added that it would be wise to make a list of pros and cons as to why they fit. Bob noted that Catholic Schools enrollments are hurting. Ex. Sacred Heart's enrollment: 286 students. Jay felt that if we add schools that this will affect our divisional alignments and cross-overs. Joe said we have options instead of full memberships. We can grant trial memberships or specific sport memberships if it benefits the MAC.

\*It was decided that the already formed "Expansion Committee" (Ed, Steve, Jay) would meet after today's meeting to discuss this matter further.

#### **6. Family ID -**

Matt informed AD's that Family ID has been hired by the MAC at a cost of \$260 for the 2018 Spring Season. He added that the goal was to have the Executive Board create a working platform by spring.

## **7. NIAA Stipend -**

Mike informed AD's that he is unable to attend the NIAAA Conference and that Matt will be attending in his place. Gail noted that per MAC By-laws: Article 8, Section 6- "a \$700 stipend will be paid to the presiding MAC chairperson to attend the NIAAA Conference. Should the Chairperson be unable to attend, either the past chairperson who has not previously attended, the incoming chairperson or a designee chosen by the Executive Board may attend."

**Motion by Mike, Second by Jay to allow Matt to attend the NIAA Conference and to receive the \$700 stipend. Roll-Call Vote: Yes - 14 (Avon, BC, BA, BP, Dim, Holb, OC, SH, SER, SS, TC, UC, WB, WP) No - 0.**

**Final Vote: 14-0. (Motion passes)**

## **8. Coaches Education -**

Ron noted that Kathy contacted Nancy O'Neill to see if the MIAA would offer a flat rate for the Coaches Education course. Nancy responded that the fee was \$95 per coach and the numbers didn't matter. Bob suggested that the MAC pay 50% of the course fee. Mike felt that this would be a good thing to do bi-annually. Steve asked that the course be offered every two years since coaches may leave after one year. Keith A. expressed concern with "no-show" coaches. Ron stated that the cost wasn't the issue, he was concerned with equality from school to school. AD's did not have an issue with equality and were requested to get a count of interested coaches for the December meeting.

With that said, Bob's motion that the MAC pay 50% of the cost per coach for the Coaches Education Course be tabled until the December meeting.

**Motion by Bob, Second by John P. for AD's to bring the number of coaches interested in the Coaches Education course to the December meeting. Vote: unanimous.**

## **9. Old Business -**

a. Bob distributed a copy of the Cross Country Tournament results plus the EOS report to all AD's. He noted that the Tournament went well with over 200 participants. He added that he will submit a proposal at the December meeting regarding only one Coach of the Year for Boys' and one Coach of the Year for Girls' be selected for all three divisions. Matt expressed concern that there was only one trainer present at the tournament. Bob agreed and requested that in

addition to the trainer that an EMT and EMS also be hired. He added that he planned on bringing his Golf Cart to next year's tournament. Matt offered the use of two walkie-talkies. Steve agreed and added that an AED regulation would be forthcoming next year which will also need to be addressed.

b. Jay reminded AD's that the annual MAC Volleyball Classic will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6pm at Holbrook HS (not SER!). Jay added that he will email AD's the details. Admission is free! Jay will contact the VB assignor to hire an official. He will also get a trainer. Brendan noted that Holbrook will provide nets, balls, and scorers. Jay requested that AD's attend and help.

c. Mike reminded AD's that the Football Post-Season meeting will be held on Monday, November 20th at 5:30pm in the SER Administration Office; that Ice Hockey will meet at 6:30pm in the SER Administration Office and Wrestling will meet at 6:30pm in the SER Athletic Conference room in Dan's office. It was noted that Boys' and Girls' Basketball will NOT meet.

#### **10. Additional New Business -**

a. Mike informed AD's that two unsportsmanlike football issues have arisen.

1. Running up the score- Nantucket 61, Monomoy 14. It was noted that Nantucket has done this several times this season. Joe added that he did speak to Chris M. regarding this issue.

2. Use of profane language, inappropriate comments on social media, not going through "friendship line" -- OC/Monomoy football game. Steve recommended that the Monomoy administration be brought in to discuss these issues.

**\*Motion by John, Second by Joe to have the Executive Board deal with these two issues of unsportsmanlike behavior. Vote: unanimous.**

b. Bob informed AD's that his recent football game was lost because the officials walked off two penalties which took time off the clock. The score was 13-8 with 55 seconds left. He added that his coach was not given options to decline the penalty. John P. suggested that Bob forward this issue to the MIAA Football Committee.

c. Mike noted that VB and Golf have submitted their EOS reports.

d. Bob noted that Sacred Heart is looking for a Boys' Basketball coach.

e. Jay noted that Westport is looking for Freshman Girls' Basketball games.

**11. Adjournment** -

Motion by Matt, Second by Bob. Vote: unanimous.

**Reminders:**

Post meeting to discuss: 1. Expansion  
2. Non-Playoff Football Schedule

MAC Monthly Minutes Submitted by,

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