

## MAC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: THURSDAY, MAY 10 2018 @ SER

PRESENT: BC, BH, BA, BP, Dim, Holb, NA, OC, SH, SER, SS, TC, UC, WB, WP,  
Kathy, Ron, Gail

ABSENT: Avon

NOT-REQUIRED: Monomoy, Nant., CCT

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike H. at 9:03am.
2. The Secretary's Report was presented by Kathy. She informed AD's that the April 12, 2018 meeting minutes are on the website.  
**Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Joe M. Second by Mike H.**  
**Vote: unanimous.**
3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron. He noted that he emailed the April 12, 2018 report to all AD's. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Rich, Second by Joe. Vote: unanimous.**  
Ron confirmed that BH, BP, OC, and SH are the only schools using Schedule Star for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Richie Elgar/Darraugh Harlow language to be added to by-laws -  
Kathy distributed a by-law proposal regarding the Richie Elgar and the Darraugh Harlow Sportsmanship Awards. She noted that she had emailed this proposal to AD's and a vote of approval was needed.  
**Motion to approve the Elgar/Harlow by-law by Bob. Second by John P.**  
**Roll-Call Vote: Yes- 13 (BC, BH, BP, Holb, NA, OC, SH, SER, SS, TC, UC, WB, WP), No- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent-2 (BA, Dim) Final Vote: 13-0-0. Motion Passed!**

\*\* Kathy informed AD's that the recipient of this year's Richie Elgar Sportsmanship Award is a South Shore Regional Wrestler. She gave his plaque to Joe M.

5. Spring Track Meet-  
Brendan (Holb) noted that the MAC Spring Meet is set for today at SER. He reminded AD's that buses should arrive by 2pm. Bus drivers will be

directed by guides. He added that coaches will meet at 2:30 and the Meet will commence at 3pm. Kathy reminded AD's that if there's a tie, there would be a coin toss and that team would receive their awards at our next meeting. Ron questioned how the trainers would be paid. Kathy noted that she would have them sign in and Ron could forward them their stipend. It was noted that the SH trainer would be present plus two student trainers from SER.

In addition, Brendan noted that the JV Meet, held yesterday at WB, went very well and only one school wasn't present. Dan added that his coach was very happy, adding it was a positive day. Steve noted that everything was great.

**6. Cooperative Team By-Law language -**

Kathy informed AD's that she emailed some language regarding Cooperative Teams as a basis for a by-law proposal. Dan questioned who should vote on Co-ops? Mike H. felt that everyone should vote since this would be in the best interest of the league. Joe M. agreed stating that the district level appreciates a vote from the entire league. Joe added that it's would be a stronger vote if everyone votes. Kathy asked if a Co-op or Tri-op should get two or three votes or only one vote. Mike reminded AD's that the MAC is unique since there are so many schools and some only sponsor certain sports. Ed stated that AD's would be voting on the concept. There was discussion stating that we cannot make people vote, they have the right to abstain. Kathy said she would change the language to say, "Therefore when voting on Cooperative teams it is strongly suggested that all league athletic directors participate in the vote. John P. questioned if this policy would be consistent in all matters. Mike H. added that AD's have the prerogative to vote on issues they choose, further noting that Co-op votes are the most contentious votes taken by AD's. Kathy commented that there is presently some language in the by-laws (Article 9, Section 5) that ask AD's to be aware that their vote may affect finances of other schools. Matt stated that it's the AD's option to vote or not to vote. Mike H. reminded AD's of the importance in bringing numbers to the meetings, so AD's have the information needed to vote on Co-ops. Steve added that AD's should have a checklist to complete prior to the meeting and this should be included in the by-laws. Ed added that the MAC could use the MIAA form. Kathy noted

that she could not get the form since the MIAA site was down. Mike H. noted that the E-board will draft a template. Joe M. then questioned Bullet #3 stating "do we want to offer any protection to guest schools?" He added that the message should be clear that "Co-ops are a short-term deal if you are a guest school". Kathy said she would delete (not just host school) from Bullet #3. Joe M. addressed Bullet #5 stating that the enrollment of both schools is combined for Co-ops, so these schools tend to move up a Division. Mike H. noted that this is not the case with Football. Matt reminded AD's that the "grandfather clause still pertains." **Motion to draft a Co-op checklist form by John P, Second by Matt. Vote: Unanimous.** Mike added that this matter will be discussed at the June E-board meeting and a draft be presented at the June Monthly Meeting.

**7. Sacred Heart/Carver Football Co-op -**

Bob informed AD's that SH has 12 football players and Carver has 19 for a total of 31 players. He added that 7th graders would not be allowed to play football, only 8th -12th graders. He noted that Carver is aware that SH desires the Co-op in order to save their football program and once SH can stand alone the Co-op will end and SH will return to the MAC. Steve asked if SH would have a JV team and Bob replied they would not. Mike H. asked if finance was part of this decision and Bob replied that the Co-op is strictly based on numbers. Steve expressed concern that he cannot find a Week 3 game to replace SH. It was noted that Rising Tide was concerned about their players wearing uniforms with SH and Bob informed AD's that SH had planned to address this issue in the future. Mike H. noted that the Football alignment would be affected, adding that the MAC needs to know the status of Monomoy and Nantucket since the MAC could be imbalanced. **Motion by Jay to approve the SH/Carver Football Co-op, Second by Ed. Roll-Call Vote: Yes - 15 (BC, BH, BA, BP, Dim, Holb, NA, OC, SH, SER, SS, TC, UC, WB, WP), No -0, Abstain - 0. final Vote: 15-0-0. Motion passed! Reminder: BA & Dim arrived to the meeting so they both voted.**

**8. Spring schedules -**

Kathy distributed copies of the 2019 Spring Sport Schedules for B/G Tennis, baseball/softball, B/G lacrosse. Brendan noted that he will email the Spring Track schedule to Kathy once he confirms the schools which will host

meets next year. A vote to approve the 2019 Spring Sports Schedules will be taken at the June meeting.

9. Clerk/By-Law Manager/Financial Consultant job description -  
Tabled. This will be discussed at the June meeting.

10. Old Business-

- a. Joe M. requested that a **Motion be made to re-open the discussion on the rescind vote taken at the April Meeting concerning the Ice Hockey Tri-op and also that another vote be taken.** Second by Mike H. Dan questioned if this matter could be discussed again and Joe M. stated that according to Robert's Rules this is permitted. Gail indicated that the final vote was 4-7-3 and a 2/3 majority was not obtained. Dan suggested that player numbers be submitted every year and that he understands how coaches feel about this Tri-op. John P. added that Co-ops give students an opportunity to play a sport which is not offered by their school. Keith A. felt that the issue was due to the competitive imbalance, adding that MAC hockey isn't strong. Mike H. disagreed noting that UC has a good team and that sustainability is the issue, adding that larger schools have access to kids and have the ability to re-load. Bob wondered if the MAC would have this conversation if the Tri-op didn't have a winning season. Joe M. noted that their numbers are in the high range. Mike H. added that other schools could fit with BP and leave WB & SER to Co-op together. Ed noted that SER is probably getting close to being able to stand alone since their freshman numbers are increasing yearly. Joe H. added that due to the success of the program that this also attracts students. **Roll-Call Vote to rescind the vote: Yes - 4 (BH, SS, TC, UC), No - 10 (BC, BA, BP, Holb, NA, OC, SH, SER, WB, WP), Abstain - 0. Final Vote: 4-10-0.**  
**Reminder: Diman was not present for the vote. Motion failed!**

10. New Business-

- a. Joe H. (NA) informed AD's that NA was approached by Chuck Grant, AD: Millis, regarding a Football Co-op. Joe H. noted that NA has 8 interested players. Joe noted that Millis would be the host school and has already obtained MIAA approval. Mike H. requested that Joe present the number of players for each school at the June meeting,

adding that he would like the MAC to stay consistent. Joe stated that this co-op would be good for NA and he will email the numbers to Kathy.

- b. Bob informed AD's that Ray Byron (Track Commissioner) expressed concern that he only receives a stipend from three schools and asked that the MAC come up with a standard fee for his service. Ed added that this number will increase next year since more schools will have their own tracks. Bob also noted that the MAC has many tri-meets which a concern was also. It was decided that Bob will speak with Ray again regarding this matter.
- b. Dan informed AD's that at his Track Meet on Tuesday an unfortunate situation occurred when two coaches engaged in a heated discussion, using inappropriate language, in front of runners. He noted that a runner veered out of his lane and could have impeded another track runner. His coach was in charge of monitoring that zone and a video clearly shows that the runner left the lane. Dan added that since the MAC has made an effort to deal with sportsmanship that he wanted to bring this forward. Keith A. added that he spoke with his coach and was assured that this wouldn't occur again. It was noted that coaches should not be monitoring the lanes. Steve added that we pay enough officials to stay and do this. Brendan noted that there are 14 officials scheduled for today's MAC Meet so coaches do not need to monitor the zones.
- c. John P. (BP) informed AD's that BP has 6 students interested in a swimming co-op. John noted that he will keep the MAC informed.
- d. Rich (TC) informed AD's that TC has been approved for a Quad-Op for Girls' Ice Hockey in the Tri-valley League. Other schools include Bellingham, Hopkinton and Dover-Sherborn (host school).
- e. Steve informed AD's that WB will be Co-opting with East Bridgewater in Girls Ice Hockey. East Bridgewater will be the host school.
- f. Keith P. informed AD's that BA was approached by Dighton-Rehoboth to Co-op in Wrestling.

- g. Steve requested information regarding Girls Basketball Summer Leagues.  
It was noted that Old Rochester does have a program.

11. **Adjournment** -

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

MAC Monthly Meeting Minutes Submitted by,  
Kathy Swain,  
MAC Clerk  
5-12-2018