

Boys Volleyball Post Season Meeting Minutes- June 13, 2018

Meeting was started at approximately 9:25 am due to traffic issues.

Present- Tom Armour, Brian Gadaleta, Eric Maxwell, Karima McKenzie, Sharon Hughes and Tom Mullahey

A. Tournament Regulations Classifications were reviewed- Ocean Township, Middletown North, Middletown South and Old Tappan were reported as beginning Boys volleyball programs in 2019.

B. Officials and assignment of officials- Eric Maxwell asked if line judges did a good job at the state matches- he feels that they need to review how to judge lines prior to the state matches since most of them do not judge lines during the regular season. Sharon Hughes indicated that all of the line judges were varsity level officials during the state tournament play.

Also the ranking of officials was discussed- some of the coaches felt that they best officials were not assigned or seen in the “big” state matches. Sharon Hughes responded that she uses the rankings that the coaches send in to her to help assign those officials to the games. She indicated that many coaches do not send in the ranking sheets to her and that they are other factors that play into the equation- some official block themselves out of games on certain dates, some will not travel long distances, some have already officiated games involving the teams involved. – Al Stumpf stated that he is looking into a way that coaches can rank officials during the regular season to assist Sharon Hughes in getting the best officials for the state tournament games.

C. Correspondence:

1. Jeff DeYoung- Proposal to change the means in which the boys volleyball tournament is set up in the 4 sections. Detailed how it could be broken down into 4 large and 4 small school sections. After discussion it was agreed on by the committee that while this proposal had some merit, it was not feasible until the number of teams in NJ reached approx. 200 teams.
2. Vito Chiaravalloti- CBA – AD- look at separating the Non Public schools from the Public Schools in the Sections- feels that over the years that the public schools have dominated the boys championships. Discussed by committee – no action taken similar reasons to #1 above.
3. Eric Maxwell- make sure that we have enough “broken in” volleyballs for the state semis and finals. Balls this year were right out of box and were slick. Issue will be addressed for next year.

D. Seeding Meeting/4 Sections – reviewed committee members for next 2 years:

1. Pat Longo – Bayonne will replace Scott Mooney Cherry Hill East as a coaching representative because Scott is no longer coaching.

AD’s- Ron Becker – Williamstown HS will replace Karimah McKenzie – Snyder HS,

John Taylor – Irvington HS will replace Kathy McKean, JP Stevens HS

CVC Conference AD to be named to replace Matt Stone, St. Mary HS

2. As of now the rotation for the semis finals for 2019 will be- 5pm- North 1 vs. South and 6:30 North 2 vs Central. A proposal was made by Eric Maxwell to change the seeding process for the semis and finals- will be reviewed under Good of the Order.

3. There was discussion about changing the start of the matches to a later time but it was tabled after discussion about it being a school night and travel time.

E. Good of the Order

1. Eric Maxwell – proposal that the format for the volleyball in the state tournament be modified from the current best of 3 format to the best of 5 format. There was much discussion on this proposal that it would make the playoffs more exciting for the players and the spectators. Al Stumpf explained that any such proposal would need to go through the process to make the change and that the volleyball committee just could not make that change. Al Stumpf suggested that a Survey Monkey poll be taken to see if there was an interested by the state volleyball coaches to adopt this format. Al will send out the poll, he asked members of the volley ball committee to notify their associates that the poll was going to be sent out to the AD's and that coaches should inform the AD's of this.

Eric Maxwell made the following motion- That the NJSIAA allow a 2 year trial program beginning with the Sectional Finals to make the format a best of 5 match format. This would be done if the Survey Monkey indicated that the state coaches were in favor of this proposal. Seconded by Tom Mullahey – Unanimously passed. Al Stumpf explained that if the Survey Monkey poll was in favor of this that he would take it to Program Review and if they support it he would submit it to the Executive Committee for a first reading. **Because of the ending of the school year the accuracy of the survey was affected. Only 3 responses were received, Al Stumpf will re-send the survey out in September for the AD's to poll their coaches on this topic.**

2. Eric Maxwell – proposal that the seeding for the State finals be made in advance at the Seeding Meeting. The North 1, North 2, Central and South Sections would be ranked 1 to 4 by the Seeding Committee at that meeting by the strength of the Section. The understanding would be that the Section would hold the seed (1-4), even if the number 1 seed in that section gets upset. 1 would play 4 and 2 would play 3 in the Semi Final round regardless of what team from that section won the section. The winners would play in the Finals. Seconded by Tom Armour. Motion passed unanimously. Al Stumpf will advance it to Program Review for their approval before it is submitted to the Executive Committee for a first reading.

3. Sharon Hughes – asked that a page be put in the regulations for schools to submit the dates and times that their gyms were available for play in the tournament.

Dates for 2019 Boys Volleyball:

March 1 – Start of practice

March 8 – first scrimmage after 6 practices/1 rest

April 1- Opening day

May 9- Cutoff

May 14- Seeding Meeting

By May 20 – play in game if needed

May 21- First Round

May 23- Second Round

May 29- Third Round

May 31- Fourth Round

June 4 – State Semi Finals

June 6- State Finals

June 12 - Post season Meeting

Respectfully submitted- Al Stumpf NJSIAA Assistant Director – Volleyball Director.