2017 Post Season Volleyball Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2017

Committee members in attendance- Sharon Hughes, Pete Lukach, Nicole Bolash, Bev Torok, Pete Bogdan, Nancy Saggio, Tom Armour, Helen Antzoulides, Karima McKenzie, Al Stumpf

Invited Guests- Steve Fortis – AD Absegami HS, Kerry Flukey- Head Coach-Absegami HS, Brad DiRupo Coach/AD Bogota HS, Maria Nolan Coach IHA

A. Review of 2017 Tournament-
IH A won the TOC. The overall tournament ran well. Discussion also took place about playing 3 games the first week of the tournament, it was decided to continue this. Sharon Hughes spoke with many coaches who liked the idea. The Saturday of that week is an SAT Testing date, NJSIAA will make the game time start 3pm on that day. Schools can mutually agree to an earlier or later starting time.

Discussion of Legends of the Game Program- Pete Lukach asked for schools continue to submit names for consideration. Information/application available on NJSIAA Volleyball site.

Assigning of officials- discussion about how officials are assigned. First rounds- all officials who are in the chapters can be assigned because of the number of games and officials needed. There was discussion about the schools “Non Preferred” lists. Sharon Hughes said that approximately 1/3 of the schools in the tournament submitted this list for the 2017 Tournament. Some of the AD’s in the room thought that the lists they submitted to their conference assignors was sent to the NJSIAA assignor. Sharon explained that she does not get those lists. She does ask each assignor to send her a list of preferred officials for R1 and R2 assignments, although some assignors do not send in those lists. Also discussed about assigning official from the same town as the High School game they are officiating. Efforts will be made to avoid this. Officials should notify the assignor when they are assigned a game, if the official has a conflict of interest with either school in the game. NJSIAA policy is that the official must be at least 10 years removed from the school before they can accept a game.

There was also discussion about changing game days by groups to give the assignor more quality officials to assign to game – more on that later in the minutes.

It was also decided to allow each school to increase the number of officials on the “Non Preferred “ list to 4.

B. 2018 Tournament Dates
   a. Seeding Meeting- 10/23
   b. Play In game 10/25 – 27
   c. 1st Round- 10/29 or 10/30 – see chart
   d. 2nd Round- 11/1
   e. 3rd Round – 11/3
   f. 4th Round- 11/7
   g. State Finals – 11/10
1. Non Public  10:30 am
2. Group 1     12:00pm
3. Group 2     1:30 pm
4. Group 3     3:00 pm
5. Group 4     4:30 pm

C. Unless gym availability form is received the game time for Round one will be 4:30 pm
D. NJ.com will be informed that ALL PLAY IN Games must be listed on the brackets that they publish.
E. NO MORE DATE OR TIME CHANGES – After the matches are posted on Arbiter, if there are any requests made for time changes, the schools must contact the officials. If the officials have no conflicts with the time changes the change can take place. School MUST contact the tournament director so the change will be made in the ARBITER. This past year, schools made changes that the tournament director and NJSIAA were unaware of.
F. Motion was made by Bev Torok and 2nd by Pete Bogdan to amend the first round game schedule to put 2 groups on Monday and 3 groups on Tuesday. This would free up more of the better officials for assigning. The groups on Monday and Tuesday would be rotated each year. Motion was passed 7-0. Below is the rotation for the next 5 years:

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G. Discussion about sign, posters, flags, noisemakers and body paint for spectators took place rules in regard to these situations will be added to the Volleyball Regulations for 2018.
H. Seeding of the Tournament- Mr. Fortis and Kerry Flukey from Absegami HS were present to ask that the seeding procedure be explained. Mr. Armour gave a very thorough and easy to understand explanation of the seeding procedure. During this discussion it was noted that the procedure is working but that all groups in the state may not be equally represented, in 2017 the seeding committee break down was Group 4 – 5 members, Group 3 – 3 members, Group 2 – 4 members, Group 1 – 2 members and NP – 3 members. The committee in an effort to be more transparent in the process has decided to equalize all the number by having each group being represented by 5 members.
I. Motion was made by Helen Antzoulides and 2nd by Nancy Saggio – All members of the seeding committee who are coaches MUST be current and active head coaches. Motion passed 6-1

J. Al Stumpf- NJSIAA will notify all members of the seeding committee of the changes.

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Maria Nolan- Some concerns about post game pictures not being allowed behind the curtain, caused crowded hallway outside of entrance. Rationale for closing area behind curtain was presented. Al Stumpf will look into securing another area at Wm Paterson for pictures.

Suggested that some members of the seeding committee learn how to tabulate the RPI from Tom Armour. Helen Antzoulides will work with Tom to learn the process. They will meet at NJSIAA on Oct 21, 2018 at 9am, other committee members will also be invited to attend.

Nicole Bolash- Voorhees HS- Group 2 and Kerry Flukey- Absagami HS Group 3 have volunteered to join the Seeding Committee to help give input and to balance out the groups.

Submitted respectfully,

Al Stumpf
Assistant Director