

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
BASKETBALL COMMITTEE PLENARY SESSION

APRIL 8, 2015

A meeting of the MPA Basketball Plenary Committee was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office in Augusta.

MEMBERS PRESENT: KJ Anastacio, Matt Clark, David Creech, Ron Erickson, Jim Frost, Matt Lash, Ben Lothrop, Bill MacManus, Keith Morin, Jim Murphy, Tim Stebbins, Gary Stevens, Sherry St. Pierre, and Ryan Wilkins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Hart

OTHERS PRESENT: Travis Magnusson, Allan Snell, and Peter Webb.

STAFF PRESENT: Dick Durost.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. by Chair Ryan Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was MOVED (Stevens), SECONDED (Stebbins), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the minutes of October 30, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE: Oral presentations by Durost and Webb

REPORTS:

Basketball Commission: Commissioner Peter Webb reported briefly on his activities during the preseason, regular season and postseason; process of observing games, making assignments and attending the tournaments; background checks and fingerprinting; Unified Basketball; cooperation of all concerned; and rule change proposals to be considered by NFHS Basketball Committee.

Maine Association of Basketball Coaches (MABC): Travis Magnusson reported MABC concerns about the overlapping of football and basketball seasons; wondering if tournament attendance has decreased; possibility of holding all Class D quarterfinals on the same date; and MABC discussion regarding the pros and cons of five classes.

State Basketball Council: Requested that the Committee discuss the "overload" of games postponed into the last week.

MPA: Dick Durost provided a tourney recap; finances; the Unified video; and a classification update.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS: All subcommittees met and reported as follows:

Eastern BCD (Bangor): Chair Jim Frost gave the report as follows: discussion of changes in format to be delayed until fall; tournament instructions – if an ejected player leaves the arena an adult should

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accompany the player to the locker room; consider ticket sales at both the north and south entrances; send a letter before season regarding the postponement rule and consider a fine for those who violate; keep Thursday as last playable date; and keep 2 game maximum in last week.

Eastern A and Western CD (Augusta); Chair Ryan Wilkins reported as follows; send a letter at beginning of the year regarding postponement policy and would support a fine; move back to Friday as last playable date; discussed transition process for a new chair.

Western AB (Portland): Chair Gary Stevens reported as follows: emergency procedures; chair transition – perhaps an assistant chair; keep Thursday as last playable date; revise bracket page to provide clarity on play dates; and no strong feelings about postponement fine.

COMMITTEE ACTION: It was MOVED (Frost), SECONDED (Murphy) and voted with one opposed to retain Thursday as the last playable date.

It was MOVED (Frost), SECONDED (Lash), to send a preseason letter to principals and athletic administrators reminding them of the postponement policy and to initiate a \$35 fine for schools in violation.

BULLETIN: The bulletin was shared with draft dates for 2015-16.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING DATES: The next meeting was tentatively for May 8, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office if the five class proposal is approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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