

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

A meeting of the Cheerleading Committee was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ian Braun, Gerald Hutchinson, and Jim Palmer.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rick Amero, Bruce Nason, and Matthew Petermann.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Denise Gelinias and Kristie Reed.

**LIAISONS ABSENT:** Susan Hartnett and Deb Lebel.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Hutchinson/Palmer, the minutes of April 11, 2017 were UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- An e-mail with a question about potential changes to the Copyright Laws.
- A series of e-mails with questions about an athlete with two prosthetic limbs being able to compete in cheerleading.
- An e-mail discussing the location of the state championship cheering competition.
- An e-mail with a question about a private school student participating on a school's competition cheering team.
- An e-mail discussing a news story about unsafe cheerleading practices.
- An e-mail with a question about the mandatory coaches' clinic.
- An e-mail discussing cheerleader ribbons at the basketball tournament.
- An e-mail with a question about the dates of the regional and state championships.
- An e-mail with a question about selling championship apparel at the regional and state championships.

**2017-2018 WINTER CHEERLEADING BULLETIN:** The 2017-18 Winter Cheerleading Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

**COACHES' REPORT:** Ms. Reed reported the following:

- Coaches would ask that teams competing in Augusta be allowed to submit their music electronically prior to the event.

**OFFICIALS' REPORT:** Ms. Gelinias reported the following:

- There is currently an attempt being made to recruit new officials.
- Scoring Rubric – The revised scoring rubric was presented to the committee.

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- **Score Sheets** – On a MOTION by Hutchinson/Palmer, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, the committee accepted the revised score sheet that was developed cooperatively by the coaches and officials.

**OTHER:**

**Copyright Laws** – The NFHS has now released a free video discussing the copyright laws as they apply to cheer music. The committee was encouraged to watch the video prior to the next meeting.

**Cheer Safety – Extended Practice Times** – After discussion, it was determined that a member of the committee would attend the next MPA Sports Medicine Committee Meeting to discuss this issue.

**Cheering Classification** – After discussion, it was the recommendation of the committee that there not be a classification page included in the fall bulletin.

**Game Day Cheering** – There will be an exhibition competition of Game Day held this fall. A report will be provided to the committee at their next meeting.

**Co-Ed Cheering** – After discussion, it was determined that no changes would be made for those schools with co-ed teams.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Cheering Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Palmer/Hutchinson, and UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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