

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 6, 2016

A meeting of the Cheerleading Committee was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Amero, Ian Braun (Chair), Shawn Chabot, and Gerald Hutchinson.

MEMBER ABSENT: Bruce Nason.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Denise Gelinias, Susan Hartnett, Deb Lebel, and Kristie Reed.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Hutchinson/Amero, the minutes of September 19, 2016 meeting were UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file:

- A series of e-mails discussing the copyright requirements of cheer music.
- A series of e-mails discussing "Game Day" Cheering
- An e-mail with the agenda for the cheer coaches' clinic.
- A series of e-mails discussing a make-up coaches' clinic.
- A series of e-mails from middle schools with questions about cheer music.
- An e-mail with a question about the eligibility of a student attending school with a superintendent's agreement.
- An e-mail with a question about the requirement that a team must cheer at 50% of the games.
- An e-mail with a question about a middle school student participating with the high school team.
- An e-mail with a question about coaches' eligibility.
- An e-mail with a question about a student being allowed to participate on a neighboring school's cheer team.
- An e-mail from a school that will not be competing this coming year.
- An e-mail discussing the compliance form that all schools are required to submit.
- An e-mail with a question about copyright laws and the videotaping of a routine.
- An e-mail discussing the photos sold at the cheer championships.
- An e-mail with a question about alternates.

REGIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The materials for the 2017 Regional and State Cheer Championships were reviewed and updated.

COACHES' REPORT: No report.

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OFFICIALS' REPORT: Ms. Hartnett reported the following:

- All training sessions have now been completed.
- Will work with these schools that must attend the make-up clinic for coaches.
- Would request that a "Help Wanted" ad be placed in the cheer program.

NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION: The qualifications for advancement to the New England Cheering Championships were reviewed and updated.

OTHER:

Cheer Music – All schools have received a copy of the compliance form that must be completed prior to the championships.

Game Day Cheering – After discussion it was the wish of the committee to place this topic on the next agenda.

Elevation of Judges – It was determined that once again the judges would be elevated and that the seats directly behind the judges would be marked "obstructed view."

Sportsmanship Award – After discussion it was determined the awarding of the Sportsmanship Banner would continue as it has been done in the past.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Cheering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Amero/Hutchinson, and VOTED UNANAMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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