A meeting of the Cheerleading Committee was held at the MPA office on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ian Braun, Jim Palmer, and Matthew Petermann.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gerald Hutchinson and Bruce Nason.

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Petermann/ Palmer, the minutes of April 2, 2018 meeting were UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A copy of the cheerleading report presented at the MPA Spring Conference.
- A series of e-mails discussing the mandatory rules clinic and the date of the make-up clinic.
- An e-mail with a question about a 5\(^{th}\) year senior participating on a spirit squad.
- An e-mail with a question about an athlete wearing an ear piercing prescribed by a medical professional.
- An e-mail discussing concerns about injuries sustained by cheerleaders due to over use and extended time practices.

**REVIEW OF BULLETIN:** The 2018 Fall Bulletin and Coaches’ Manual, along with the 2018-19 Winter Cheering Bulletin and Manual, were reviewed and updated.

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

- Asked that a six-minute warm-up be provided to teams at both the regional and state championships.
- Asked that cheerleaders be allowed to bring water and healthy snacks into the Cross Center in Bangor.
- Asked that the committee develop a statement about what is allowed on the competition mat during warm-ups. This statement should prohibit team tumbling.

**OFFICIALS’ REPORT:** Ms. Gelinas reported the following:

- She would continue to work with the training of new officials but that she would not be judging at this year’s championships.
- All officials have been notified that prior to the 2019-20 season all officials must have been fingerprinted.
The officials are currently working and developing a conflict of interest statement.
- Starting this season coaches will be able to nominate officials for the regional and state championships.
- Training for new officials will begin on October 28

**OTHER:**

**50% Rule** – Tabled to the next meeting.

**Cheer Safety** – Continued conversations with the MPA Sports Medicine Committee regarding extended time practices, consecutive days of practice, and injuries occurring due to repetition.

**Game Day Cheering** – After discussion it was decided that a “Game Day Exhibition” would be held in the fall.

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**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** On a MOTION by Nason/Hutchinson, and SUPPORTED 3-0-1, Ian Braun was elected as chair of the Cheerleading Committee for the coming year.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Cheering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Petermann /Nason, and VOTED UNANAMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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4/30/18