

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 28, 2017

A meeting of the Cheerleading Committee was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Amero, Ian Braun, Gerald Hutchinson, Bruce Nason, Jim Palmer, and Matthew Petermann.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Denise Gelinis, Susan Hartnett, and Kristie Reed.

LIAISONS ABSENT: Deb Lebel.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Hutchinson/ Petermann, the minutes of September 21, 2017 meeting were UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail with a question about live-streaming the regional championships.
- An e-mail with a question around the music copyright laws and how it relates to cheer music.
- An e-mail with a question concerning an athlete with prosthetic legs.
- An e-mail with a question about the MPA Sport Season Policy.
- An e-mail discussing Game Day Cheer.
- An application from Monmouth Academy and Winthrop High School to form a cooperative cheerleading team. On a MOTION by Hutchinson/Palmer, the application was UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED.

REGIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATERIALS: All of the schedules, handouts, and materials for the regional and state championship competitions were reviewed and updated. It was requested that the judges in Bangor not be placed on a high riser but rather on a riser at the same level as in Augusta. It was also determined that the committee and the official scorer be moved to the end of the mat to protect the integrity at the scoring.

COACHES' REPORT: Ms. Reed reported the following:

- The coaches would ask that they be allowed to send an electronic copy of their music, similar to the Bangor site, to the company in Augusta that provides music.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Ms. Gelinis and Ms. Hartnett reported the following:

- Coaches and officials have now been trained on the new scoring system.
- The assignment of officials for the upcoming championships is now underway.
- There are a number of schools that must attend a make-up rules clinic.

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NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION: The location of the 2018 New England Championships has not yet been finalized. Once it is determined it will be forwarded to all cheer schools.

OTHER:

Music Copyright Update – After discussion, it was determined that the same process used in 2017 will be utilized for the 2018 championships.

Game Day Cheering – UCA has offered to host a coach and an official from Maine to observe a Game Day Cheering Event.

Cheer Safety – After discussion, it was determined that a member of the MPA Sports Medicine Committee would be invited to the next meeting to discuss cheer safety concerns.

Bona Fide Team Rule – There seems to be an increase in the conflicts between a school's cheering team and participation on All-Star teams.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Cheering Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Petermann /Palmer, and VOTED UNANAMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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