

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

A meeting of the Cross Country Committee was held on Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Hogan (Chair), Ron Ericson, and Mark White (GoToMeeting).

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Blair Marelli.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Jorma Kurry (GoToMeeting) and Glendon Rand.

**MEET DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Dave Jeffrey.

**MEET DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Mike Griffin (written report).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Bisson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:28 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of August 9, 2017 were read and reviewed. On a MOTION by White/Ericson, the minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence was shared with the committee.

**REVIEW OF 2017 CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Regionals –

- Overall- good event. Schools and runners represented themselves well. Facility was in excellent condition. MPA reps were professional. Support personnel did a good job.
- Timing- only one issue. Class A girls- computer seeded race in heats. Results were delayed.
- Improvements: Finish chute extended. PA system placed by tall grass area between red shelter and start line. Powered by generator. Better communications for teams and spectators.
- Attendance - beautiful day - large crowds. Do not know if Parking and Shuttle Bus was an issue.
- Medical support - good communications with "follow" vehicle and finish line athletic trainers (EMS). \*\* Boy from Class A race found on wood trail "unconscious" and EMS personal sent to support. Boy was eventually transported to hospital per parent request.
- Race schedule: 35 minutes between each race difficult to maintain given several runners completed course in over 40min. \*\*Suggest 45min in future South Region\*\*

State –

- Overall - Excellent event. Again, all support personal did an outstanding job.
- Course: considering the rain during the week- the course was in excellent condition.
- Timing - Girls Class A slightly delayed.
- Attendance- another beautiful day- **larger crowds than regional**. Car Parking was a issue--- along Tuttle Road and Harris Rd. Do not know if Parking Lot and Shuttle Bus was an issue.
- Medical support - again good communications with "follow" vehicle and finish line athletic trainers (EMS). \*\* Boy from Class A race was eventually transported to hospital per parent request.
- **Race schedule: worked well with the long period between Girls and Boys Class race and the longer period between Classes.**
- Portable toilets by the start line at Twin Brook. Concerned that 6 portable toilets aren't enough.

New England Championship – Comments were that the guests from other states liked the course and the meet went very well. As always, there is a concern with the congestion at the start.

**2018 REGIONAL/STATE MEET SITES:**

Northern Regional Championships – Troy Howard Middle School, Belfast  
Southern Regional Championships – Twin Brook, Cumberland  
State Championships – Troy Howard Middle School, Belfast

**COACHES' REPORT:**

- A request for the chest number to be personalized with the event title and the numbers in black.
- There will be a Cross Country Coaches Clinic on November 17 and 18, 2017 at USM. Glendon will forward any information from the coaches on to Mike Bisson to share with the committee.

**REVIEW OF 2018 BULLETIN:** The Cross Country bulletin was reviewed and updated for the 2018 season.

**OTHER:** None.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by White/Hogan, the meeting was UNANIMOUSLY adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson  
Assistant Executive Director