

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2016

A meeting of the Cross Country Committee was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBER PRESENT: Ron Ericson, Rick Hogan, and Blair Marelli.

MEMBER ABSENT: Joseph Gallant.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Jorma Kurry and Glendon Rand.

MEET DIRECTOR PRESENT: Dave Jeffrey.

MEET DIRECTOR ABSENT: Mike Griffin.

STAFF PRESENT: Gerry Durgin.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. The meeting was moderated by Rick Hogan. On a MOTION by Ericson/Marelli, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to have Rick Hogan serve as the Committee Chair.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Marelli/Hogan, the minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gerry Durgin shared the following correspondence:

- An email that was sent to the cross country coaches regarding the decision to reschedule the North and South Regionals and the South site (Twin Brooks) was brought forth. A review of the decision and timing of the decision was reviewed as well as the ramifications of the email, the MPA's position, and some of the difficulties that were created.

REVIEW OF 2016 MEETS - REGIONALS AND STATES:

Both the North and South sites and their site directors did great jobs in hosting and directing the 2016 meets.

- It was brought forth that the "uniform rule" was extremely flexible.
- Coaches were concerned about the postponement of the Regional Meets.
- Mr. Durgin and the ENTIRE Cross Country Committee will review / inspect other courses in Southern Maine.
- Coaches were pleased with the awards ceremonies.
- Cross Country coaches are quite upset about the special treatment that some sports receive regarding the "hands off period".

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2017 REGIONAL MEET SITES:

North Regional - - October 21, 2017

Troy Howard Middle School, Belfast
Dave Jeffrey, Director
989-4140, djeffrey@breweredu.org

South Regional - - October 21, 2017

TBD
Mike Griffin, Director
mgriffin@msad15.org

State Championship - - October 28, 2017

TBD
Mike Griffin, Director
mgriffin@msad15.org

New England Championships - - November 11, 2017

Troy Howard Middle School, Belfast
Dave Jeffrey, Director
989-4140, djeffrey@breweredu.org

2016 NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS: No Report.

REVIEW OF BULLETIN: The bulletin will be reviewed and the dates changed. It will then be emailed to the ENTIRE committee for review.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In Class A, THE CUTOFF NUMBER SHOULD BE SET AT 660 FOR THE NEXT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Durgin
Assistant Executive Director

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