A meeting of the MPA Field Hockey Committee was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Amy Ashley, Melissa Barter, and Gordie Salls.

LIAISONS PRESENT:  Donna Jordan and Sue Weatherbie.

LIAISONS ABSENT:  Kim Boothbay-Downing.

GUEST:  Jeff Benson, Commissioner of Officials.

STAFF PRESENT:  Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  On a MOTION by Ashley/Barter, the minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE:  The field hockey correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:  Voting is currently underway.  The teams selected will be notified and invited to a state championship game.

REVIEW OF SITE PACKET:  The site packet was reviewed and updated.

- The committee assignments for the regional championship games were discussed.

COACHES’ REPORT:  Ms. Jordan reported the following:

- There is a concern that scorers at games are not being objective.
- There is a concern about small roster sizes in many schools.  There are a number of schools that no longer sponsor JV programs.
- There is a concern from the coaches that the same officials are doing the same games year after year.

OFFICIALS’ REPORT:  Ms. Weatherbie reported on the following:

- All three official’s boards will have held their tournament meeting by the end of the week.
- There is currently a Mentoring Program in place in Southern Maine, and the other two regions are looking at developing a similar program.

OTHER:  The following topics were discussed:
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Orange T-Shirts: Orange t-shirts are not going to be provided for the championship games. With the cold weather that often occurs at the games, the shirts are covered by warm coats.

Coaches’ Passes: All varsity coaches have been issued a pass allowing them to attend a regional or state game without needing to pay admission.

Orange Balls: With the marketing on many of the turf fields it is often times easier to see an orange ball instead of a white ball.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Field Hockey Committee was scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Barter/Ashley, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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