

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

AUGUST 7, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Field Hockey Committee was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

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

LIAISONS PRESENT: Kim Boothbay-Downing and Donna Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Ashley/Barter, the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A series of e-mails discussing the NFHS Goggle Rule.
- A series of e-mails discussing the Northern Maine Officials' Assignor position.
- A series of e-mails discussing the NFHS rules interpreter position.
- An e-mail with a question about the date and rotation of the state championship games.
- A series of e-mails discussing the move of a school from varsity to junior varsity.
- An e-mail to the NFHS informing them of the change in rules interpreter in Maine.
- A series of e-mails discussing the mandatory rules clinics for coaches.

REVIEW OF 2018 FIELD HOCKEY BULLETIN: The 2018 Field Hockey Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

COACHES' REPORT: Ms. Jordan reported the following:

- The summer All-Star game raised \$2,100 for Camp Sunshine.
- The MFHCA coaches' clinic will be held this coming weekend at the University of Maine, Orono.
- A topic of discussion will be how to deal with declining numbers in field hockey.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Ms. Boothbay-Downing reported on the following:

- Reviewed the 2018 Field Hockey Rule Changes.
- Discussed the changes that have recently taken place in Northern Maine, as well as with the state rules interpreter.
- That with the resignation of the president of the MFHCA resigning, the vice president will fill that role until the next board meeting.
- Cindy Place will be the new field hockey rules interpreter. She has held the first rules clinic at Husson College and will also be holding clinics in Gorham, Gardiner, and Orono.
- The dates for all three play-days have been set and officials that are not able to attend the play-day in their area may attend another play-day.
- The MFHCA will require all officials to be fingerprinted starting with the 2018 season.
- Field Hockey officials will now be doing the electronic testing through the NFHS.

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OTHER: The committee discussed the following items:

Goalie Acclimatization: The proposal for goalie acclimatization was UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED at the MPA Spring Conference and that the language has been included in the field hockey bulletin.

Date of First Scrimmage: There was discussion about the language as to when a team may hold their first scrimmage and that there should be consistency with other sports.

Length of Season: The committee reviewed the discussion about the length of the season and the conflict with other sports if the season were extended by a week.

MPA Sports Medicine Committee: There was discussion about teams not wearing eye protection during practices and pregame warm-ups. The issue will be brought forward to the Sports Medicine Committee.

League Schedules: With the availability of officials being an issue on certain days, it is crucial that leagues work together to try and avoid playing on the same day.

Classification: Tabled to the last meeting of the year.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Field Hockey Committee was scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Ashley/Barter, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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