

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2017

A meeting of the MPA Field Hockey Committee was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Bell and Paula Callan.

MEMBER ABSENT: Gordon Salls.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Kim Boothbay-Downing and Donna Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Bell/Callan, the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A series of e-mails discussing overtime procedures used in other states.
- An e-mail discussing field hockey goalie acclimatization.

REVIEW OF REGIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: All the championship games went well. A special thanks to Hampden Academy, Thornton Academy, and Falmouth High School for hosting. It was recommended that announcer guidelines be made available at all sites.

COACHES' REPORT: Ms. Jordan reported the following:

- The field hockey coaches are appreciative of the MPA pass that is provided.
- Would ask that the goggle rule be clearly stated in the bulletin.
- Would ask that goalie acclimatization be outlined in the bulletin.
- Scheduling, especially three-game weeks, continues to be a concern.
- The MFHCA held their recognition banquet this past weekend.

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

- There are not enough officials to cover certain dates during the season.
- The goggle rule will change in 2019.
- The officials will now be taking the rules exam online.
- The Northern Maine and Central Maine Play-Days will take place on August 18, 2018.
- The Southern Maine Play-Day will be held on August 20, 2018.
- Beginning in 2018, all field hockey officials will be fingerprinted.

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

OTHER: The committee discussed the following items:

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Goalie Acclimatization: The coaches presented a draft of recommended goalie acclimatization.

Length of Season: After discussion, it was determined that the possibility of extending the field hockey season would be a topic between the field hockey coaches and their athletic administrators. If the administrators support extending the season, then the committee will look at the issue again.

League Schedules: After discussion, the committee recommends that all leagues communicate with each other to avoid scheduling games on the same days.

Playoff Schedule: The playoff schedule was adjusted with the semifinal game being moved from Friday to Saturday.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: On a MOTION by Bell/Callan, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, Gordie Salls was selected as the chair of the committee for 2018. Paula Callan and Steve Bell were recognized for their outstanding service on the Field Hockey Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Field Hockey Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Bell/Callan, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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