A meeting of the MPA Field Hockey Committee was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Ashley and Melissa Barter.

MEMBER ABSENT: Gordie Salls.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Kim Boothbay-Downing and Donna Jordan.

GUEST: Sue Weatherbie.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Ashley/Barter, the minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS: Voting for sportsmanship awards is currently underway. Winners will be notified prior to the championship games and the presentation of the banners will take place during halftime of a state championship game.

SITE PACKET: The 2018 field hockey site packet was reviewed and updated. Coverage at the championship games was determined.

COACHES’ REPORT: Ms. Jordan reported the following:

- The overtime procedure was discussed at the coaches’ meeting and coaches would like to continue with penalty corners.
- Declining enrollment in schools continues to be an issue. Would suggest that the committee have a conversation about allowing schools, particularly the small schools, with playing with less than 11 players to start the game.
- Cooperative teams continue to be an option that many schools are exploring.
- Coaches still feel that the season is too short and would like to see it expanded.

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

- Recognized Cindy Place as the new field hockey rules interpreter and the great job she did in that role.
- Each officiating board will hold their post-season meeting within the next few days.
- The yellow card interpretation caused some confusion during the regular season.
- There was a concern raised from the officials regarding an athlete wearing a facemask during a game.
The Officials' Advisory Committee is currently working on developing a conflict of interest statement to be used by all official groups.

The overtime procedure will be reviewed at all post-season meetings.

Ms. Weatherbie reported the following:

- Will release the names of recommended officials to all of the assignors.
- An unused time-out may be used during penalty corners.
- Will coordinate the assignment of officials for all regional and state championship games.
- Will review the overtime procedure with those officials working championship games.

OTHER:

Classification: Tabled to the next meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Barter/Ashley, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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