

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2016**

A meeting of the MPA Field Hockey Committee was held on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Bell, Paula Callan (Chair), and Gordon Salls.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Kim Ballantyne and Donna Jordan.

**GUEST PRESENT:** Sue Weatherbie.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Bell/Salls, the minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail with contact information for the field hockey officials.
- An e-mail from a school offering to host the regional or state championship games.
- An e-mail from the NFHS with information about the 2016 Field Hockey Rules Book.
- An e-mail from a school expressing concern about the number of players in their field hockey program.
- A series of e-mails pointing out errors in the 2016 field hockey bulletin.
- An e-mail discussing the availability of the NFHS rules exam.
- An e-mail describing an error in the field hockey Heal Points.
- An e-mail discussing the date of a make-up game.
- An e-mail discussing the rules regarding overtime games.
- A series of e-mails discussing tournament eligible officials.
- An e-mail with a question about the 2017 field hockey dates.
- An e-mail discussing the game balls for the regional and state championship games.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF HEAL POINTS:** The Heal Points were reviewed and finalized.

**MPA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:** The dates for schools to vote for the sportsmanship award were discussed.

**2016 FIELD HOCKEY SITE PACKET:** The site packet was reviewed and updated.

**COACHES' REPORT:**

- There is a concern about the lighting at Hampden Academy.
- The Coaches' Association is preparing for the end-of-the-year awards that are given.

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**OFFICIALS' REPORT:**

- The Southern Maine officials have purchased radios that will be used at the regional championships.
- All boards have held their post-season meetings.
- The officials would, once again, like to have a "Help Wanted" ad in the regional and state championship programs.
- There is a concern that some athletes may not be wearing legal goggles.
- Ms. Weatherbie discussed the assignment of officials for the upcoming tournaments.

**OTHER:** The committee discussed the following items:

**NFHS Network:** Once again, the field hockey championship games will not be live streamed by the NFHS Network. An attempt to find another group to stream the games will be made.

**Sports Medicine Update:** At the last MPA Sports Medicine Committee meeting there was a discussion about the need for field hockey goalies to go through acclimatization period similar to that of football players.

**Classification:** Tabled to the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Field Hockey Committee was scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Bell/Salls, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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