

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 23, 2017

A meeting of the MPA Football Committee was held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at the MPA Office at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Babin, Dan Clifford, Susan Robbins, and Brendan Scully.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Dan O'Connell and Allan Snell.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: On a MOTION by Babin/Robbins (3-0-1), Brendan Scully was elected as chair of the MPA Football Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Babin/Robbins, the minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

REVIEW OF HEAL POINTS: The football Heal Points were reviewed and finalized.

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

- An e-mail with a question about reconditioning football helmets and shoulder pads.
- A series of e-mails discussing a request for schools to provide the model of helmet the school wears.
- An e-mail discussing a resolution sent by the NFHS regarding Friday night football.
- An e-mail with a question about forming a cooperative team.
- An e-mail with a question about the use of Heal Points in football.
- An e-mail from a school discussing low participation numbers on their football team.
- A series of e-mails discussing football helmet research.
- An e-mail with a question about having medical personnel at football games.
- An e-mail discussing the use of video to review plays.
- An e-mail discussing the behavior of a team at a recent football game.
- An e-mail, along with a video, discussing an issue that occurred at a recent game.
- An e-mail discussing the ejection of a player from a recent game.
- An e-mail discussing games with lopsided outcomes.
- An e-mail discussing a school's list of recommended officials.
- An e-mail with a question about the championship game at the University of Maine.
- An e-mail regarding corporate sponsorship of the State Football Championships.
- An e-mail with a question about the Class E Playoffs.

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- An e-mail discussing an incident at a recent game.

REVIEW OF CHAMPIONSHIP MATERIALS: The packet of information provided to teams at the championship meet was reviewed and updated.

COACHES' REPORT: Mr. O'Connell reported the following:

- There are a number of questions about the development of the 2018 schedules.
- There are many schools, because of low participation numbers, not able to field JV teams.
- Schools would like to have more time for acclimatization.
- There is a concern about Class "D" and Class "E" crossover games.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Mr. Snell reported on the following:

- The official assignments made by each board.
- The process of nominating officials for the state championship game as well as being able to identify two officials that a school would prefer not to have work their games.
- A possible rule regarding a 40-second clock.
- Six football rules clinics were offered this Fall. There were 20 schools that did not attend one of the clinics.

OTHER:

Preseason Acclimatization: While many schools did hold a scrimmage on the first Saturday of the preseason there were also many that chose to scrimmage the following Monday.

Football Classification: The MPA Classification Committee will be discussing factors other than enrollment during the coming year. They would welcome feedback for the Football Committee.

Television Coverage: WABI will, once again, be providing television coverage of all four of the championship games. Start times and time outs will be coordinated at all games.

Championship Official Assignments: Mr. Snell provided an overview of how the assignment of officials at all championship games was determined.

Sportsmanship Voting: Sportsmanship voting will take place the week after the regular season ends. Schools receiving a sportsmanship banner will be invited to attend a championship game to receive their banner.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Football Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

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ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Clifford/Babin, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Burnham
Assistant Executive Director

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