

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

AUGUST 8, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Football Committee was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Clifford and Brendan Scully.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Lower and Susan Robbins.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Dan O'Connell and Allan Snell.

GUESTS: Ralph Damren, NFHS Football Rules Committee.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tabled to next meeting.

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

- An e-mail from Wilson Sporting Goods announcing a discount on training footballs.
- An e-mail from the North Dakota High School Athletic Association outlining how they determine football classification.
- An e-mail with a question about an age requirement for high school football officials.
- An e-mail discussing the 2018 NFHS Football Rule Interpreter meeting.
- An e-mail notifying each state association that the Adidas Adizero 5-Star Spikes were non-compliant with the 2018 NFHS Football Rules.
- An e-mail discussing football classification for the 2019 and 2020 seasons.
- An e-mail with a question about the continuation of a conditioning program during the hands-off period.
- An e-mail from an individual interested in officiating football.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING SEASON:

Cooperative Teams: On a MOTION by Clifford/Scully, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, the following cooperative teams were approved for the 2018 season:

- John Bapst Memorial High School / Bangor Christian Schools / Penobscot Christian School - Class C North.
- Winthrop High School / Monmouth Academy / Hall-Dale High School – Class D South.
- Mattanawcook Academy / Lee Academy / Penobscot Valley High School – Class D North.

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- Boothbay Region High School / Wiscasset High School – Class E

Mandatory Rules Clinics: There will be six rules clinics offered to coaches and officials at various locations in Maine.

Regular Season Scheduling: There were a number of changes made to the regular season schedule but all schools now have a schedule.

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

- There has been some pushback from coaches regarding the regular season scheduling, but coaches also realized that the current year is the second year of the current classification cycle.
- Most coaches feel that the E-Class has been successful.
- Mr. O'Connell will continue to stress to coaches about the importance of communicating with their athletic administrators.
- The 2018 Lobster Bowl was outstanding. Foxcroft Academy and Thornton Academy were great hosts and over \$100,00 was raised for the Shriners Hospital.
- The coaches' clinic will be revised for the coming year to help train youth coaches.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

Mr. Snell reported on the following: There are currently 259 football officials in Maine with 228 of those being working officials.

Mr. Damren discussed the 2018 NFHS Football Rule Changes.

REVIEW 2018 FOOTBALL BULLETIN: The 2018 Football Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

OTHER: The following items were discussed:

8 or 9-Man Football: After discussion, it was determined that the committee will start the process of developing an 8-man football class.

Classification: The committee discussed the possibility of using factors other than enrollment in the classification of football. The committee asked that each football league be asked to provide feedback regarding classification.

Sideline Passes: Table to next meeting.

Sports Medicine Committee: After discussion, it was determined that there were no issues to take forward to the Sports Medicine Committee.

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NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Football Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Clifford/Scully, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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