

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

A meeting of the MPA Ice Hockey Committee was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Fuller, Susan Pilote, and Robert Riley.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill MacManus and Bruce Nason.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Chris Downing, Ray Levesque, Dennis Martin, and Mike Pleau.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Burnham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Fuller/Pilote, the minutes of May 13, 2016 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail discussing possible expansion of tournament teams.
- An e-mail with a question about approval of a cooperative team.
- A series of e-mails discussing an issue with a coach.
- An e-mail with a question about the dates of the girls' ice hockey season.
- An e-mail asking for support in bringing a large ice hockey tournament to Maine.
- An e-mail with a question about students attending one school and playing ice hockey for another school's team.
- A series of e-mails regarding the ice hockey dates for the coming year.
- An e-mail with a question about the color of tape on the socks.
- An e-mail with questions about the possibility of a team not being able to field a team for the coming season.
- An e-mail from a school notifying the committee that they would be sponsoring a team this season.
- An e-mail with a question about a team wearing a commemorative patch.
- A memo from the NFHS outlining the ice hockey rule changes for the 2016-17 season.

**REVIEW OF 2016-2017 BULLETIN:** The bulletin was reviewed and updated.

**COACHES' REPORT:**

**Girls:** No new issues to report. Coaches did have question about the mandatory rules clinic.

**Boys:** No new issues.

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**OFFICIALS' REPORT:**

- There is a concern that officials may not be willing to work a school's games because of an ongoing issue with the school's coach.
- Because of the relatively few rule changes, the officials recommend not having mandatory rules clinics.
- Ray Levesque's contact information has changed.
- Ray will be working with new officials as part of a training program.
- There is still a shortage of ice hockey officials in Maine. The Maine Ice Hockey Officials have recently started a recruitment program with USA Hockey.

**OTHER:** The following items were discussed:

- **Girls' Season Dates:** After discussion it was determined that the girls' season would continue to begin two weeks prior to the boys' season.
- **Ice Hockey Sportsmanship:** The committee tabled this issue until after the season when they would review the number of ejections as well as the reasons for those ejections.
- **Hobey Baker Award:** It was the feeling of the entire committee that all schools should take part in this outstanding program.


**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- ✓ Ice Hockey Sportsmanship
- ✓ Championship Venues

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Ice Hockey Committee was scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Pilote/Fuller, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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