

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

A meeting of the MPA Ice Hockey Committee was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Fuller, Rob O'Leary, Bruce Nason, Susan Pilote, and Robert Riley.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Ray Levesque and Mike Keaney. A request was made that Jamie Belleau, Lewiston High School, be added to the committee as an NFHS Liaison.

**GUESTS:** Norm Gagne, Edward Little High School.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Burnham.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** On a MOTION by Fuller/Pilote (4-0-1), Bob Riley was elected chair of the committee for the 2017-18 school year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Fuller/Pilote, the minutes of May 11, 2017 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A series of e-mails discussing the formation of a cooperative team.
- An e-mail from a school requesting to play in a higher classification.
- An e-mail discussing research done regarding head injuries in ice hockey.
- An e-mail from NFHS discussing upcoming rule changes.
- An e-mail from Mr. Dennis Martin informing the committee that he would no longer be serving as the coaches' liaison to the committee. Mr. Norm Gagne would now fill the role as the boys' coaches' liaison. The committee thanked Mr. Martin for his years of service.

**REVIEW 2017-18 ICE HOCKEY BULLETIN:** The 2017-18 Ice Hockey Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

**COACHES' REPORT:** No report.

**OFFICIALS' REPORT:**

Mr. Keaney reported on the following:

- The 2017-18 rule changes that will be covered at the coaches' clinic.
- The first meeting of the ice hockey officials will be held on November 19 and that the group will hold three meetings during the season. Officials are required to attend at least two of the three meetings.
- There is currently a shortage of ice hockey officials, especially in the northern part of the state.

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- The date of the mandatory rules meeting for coaches will be Sunday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. at Lewiston High School. The make-up clinic will be held electronically on Wednesday, November 1.

Mr. Levesque reported the following:

- Requested that he be provided with an updated list of athletic administrators.
- He indicated that the 2017-18 season will be his last year as the assignor.

**2017-18 SCHEDULES:** The committee heard a report on the scheduling meeting that was held last Spring.

**COPERATIVE TEAM APPLICATIONS:** On a MOTION by Fuller/O'Leary (5-0), the following cooperative team applications were approved:

**Boys:**

- Cony-Hall-Dale-Monmouth
- Kennebunk-Wells
- Maranacook-Winthrop-Madison
- Massabesic-Bonny Eagle-OOB
- Old Town-Orono
- Skowhegan-Lawrence-MCI
- Waterville-Winslow
- Houlton-Hodgdon-So. Aroostook-Katahdin
- Leavitt-G/NG-Oak Hill-Poland
- Marshwood-Traip-Sanford-Noble
- Mt. Ararat-Lisbon-Morse
- Portland-Deering
- South Portland-Waynflete-Freeport
- Windham-Westbrook

**Girls:**

- Biddeford-Thornton-Wells
- Cheverus-Kennebunk
- Gorham-Bonny Eagle-Massabesic
- Lewiston-Monmouth-Oak Hill
- Portland-Deering
- Yarmouth-Freeport
- Cape-Waynflete-South Portland
- Edward Little-Leavitt-Poland
- Greely-G/NG
- Mt. Ararat-Morse
- Winslow-Gardiner
- York-Traip-Marshwood

**PLAYOFF QUALIFICATION:** There was discussion about the possibility of the top eight teams from each region advance to the post-season tournament.

**OTHER:**

**Girls' Season Dates:** There was a discussion about the possibility of moving the start of the girls' season forward by a week. This item will be placed on the next agenda, once a new girls' coach's liaison has been appointed.

**Playoff Dates and Venues:** The dates and locations for the 2018 girls' and boys' tournaments were discussed.

**Cameras:** The committee asked that the MPA contact the Androscoggin Bank Colisee to discuss the replay cameras at that facility.

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**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- ❖ Length of boys' season
- ❖ Start of girls' season
- ❖ Instant replay cameras
- ❖ NFHS Report

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Ice Hockey Committee was scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Pilote/Fuller, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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