MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS’ ASSOCIATION
INDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 2019

A meeting of the Indoor Track Committee was held at the MPA office on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Gray, Eric Hall, Don King and Don Spencer.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Don Berry and Karen Reardon.

LIAISON ABSENT: Chris Libby and George Mendros.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by King/Hall, the minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Indoor Track correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.

REVIEW OF CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 2019 Indoor Track Championships were reviewed and discussed.

- Both championships went well with very few issues.
- Concern of the Class A coaches that the published time schedule was altered on the day of the meet.
- There were eight Class A records set and two wheelchair records were established at the Class B meet.
- There was a concern raised by coaches regarding transgender athletes participating at the New England Championships. This issue will be discussed at the Spring CNESSPA meeting.

REVIEW OF BULLETIN: The 2019-2020 Indoor Track Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

COACHES’ REPORT: Ms. Reardon reported the following:

- Coaches support expanding the scoring to eight places.
- Coaches are concerned about the impact of transgender athletes.
- The 4x400 relay has not been discussed due to the fact that some conferences can not accommodate the event at their regular season meets.

OFFICIALS’ REPORT: Mr. Berry discussed the following:

- Recommends that the starting height for all pole vault events be 7’0” or higher. This would eliminate the need for extensions to lower the bar below 7’0”.
- Clarified the NFHS Long Jump Rule. The pit should now be at least 22’ long.
The year’s championships saw the use of lasers to measure distance, which is allowed for those events to go much quicker. Lasers will be used at all indoor and outdoor championships in the future.

All officials will now be required to complete the “Safe Sport” background check every year.

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

**4X400 Relay:** The relay will not be considered as an event at the State Championship meets until all conferences can run the event at their regular season meets.

**8 Scoring Positions:** Tabled pending more information. The committee asked to know what the financial impact would be by expanding to 8 places. They also asked for feedback from the athletic administrators in each league and about scoring in the other New England states and at the New England Championships.

**Pole Vault Starting Height:** On a MOTION by Hall/King, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, it was determined that the starting height in the pole vault will be at least 7’0”.

**Classification:** The MPA Classification Committee supported the classification proposal developed by the MPA Indoor Track Committee.

**2020 Championship Schedule:** The dates for the championships were discussed and Ms. Reardon will discuss the time schedule with the Class A Meet Director.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** On a MOTION by Hall/Gray, and SUPPORTED 3-0-1, Don Spencer was elected as the chair of the committee for 2019-2020.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Indoor Track Committee was scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by King/Hall, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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