

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
INDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE

APRIL 13, 2017

A meeting of the Indoor Track Committee was held at the MPA office on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Gray, Don King, and Don Spencer (Chair).

MEMBER ABSENT: Eric Hall.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Don Berry, George Mendros, and Karen Reardon.

LIAISON ABSENT: Chris Libby.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Gray/King, the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A copy of the proposed indoor meet qualification standards.
- A series of e-mails discussing the Class "B" Indoor Track Championships.
- An e-mail with a question about the Sport Season Policy as it pertains to the pole vault.
- An e-mail discussing the New Balance Indoor Track Meet held in New York.
- An e-mail discussing pay rates for track officials.
- An e-mail discussing the schedule at the Indoor Track Championships.
- A summary of the 2017 New England Championships that were held on March 4 in Boston.
- A copy of the proposed indoor track classification.
- A copy of the updated indoor track state records.

REVIEW OF 2017 CHAMPIONSHIPS: All of the state championships, as well as the New England Championships, went well with many outstanding performances by Maine athletes. A special thanks to Bates College and the University of Southern Maine for their willingness to host, as well as Adam Mayo and George Towle for their work as meet directors and Bates Colleges Women's Track Coach Jennifer "Jay" Hartshorn for her work in preparing the Bates facility.

COACHES' REPORT: Ms. Reardon reported the following:

- Coaches would like to see the schedule adjusted so that the running events and the championships would end at approximately the same time as the field events. This would be accomplished by adding more time between the running events.
- The SMAA coaches would like to see the 4x400M race added to the schedule at the state meet. There did not seem to be overwhelming support from other leagues because of the limit of three events for each athlete.

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

- The last officials' clinic will be held in Gorham on May 23.
- All officials will be recertified this year.
- All officials will now be required to have a background check performed.
- All officials will now be "Safe Sport" certified.
- Many tracks are now measured in metric. Should Maine move to all events being measured in metric?
- Is there a possibility of adding the weight throw as an event in indoor track?

REVIEW OF 2018 BULLETIN: The 2018 Indoor Track Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

OTHER:

- The classification proposal that will be presented to the membership at the MPA Spring Conference was reviewed.
- The dates, time, and sites for the 2018 Indoor Track Championships were discussed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: On a MOTION by King/Gray, and SUPPORTED by a vote of 2-0-1, Don Spencer was elected as committee chair for 2017-2018.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Indoor Track Committee was scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by King/Gray, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Burnham
Assistant Executive Director

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