

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
LACROSSE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 20, 2016

A meeting of the Lacrosse Committee was held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Alex, Eric Klein, and Jason Long.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Don Glover, Linda Levesque, Barbara Snapp, and Anita Thomas.

LIAISON ABSENT: Gary Gorman.

GUEST: Jeff Howes.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: On a MOTION by Alex/Long (2-0-1), Eric Klein was selected as the chair of the Lacrosse Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Long/Alex, the minutes of June 22, 2016, were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail describing the role of the ball people at the championships.
- A memo from the NFHS outline the rule changes in boys' lacrosse.
- An e-mail from a school with a question about starting a lacrosse program.
- An e-mail with a question about approved game balls.
- An e-mail with the minutes from the July 18, 2016 NFHS Lacrosse Committee meeting.
- An e-mail with the proposed rule changes in women's lacrosse.

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

COACHES' REPORT:

Girls:

- The chapter meeting will be held on October 20, 2016 and the dates of the coaches' clinics will be established at that meeting.
- The Maine Youth Lacrosse League is very active and continues to promote the growth of lacrosse.
- The coaches feel that training for coaches and officials is crucial.

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Boys:

- The chapter meeting will be held on October 20, 2016 and the dates for the coaches' clinic and make-up clinic will be set at that meeting.
- Work continues on the format of the coaches' clinic.

NFHS REPORT: The emphasis for all rule changes for this year is on player safety.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

MLOA:

- Membership remains solid.
- There is a concern about the shortage of lacrosse officials in Southern York County and in the Bangor area.
- The officials appreciate the efforts of the conferences to stagger the play days.
- The MLOA has added an observation process for their officials.

NFHS Women's Lacrosse:

- Rule changes in women's lacrosse have also focused on player safety.

MWLOA: There have been 15 new officials added to the membership giving the group a total of 74.

- There were 47 officials assigned to varsity games and 24 officials worked tournament games.
- The group officiated a total of 405 middle school/youth games and 692 high school games.
- Concern that the high school schedules were not balanced resulting with some days having many games while other days had very few games.
- As the number of programs in Northern Maine continues to grow there are not enough officials in that area to cover those games.

OTHER:

2017 Clinic Dates: This will be provided to the MPA Office once they have been set.

2017 Schedules: The schedules are currently being developed by the conferences.

2018-2019 Classification Proposal: After discussion, a classification proposal for the next two year period was developed.

Role of Team Scorer: Asked that site packet outline the expectations of the team scorer.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Lacrosse Committee will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

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ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Long/Alex, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting concluded at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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