

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

LACROSSE COMMITTEE

JUNE 4, 2018

A meeting of the Lacrosse Committee was held on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Alex and Eric Klein.

MEMBER ABSENT: Jason Long.

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

LIAISON ABSENT: Gary Gormon.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Alex/Klein, the minutes of the October 2, 2017 and December 12, 2017 meetings were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail discussing the Google notes from the December 12 meeting.
- An e-mail with a question about using school goalie equipment while participating in an outside league.
- An e-mail with a question about the upcoming lacrosse coaches' clinic.
- An e-mail from a school requesting permission for an athlete to wear a face mask during the season.
- A question about girls' playing on a boys' lacrosse team.
- An e-mail discussing a cooperative lacrosse team.
- An e-mail with a question about the playoff schedule.
- An e-mail with a question about Unified field markings.
- An e-mail with a question about athletes from another district accessing a school's lacrosse program.
- An e-mail with a question about the Sport Season Policy for middle school students.
- A series of e-mails with questions about private school students accessing public school programs.
- An e-mail discussing the girls' lacrosse officials' liaison's position.
- An e-mail with a question about the process of forming a cooperative team.
- An e-mail with a question that participates in an outside specialized program but continues to do academic work through the school.
- An e-mail discussing counterfeit lacrosse balls.
- A series of e-mails discussing lacrosse classification.
- An e-mail with a question about a cooperative team at the subvarsity level.
- An e-mail discussing the rule that requires an air horn to be at midfield and operated by an adult.
- An e-mail requesting to move a game into the last week of the season.
- An e-mail expressing concern with how a school's field is marked.
- An e-mail with a question about the possibility of forfeiting a game.

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- An e-mail with a question about the eligibility of an athlete that received two yellow cards during a game.
- An e-mail discussing poor sportsmanship that was displayed during a game.
- An e-mail with a question about the tournament brackets.
- An e-mail with a question about rescheduling a playoff game due to an end-of-year conflict.
- A series of e-mails discussing an incident that took place during a game.

REVIEW OF HEAL POINTS/TOURNAMENT BRACKETS: On a MOTION by Alex/Klein, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, the boys' and girls' lacrosse Heal Points and tournament brackets were approved.

COACHES' REPORT:

Mr. Glover reported the following:

- There has been positive dialogue about the 3-class system.
- There are still concerns about regular season scheduling.
- There are still concerns about cross-over games. Would like to see the Heal Points with a 1 point or 0 point differential.

Ms. Levesque reported the following:

- Coaches support the 3-class system.
- Regular season scheduling continues to be a "hot topic."
- Some schools are choosing not to schedule any cross-over games while some schedule up to four cross-overs.
- Would like to discuss the possibility of moving to a 14-game schedule with games scheduled during the April vacation.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

Boys: No report.

Girls: Ms. Snapp reported the following:

- The shortage of officials continues to be a problem.
- It is extremely difficult, with the number of officials available, to accommodate schedule changes, especially at the last minute.
- The April vacation gap isn't favorable for newer officials as they need to work games in order to get better.
- There were 609 cards issued this past season - - 230 of the cards were for checks to the hand and 105 cards were for dangerous play.

REVIEW 2018 SITE PACKET: The 2018 Lacrosse Site Packet was reviewed and updated.

REVIEW 2018 SCHOOL MEMO: The 2018 Lacrosse School Memo was reviewed and updated.

NFHS REPORT:

Boys: Mr. Glover reported the following:

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- There has been a great deal of discussion about the Unified lacrosse field that is now an option for schools.
- There will be a uniform change in 2022.

Girls: Ms. Thomas reported the following:

- US Lacrosse will now be requiring fingerprinting of their officials.
- There are 50 proposed rule changes in girls' lacrosse.
- How will certified officials that live in New Hampshire deal with their fingerprinting?

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS: The process that will be followed for the assignment of tournament officials was reviewed.

EJECTION REPORTS/SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS: The summary of ejections, as reported by the schools, was reviewed. Sportsmanship voting will take place next week and the recipients of the Sportsmanship Awards will be notified and invited to a state championship game. Ms. Snapp will provide a detailed summary of all girls' cards at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Election of Chair
- Classification
- Heal Point 3-Class Differential
- Card Review
- Scheduling
 - 14-Game Schedule
 - Games during April Vacation
- Lacrosse Committee – One committee for both boys' and girls' or separate committees for each?

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Lacrosse Committee was scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Alex/Klein, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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