

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**OUTDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

A meeting of the Outdoor Track Committee was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the MPA office at 9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike LeGage, Craig Sickels, and Dave Wakana (Chair).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Benson, Matt Clark, and Mike Haley.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Chris Mazzurco, George Mendros, and Rod White.

**LIAISONS ABSENT:** Don Berry.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Members of the Unified Sports Committee: Ed Baehr, Mike Bisson, Ian Frank, and David Shapiro.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** On a MOTION by LeGage/Sickels, and VOTED 2-0-1, Dave Wakana was selected as chair of the Outdoor Track Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by LeGage/Sickels, the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD:** After discussion, on a MOTION by Sickels/LeGage and SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY, it was determined that the following four Unified Track & Field events will be offered beginning with the 2017 season:

- 100M Run
  - 4x100M Relay
  - Shot Put
  - Long Jump
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- The Unified Sports Committee will work on the scoring details prior to the start of the season.
  - There are currently many Unified athletes participating in outdoor track.
  - The role of the Unified partner will be to assist athletes in getting to their event and encourage them during the event.
  - Unified Track will be exhibition for the first year.
  - The goal with Unified Track is to eventually hold a separate state championship.

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

- An e-mail from Mr. Mendros with recommended changes to the qualifying standards.
- A memo from NFHS with the 2017 High School Track & Field rule changes.
- An e-mail with a question about track uniforms.
- The minutes from the June 13, 2016 NFHS Track & Field Committee meeting, along with the results of a track & field questionnaire that was given.
- An e-mail describing the growth of Outdoor Track across the country.
- An e-mail with an offer to host one of the Outdoor Track Championships.
- An e-mail from the New England Council with the dates of the upcoming New England Sport Committee meetings.

**REVIEW OF 2017 Outdoor Track Bulletin:** The Outdoor Track Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

**QUALIFYING STANDARDS:** After discussion, the qualifying standards were updated.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SITES:** A number of possible sites were discussed.

**2017 SITE PACKET:** The 2017 Site Packet was reviewed and updated.

**COACHES' REPORT:** No report.

**OFFICIALS' REPORT:** Mr. Berry reported that they will begin recertifying officials soon. There are currently 101 certified officials in Maine.

**OTHER:**

- **Classification:** After discussion, a proposal was developed and will be sent to the MPA Classification Committee. Also, a copy will be sent to the coaches' liaisons so that they may share with other coaches.
- **Wheelchair Awards:** Awards will be ordered for all state championships so that they may be available at the state championship meets.
- **Coaches' Exam:** Mr. Berry, once again, will develop a rules exam for the coaches.
- **Games Committee:** That the members of the Games Committee be provided to the site directors prior to the state championships.
- **Jury of Appeals:** That the members of the Jury of Appeals also be provided prior to the championships and that wording about each committee be included in the Site Director Packet. It was also recommended that both committees meet prior to the start of the championships.

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- Schedule of Events: The schedule of events should not be altered (specifically with the setting of the hurdles).

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Outdoor Track Committee will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

Members of the Outdoor Track Committee were also invited to the January meeting of the Unified Sports Committee to continue work on Unified Track & Field.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Legage/Sickles, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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