

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
OUTDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE

JUNE 21, 2018

A meeting of the Outdoor Track Committee was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the MPA office at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Benson, Jim Bourgoin, Donna Brunette, and Craig Sickels.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Molly Bishop and Mike Haley.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Don Berry, George Mendros, and Rod White.

LIAISON ABSENT: Chris Mazzurco.

GUESTS: Ian Braun, Diane Fournier, and Dave Pearson (Intern at Freeport High School).

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Benson/Bourgoin, the minutes of January 8, 2018 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A series of e-mails discussing the possibility of adding a qualifying league meet at the end of the regular season.
- An e-mail discussing an event that occurs during the “hands-off” period.
- An e-mail with a question about an athlete running barefoot.
- A series of e-mails discussing cooperative individual agreements.
- A request to form a cooperative track team.
- A flyer promoting a triathlon occurring the week after the state championships.
- An e-mail with a question about the Hy-Tek entries.
- An e-mail with a question about a record set by an athlete from the school at a regular season meet.
- A question about coaching at the New England Championships.

REVIEW OF REGULAR SEASON: After discussion, it was determined that a statement be added to the Outdoor Track Bulletin discussing holding an event at a separate location if the host school cannot accommodate the event. It was also decided that a statement regarding end-of-season last chance meets also be added to the bulletin.

REVIEW OF 2018 CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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Class A: Ms. Fournier, Class A Meet Director, reported the following:

- The weather was fantastic, the meet went well, and it was a great day.
- Nathan Priest, athletic administrator at Morse High School, did a wonderful job as the site director.
- There was not great coordination between Mr. Priest and Bath Parks & Recreation – no golf carts and walkie talkies available.
- Coaches' boxes and people on the infield continue to be a problem.

Class B: Mr. Braun, Class B Meet Director, reported the following:

- The weather was pleasant throughout the day with temperatures in the 60's and 70's.
- Site Director Tim Smith, and his staff from Foxcroft Academy, were extremely helpful prior to and during the meet.
- Congratulations to the Greely High School girls and the Mount Desert Island High School and York High School boys for winning the Class B Championships. This was the third time in history that there has been a tie in the Class B Boys Championships.
- Recognized Molly Bishop, Jim Bourgoin, Dave Jeffrey, and Don Berry for their assistance with the meet.
- There were a few concerns about the sound system used at the meet.
- There were no Class B records set at the meet.
- Would recommend that there be better communication with schools providing officials that it is their responsibility to pay the workers.
- That a clear statement about a "last chance" meet be sent to schools.

Class C: Mr. Sickels, MPA Outdoor Track Committee Chair, reported the following:

- The meet went very well, Massabesic High School has a great facility to host a large meet. Brendan Scully and his entire crew did a fantastic job hosting the meet.
- There was a concern about having to run extension cords over the track for the timing equipment.
- Carts were available throughout the day.
- There was an issue with spike length at the beginning of the meet.

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP: Mr. Mendros reported the following:

- The meet at the University of New Hampshire went well.
- There was no one from UNH present at the meet to assist with facility questions or issues.
- There was a record crowd at the meet.
- The pole vault was held simultaneously. The boys were outdoors and the girls were indoors.

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COACHES' REPORT: Mr. White reported that the coaches have not met recently and that he had nothing new to report.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Mr. Berry reported the following:

- A laser measurement tool was used at two of the state championships and that they worked very well.
- There was an issue at a meet with two schools both having the same school colors and exchanging the baton with the wrong team.
- That a number of new officials have recently been certified.

UPDATE 2019 OUTDOOR TRACK BULLETIN: The 2019 Outdoor Track Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

OTHER:

- Unified Track & Field: The Unified Track Festival was cancelled this year due to low participation. The Unified Sports Committee will continue to work on Unified Track & Field.
- Coaches' Boxes: This continues to be an issue and the topic will be placed on the next agenda.
- Entries: The e-mail confirmation of the entries continues to work well. There was one school that forgot to enter an athlete and were willing to pay the \$75.00 fine to have him/her entered.
- Volunteer Workers: The list of volunteer workers was posted on the Sub5 website but continues to be an issue. This topic will be placed on the next agenda.
- 2019 Championship Sites: A list of potential sites for the 2019 championship sites was developed. The sites were Lewiston High School, Sanford High School, Freeport High School, Brewer High School, Mount Desert Island High School, and Cony High School.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: On a MOTION by Benson/Bourgoin, and SUPPORTED by a 2-0-1 vote, Craig Sickels was elected chair for the coming year.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Outdoor Track Committee was scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

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ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Bourgoin / Benson, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Executive Director

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