

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SKI COMMITTEE
JANUARY 9, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Ski Committee was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 9:05 a.m. at the MPA Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Brackett, Al Cayer, Ted Hall, Thomas Plourde, Scott Walker (Chair), and Eric Werntgen (GoTo Meeting).

LIAISON PRESENT: Aaron Duphilly (GoToMeeting).

LIAISON ABSENT: Ronn Gifford.

GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Arsenault (GoTo Meeting) and Carl Theriault (GoTo Meeting).

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: On a MOTION by PLOURDE/BRACKETT, the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An email from Eric Werntgen from Fort Kent Community High School regarding a cooperative agreement between Fort Kent and Wisdom, which impacts students from Wisdom wishing to ski at Madawaska.
- An email from Courtney Poston at Mt. Abram with information about TD's for 2018.
- An email from Craig Sickels at Freeport High School regarding competing in Class A, as they are in a cooperative team agreement with Brunswick High School.
- A series of emails from the committee regarding the pursuit format in Nordic and splitting Classes B and C for the pursuit.
- An email from Bob Arsenault at Black Mountain about the Class A Nordic schedule.
- An email from Ryan LaRoche at Leavitt Area High School asking for a team trail maintenance day prior to the start of the ski season. He was informed that would be a sports season violation.
- A series of emails from Carl Theriault at Fort Kent Outdoor Center about the setup for the Class B and C Nordic races.
- A series of email regarding the use of video at the start and finish of the Nordic races.
- A series of emails about the schedule of the Class B and C Nordic races at Fort Kent.
- A series of emails with a committee vote approving the Freeport/Brunswick Alpine Ski Team Cooperative Agreement.
- An email from Heidi Deery at Rangeley Lakes Regional School asking about 8th grade participation in ski.
- An email from Eric Werntgen at Fort Kent Community High School asking if a former coach from 2001 would need to update their coaching credentials.
- A series of emails with a committee vote approving the Falmouth/Waynflete Alpine Ski Team Cooperative Agreement.

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- An email from Susan Sonntag at Maine Coast Waldorf applying up to Class B in Nordic Ski.
- An email from Scott Walker confirming the Sports Medicine Committee requiring the FIS Helmet Certification in 2018-2019.
- An email from Justin Easter regarding timing at the Class B and C Nordic Championships.
- An email from Ryan LaRoche confirming that Leavitt Area High School will compete in Class B, as they applied up. The bulletin was updated with this change.
- An email from Joel Stoneton at Winthrop Area High School asking if anything can be done about the conflict with Drama and the Eastern Ski Championships.
- A series of emails with the committee about the potential need to add a set of Overall Alpine Awards now that we have added Pursuit to Nordic. The committee did not feel it was necessary.
- A series of emails from coaches and athletic director, Gail Wight at Telstar Regional High School regarding their use of the same coaches for middle and high school. They were warned about practicing the two teams together and the administration informed the MPA of the steps taken to remedy the situation.

2018 CHAMPIONSHIP RACES:

Schedules:

- Made changes to the Class A Alpine schedule from a request from Courtney Poston.
- Adjusted the Nordic schedules to incorporate the pursuit.

Lodging: Confirmed lodging arrangements with committee.

Role of the Committee: Veteran committee members shared the roles and jobs of the committee members.

Entry Forms: Confirmed the change to add the 7th and 8th competitor. The Alpine form has an error that the MPA will fix.

Informational School Memo: Mike Bisson will work with Scott Walker to craft the letter.

TD Coverage:

- Mt. Abram – Scott Stone
- Big Rock – Craig Brigham
- Black Mountain – Dan Warner
- Fort Kent Outdoor Center – Justin Easter and timing is on-site.

Rule Book: On a MOTION by PLOURDE/HALL, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, for a skier that does not finish or is disqualified on day one will not race on day two in the Nordic pursuit race. The rule book was updated with changes were made by the committee.

Jury: No changes to the rule book for 2018.

Course Preparation: Sites are all set.

Awards: They have been ordered with changes to Nordic to add the pursuit.

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COACHES' REPORT: The coaches submitted the following report:

Alpine (Ronn Gifford): No report.

Nordic (Aaron Duphilly)

- First race was cancelled due to cold weather.
- Checking on Maranacook's application up to Class B. It has been approved.

2018 BULLETIN: The 2018 Ski Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

RACE RESULT REPORTING: The skiers deserve the recognition by getting the race results out. The media list will be shared with all committee members. Live results will be on www.mainehighschoolskiing.com and from each site.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the MPA office at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING ITEMS:

- Create two separate rule books - - one for Alpine and one for Nordic.
- Championship review.
- Classification.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by HALL/WALKER, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson
Assistant Executive Director

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