MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SOCcer COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 11, 2019

A meeting of the MPA Soccer Committee was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Josh Frost, Eric Hall, Ryan LaRoche, Jason Mills (GTM), and Jonathan Spear (GTM).

LIAISONS PRESENT: Mike Jeffrey (MSCA) and Brad Fogg (MASO).

GUEST PRESENT: Charlie Brown (MASO).

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Josh Frost at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by LaRoche/Hall, the minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bisson shared a series of emails with the committee that were reviewed and placed on file at the MPA. No official action was taken on any of the correspondence.

REVIEW OF 2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- The committee members reported that all Regional and State Championships went well and the sites were outstanding.
- The committee did a great job of attending and supporting the championship games, especially with the addition of hosting 16 Regional Championships.
- Mike Bisson will look to secure sites for Classes C and D on Tuesday, October 30 and Classes A and B on Wednesday, October 31 for the 2020 championships.

COACHES' REPORT: Mike Jeffrey reported the following:

- The MSCA did not have an annual meeting at the banquet with the new venue at the Anah Shrine Temple in Bangor, as they had split sessions.
- Revised the new Five-Minute Clock Stoppage Rule. If the winning team is ahead by three or more goals the clock is not stopped. Winning by two or less the rule will still apply.
- The coaches would like to have the first countable game start two days earlier on Tuesday to avoid three game weeks.
OFFICIALS’ REPORT: Brad Fogg from MASO reported the following:

- MASO met after the State Championship games. The major discussion with MASO is that the majority of complaints centered around player safety. The need for better and consistent training. Brad drafted a tournament level qualification with requirements to be met for tournament eligible officials. It will be presented to the MASO Executive Board in January.
- MASO will require the NFHS Soccer Officiating course, Concussion course, and Heat-Related Illness course in addition to the annual rules’ clinic.
- Establishing a two-year probationary period for officials that don’t meet the standard set forth for tournament officials.
- The need for off-season training for officials.
- Charlie Brown discussed an assessment program for officials.
- Mike Bisson brought up the issue of writing a grant for communication devices for three person crews. Charlie shared that more and more officials are getting them, and they are supportive of using them at the championship games. Officials should have practice using them in the regular season.
- A concern that there were not any officials from Aroostook County doing the B and C State games at Falmouth with Caribou and Fort Kent playing.

2020 BULLETIN: The 2020 bulletin was tabled until the January 30, 2020 meeting. The following suggestions were made during the correspondence discussion: 1) In shootout wording, add “including the goalkeeper,” and 2) Add wording to mark the coaches’ box to the bulletin.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Tabled from the December 11, 2019 meeting.

- Bulletin finalization for 2020
- Mercy Rule
- Fight Protocol
- 8-person soccer
- Pre and Post Game Procedures with Officials
- Cumulative Card Report

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Soccer Committee will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Maine Principals’ Association.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Hall/LaRoche, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Bisson
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