

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SOCCER COMMITTEE
JULY 25, 2017

A meeting of the MPA Soccer Committee was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Josh Frost, Eric Hall, Nick Raymond (Chair), Jonathan Spear, and David Wakana.

LIAISON PRESENT: Brad Fogg.

LIAISON ABSENT: Mike Jeffrey.

GUEST: Guy Cousins.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Wakana/Hall, the minutes of the November 29, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail with a question about league scheduling.
- A series of e-mails discussing background checks and finger printing.
- An e-mail with a question about starting the soccer season before the first countable date.
- A series of e-mails discussing the formation of cooperative teams.
- An e-mail with a question about the Sport Season Policy.
- A series of e-mails discussing the closing of Limestone High School.
- An e-mail with a question about home school students participating on a private school team.
- A series of e-mails with questions about the NFHS Uniform Rule.
- An e-mail discussing the NFHS Online Soccer Rules Interpretations meeting.
- An e-mail with a question about the length of the preseason before playing a countable game.
- An e-mail with a question about coaches' eligibility.
- An e-mail discussing an out-of-state showcase.
- An e-mail discussing the "hands-off" period.
- An e-mail discussing the mandatory rules clinics for the coming season.

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- An e-mail discussing the requirements for officials to work MPA playoff games.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING SEASON:

Card Reporting: The reporting of yellow and red cards will remain the same as it was done in 2016.

Cooperative Team Requests:

- On a MOTION by Wakana/Hall, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, the application for a cooperative team with Schenck High School and Stearns High School was approved.
- On a MOTION by Hall/Frost, and UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED, the application for a cooperative team with Carrabec High School and Madison Area High School was approved.

REVIEW 2017 SOCCER BULLETIN: The 2017 Soccer Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

- The mandatory rules clinics will be determined within the next few days.

COACHES' REPORT: Mr. Cousins reported on the following:

- There are still a few questions about classification.
- There continues to be discussion about athletes not being eligible for post-season honors if their coach does not join the National Soccer Coaches' Association.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Mr. Fogg reported the following:

- MASO is pleased with the working relationship with the MPA Soccer Committee.
- Thanked the MPA Officials' Fees Committee for their support in moving soccer officials into the top tier of fees.
- MASO will continue to work on the observation and evaluation of all soccer officials.

REVIEW OF CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET: The 2017 Soccer Site Packet was reviewed and updated.

OTHER:

- Official Database Update: Each board was asked to submit their list of tournament eligible officials once they have been determined.
- Classification: The MPA soccer classification was reviewed and discussed.
- Sports Medicine Committee: After discussion, it was determined that there were no major issues to take forward to the MPA Sports Medicine Committee.

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NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Soccer Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at **Hampden Academy**.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Spear/Hall, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Burnham
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