

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

JUNE 3, 2016

A meeting of the MPA Softball Committee was held on Friday, June 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Bell, Michael Bisson, Tim Stebbins, Keith Weatherbie, and Mark White (Via WebEx).

LIAISONS PRESENT: Dennis Crowe (officials) and David Billings (coaches).

STAFF PRESENT: Gerry Durgin.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Mike Bisson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Stebbins/Weatherbie, the minutes of October 15, 2015 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

COACHES' REPORT: David Billings reported that things were quiet. He forwarded the question – Is there any thought to having a contest on a school's regular season games, but played in Florida during the regular season – would this count as an MPA contest? There was much discussion but no decision made. Clarification was made through a MOTION by Weatherbie/Stebbins, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, that it has been a practice for schools to play MPA games during April vacation out of state. These games may be played but they will not count as MPA countable contests.

Colby College may have interest in hosting softball tournament games. The committee directed Mr. Durgin to look into the possibility.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Dennis Crowe reviewed the votes for tournament officials. On a MOTION by Bell/Weatherbie, the proposed tournament assignments were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Each committee member will contact the Northern Maine officials (and the state B and D officials) and the Southern Maine officials (and the state A and C officials).

TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS: Tim Stebbins and Keith Weatherbie will cover the St. Joseph's site, Mark White and Mike Bisson will cover Brewer, and Chad Bell will cover Cony. Final Heat Points were reviewed and have been released.

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OTHER: The committee once again heard concerns about the use of artificial noise makers in the dugout during play. Mr. Durgin is to send an e-blast to all schools “stating that artificial noisemakers will be prohibited”. Mr. Crowe will inform all umpires.

SPORTSMANSHIP BANNER PROGRAM: Sportsmanship Banners will be presented in Northern and Southern Maine Classes A, B, C, and D.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Durgin
Assistant Executive Director

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