

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SOFTBALL COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 12, 2016

A meeting of the MPA Softball Committee was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Bisson, Tim Stebbins, and Mark White.

MEMBER ABSENT: Chad Bell.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Gerry Durgin.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Mike Bisson (Webex).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by White/Stebbins, the minutes of June 4, 2016 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Mr. Crowe forwarded the new rule changes. He suggested we include the rule relating to "Inspection of Equipment" be placed in the bulletin as it is a new procedure.

COACHES' REPORT: Mr. Billings reported that the coaches were pleased with the tournament and the officials.

REVIEW OF 2016-2017 BULLETIN: The bulletin was reviewed and the necessary changes were made. Mr. Durgin is to add language relative to distances on fields shared by schools and other outside user groups where pitching distances may be changed from one event to another.

The committee discussed at length an injury that took place during the South Regional Finals. As a result of that injury, Mr. Durgin gathered information from the National Federation Softball Rules liaison and spoke with the MPA Sports Medicine Committee with his findings. There is NO RULE mandating infielders and pitchers to wear some form of protection. The NFHS rule book permits the wearing of masks. The MPA Softball Committee "recommends" the wearing of masks for infielders and the pitcher. It is our feeling that any form of safety is best for the players.

The committee discussed classification and recommends to remain with four classes and consider the number 650 as the cutoff for Class A.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Durgin
Assistant Executive Director

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