

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

JUNE 2, 2017

A meeting of the MPA Softball Committee was held on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

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

LIAISONS PRESENT: Dennis Crowe (officials) and David Billings (coaches). Steve Roscia from Maine ASA was also present.

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/White, the minutes of October 12, 2016 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Durgin reported that "ejections" were the highest they have been. (1 coach, 2 players). He also included the following: Request to play an inside game, and a review of a contest that actually finished in a tie, but declared officially a win by the umpires.

COACHES' REPORT: David Billings reported that things were quiet. The question came up concerning Game-Pro, an electronic scouting tool. The reference to this device is in the bulletin. Concern expressed over coach's sportsmanship.

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 A and C officials) and the Southern Maine officials (and the state B and D officials). Mr. Crowe reviewed the Proposed NFHS Rule Changes and Mr. Durgin submitted recommendations immediately. He also discussed the difficulty in filling games with umpires. Many sub-varsity games have only one official.

Mr. Steve Roscia presented two proposals:

- 1) There be an actual Umpire-in-Chief at all regional and state championships. He is to write up a proposal of expectations and protocols. The committee supports this concept.

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- 2) He spoke about umpire representation from each board (9). It was discussed and tabled for future discussion.

TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS: Tim Stebbins and Gerry Durgin will cover the St. Joseph's site; Mark White and Mike Bisson will cover Brewer; and Chad Bell will cover Cony. Final Heal Points were reviewed and were released on Monday June 5, 2017.

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 Friday, October 13, 2017 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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