

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

MAY 14, 2014

A meeting of the MPA Sportsmanship Committee was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Benson, Ron Ericson, Dan Hart, and Brian Laramee.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Hallett and Michael Roberge.

STAFF PRESENT: Gerry Durgin.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chair Jeff Benson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Laramee/Hart, the minutes of January 16, 2014 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gerry Durgin shared an incident at the state championship ice hockey sportsmanship banner presentation. Michael Burnham, staff member for ice hockey, wrote a letter to the school of concern. He has communicated with the principal. The report was filed.

NEW ENGLAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: The New England Leadership Conference will be held at Stonehill College on July 15–18, 2014. No registrations at this time.

2014 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS: There were no nominations.

SPORTSMANSHIP BANNER PROGRAM: We are proud to state that this is the final year and season for the implementation of sportsmanship banners. The newer and less expensive banners have been very well received.

- There was a lengthy discussion as to banners for cooperative teams. The current policy has been to order an additional banner for the other school. The committee felt it best to make this an agenda item for the future to assure all considerations are thought out.
- It was brought to attention that in skiing there are two distinct teams (Nordic and Alpine) and that some schools may have both events while others have either Nordic or Alpine. Therefore, the Ski Committee requested that the Sportsmanship Committee to consider Sportsmanship Banners in both Nordic and Alpine. On a MOTION by Ericson/Hart, the committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to support their recommendation. Therefore, in 2014-2015 there will be 12 banners in ski (Boys' Nordic A-B-C; Girls' Nordic A-B-C; Boys' Alpine A-B-C; and Girls' Alpine A-B-C).

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- In Indoor and Outdoor Track we currently present one banner by class. The request is to consider East and West by class as we do in other non-Heal point activities (golf and cross country). On a MOTION by Ericson/Laramée, the committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to present banners in East and West by class in both Indoor and Outdoor Track.
- To be tabled for another time was the discussion of a statewide by class Sportsmanship recipient. Mr. Durgin has gathered some initial data but more discussion is necessary if we are to move forward.

OTHER:

Ejected Coaches/Players:

At the Interscholastic Division Business meeting, the membership approved the recommendation that ejected coaches must watch the NFHS Sportsmanship video before returning.

Upon watching the video and a confirmation by the athletic administrator then a coach and/or player may return. This also does not preclude a school imposing stricter penalties.

The video will be on the National Federation of State High School Association's website.

National Federation is working on a Student Sportsmanship video. When this is completed, the committee will make the same recommendation for student athletes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Durgin
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