

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

APRIL 10, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Sportsmanship Committee was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:38 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Frost, Joe Kilmartin, and Tom Vicaire.

MEMBER ABSENT: Mike Roberge (Chair).

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Frost/Kilmartin, the minutes of January 12, 2018 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mike Bisson shared an email from Jeff Ramich at Brunswick High School asking if he needed to vote for sportsmanship in cheering, as his team did not do competitive cheering. They only did sideline cheering at games, so they did not need to vote.

WINTER SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS:

- Reviewed the winter 2018 winners.
- Reviewed the letter to be sent to schools that would have won an award. Suggestions were made to take less of the impact off from the Athletic Director.

SPORTSMANSHIP BANNER PROGRAM:

- The discussion of a statewide award program by class with the top five votes in each class.
- Mr. Bisson presented what a total sample would look like from the 2016-17 school year.
- Throughout the discussion, conversation entailed the variables of number of sports in a school - what class does a school competing in multiple classes count in. A percentage of sports that school offers will be factored in to the total votes.
- The committee agreed to pursue recognizing the Top Five Total Vote getters for the school year by class. Mr. Bisson will work on a divisor of the number of sports in a school into the total number of sportsmanship votes to present new numbers to the committee.
- A certificate or letter from the MPA to recognize sportsmanship voting for a school that has received a high level of voting.
- Total Votes, percentage of votes, letter, and certificates.

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SOCIAL MEDIA CONCERNS:

Fred Grant from WHOU would like to do a promotional video around social media responsibility. The committee is supportive in pursuing this, as the committee is concerned about social media issues as they relate to the relationship between athletes, teams, and schools. Fred would also like to do a video to target unruly fan behavior.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION from Kilmartin/Vicaire, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson
Assistant Executive Director

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4/23/18