MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS’ ASSOCIATION
SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE
April 8, 2019

A meeting of the MPA Sportsmanship Committee was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Kilmartin, Mike Roberge (Chair), and Tom Vicaire, all via GoToMeeting due to travel concerns with snow.

MEMBER ABSENT: Scott Walker.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Kilmartin/Roberge, the minutes of September 19, 2018 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mike Bisson shared two pieces of correspondence from athletic directors that received a letter in the fall explaining that by not voting their team would have won a Sportsmanship Award. In the future, Mike Bisson will notify them of the letter prior to being sent out.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS:

- Reviewed the 2018-2019 sportsmanship award winners for Fall and Winter. There was good representation from across the state and leagues.
- On a MOTION from Vicaire/Roberge to change the sportsmanship banner to an Add-A-Year banner for each school was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0. The feedback from the athletic directors at the MIAAA Spring Conference was very supportive of this move. The committee discussed the Top 5 Total Sportsmanship Program. Based on votes over the year, the committee would like to send a certificate to the top five schools in each class receiving votes to recognize overall quality of the program. Mike Bisson and Gerry Durgin will work on a joint award from the MPA and MIAAA. We will look for a sponsor for the award.
- On a recommendation from the Swim Committee, the Sportsmanship Committee agreed to add a North and South winner to Class A and B in swimming, based on league affiliation.
- There was a question about cooperative team voting. It should be the lead school only voting based on the feedback from the coach and team. Mike Bisson will do an article for the Apprise to run this spring and fall.
NFHS SPORTSMANSHIP VIDEO: The committee discussed a recommendation from one sport committee to require students that have been ejected to watch the NFHS Sportsmanship video, the same as coaches currently do. On a MOTION from Vicaire/Roberge, the committee UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the requirement beginning in the fall of 2019. Mike Bisson will present this at the MPA Spring Conference Business Meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION from Vicaire/Kilmartin, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson
Assistant Executive Director

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