MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS’ ASSOCIATION
SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Sportsmanship Committee was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Frost, Joe Kilmartin, Mike Roberge (Chair), Tom Vicaire, and Scott Walker.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Frost/Kilmartin, the minutes of April 10, 2018 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS:

- Reviewed the 2017-2018 sportsmanship award winners. Good voting in Classes A and B. As the schools get smaller the percentage of voting declines.
- Ideas were discussed for alternatives to banners. Some schools have told the MPA that they do not have room in their gym for more banners and would like to explore an add-a-year banner program.
- 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. A decision was made to move forward with recognizing Top 5 Schools in each class for their Sportsmanship. The committee decided to have Mr. Bisson create a formula to take into account schools that play opponents in multiple classes. This would be used to determine the Top 5 Schools in each classification.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Mike Bisson shared ideas to address concerns about social media and the impact it has on sportsmanship at the school level. Fred Grant has been in communication with the MPA about doing some radio spots that he can use during radio broadcasts and live-streaming to get the message out. The committee was supportive of any idea to promote positive use of social media.
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SPORTSMANSHIP PAMPHLET: Mike Roberge shared an updated copy of the pamphlet that they use at Traip Academy to promote the good sportsmanship message. It will be updated with social media concerns for students and adults. It should be placed on the MPA website.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: Mike Bisson shared the experience of taking 34 students from across Maine with Mike Archer, the Athletic Director at Orono High School, to the New England Student Leadership Conference from July 17-20, 2018. This outstanding group had an idea of developing an MPA award for an outstanding student fan section.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION from Walker/Kilmartin, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson  
Assistant Executive Director

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