

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 12, 2018**

A meeting of the MPA Sportsmanship Committee was held on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

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

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Shanna Crofton.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Bisson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Kilmartin/Frost, the minutes of September 21, 2017 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no correspondence.

**FALL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS:**

- Reviewed the fall 2017 winners and the improvement in voting to 84%.
- Reviewed the letter to be sent to schools that would have won an award.
- Joe Kilmartin suggested sending out a copy of the blank letter.
- Share the letter at the AD Advisory.

**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.

**SPORTSMANSHIP PAMPHLET:** Mike Roberge shared an updated copy of the pamphlet that they use at Traip Academy and is going to share what they use with the MPA, Students, Parent, Participants, and Fans that could replace the ones on the MPA site.

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**OTHER:** There was a concern with how many times in a row that schools win an award. We should try to share the wealth if many teams are winning on a regular basis. Add a year banners as an option instead of providing traditional banners due to gym space.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Explore social media concerns through sportsmanship committee.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee will be held on April 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION from Kilmartin/Roberge, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson  
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