

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SWIM COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Swim Committee was held on Friday, January 19, at 8:35 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Fuller, Jack Hardy (Chair), and Amy Ketch (GoToMeeting).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Butler and Jeff Thoreck.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Chris Branch, Kathleen Leahy, and Scott Morrison.

LIAISONS ABSENT: Duffy Akerley.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Jack Hardy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by FULLER/KETCH, the minutes of the September 29, 2017 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bisson shared the following piece of correspondence:

- An email from Paul Vachon at Cony Middle/High School applying up to Class A.
- A series of emails from the committee approving the Gardiner/Hall-Dale cooperative team.
- A question from a parent of a Scarborough swimmer asking about the Bona-Fide Team Rule and how it relates to the Bowdoin Open.
- An email from David Utterback at Brewer High School correcting a date for the PVC Championships in the MPA scheduler.
- An email from Scott Morrison with notes from the coaches' meeting and the need to upgrade Hy-tek.
- An email from Craig Sickels at Freeport High School with the requirements from a school with an individual coop swimmer.
- A series of emails from David Shapiro at Greely High School and the responses from the committee to allow divers from the same school to practice at different sites with separate coaches.
- A series of emails from Gary Groves at Westbrook High School and the responses from the committee to allow divers to compete in separate league diving meets. The discussion also allowed Cheverus and Falmouth divers to compete at Cape Elizabeth meets, if the meet their school was in didn't have divers.

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- An email from Annie Grant at the University of Maine asking for the fan estimate for the swim championships on February 17 and 19, 2018.
- Shared an email from Dick Durost with the allowed swimsuit for a transgender boy swimmer.
- A series of emails from Annie Grant with a scheduling issue at the University of Maine and moving the Class A meets. The committee responded and moved the boys meet to Saturday, February 17 and the girls to Monday, February 19, 2018.
- An email from Joe Schwartzman at Kennebunk High School looking to take over the Thornton Academy Diving Invitational on January 20, 2018, as Thornton doesn't have any divers this season.
- An email from Rob Sullivan asking about the rules regarding kinesio tape and who can approve the use of it. The committee responded with doctor, nurse, and athletic trainer.
- An email from Richie Palmer to post the meet results from the first meet of the season.

COACHES' REPORT: Ms. Leahy reported the following:

- Spirit of the Sport Award starting this year and will be annual at the MISL banquet. This year's honoree will be Phil Emery.
- Scheduling concerns with some schools having small numbers of participants. Cross conference scheduling was discussed.

OFFICIALS' REPORT: Mr. Branch provided the following:

- The Hy-tek Colorado system has been about half this year in the number of issues and problems. It has been a better year in running meets. There are still issues, as some of the equipment is getting old.
- We have had pockets of poor officiating this year. The officials are offering clinics, but are perplexed as to why there is an increase in errors. The officials are looking at having some of the larger Chapters take over some of the smaller Chapters of MSOA.
- Arbiter is used by Southern Maine and the York Boards, but it will be added to the Central Maine Board next year.

TOURNAMENT SITE PACKET:

- The site packet for the championship meets was updated.
- The committee discussed deck passes and would like to keep them the same as past years.
- Committee assignments were made for the championship meets.
- Meet Dedication was established with the 2018 meet being dedicated to Don Strout. Scott Morrison is writing the biography. The dedication will be done on Monday at Bowdoin.

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OTHER: There is a concern with the increased difficulty in getting people to do admissions. For the amount of money they get paid, they take a large amount of grief due to the lack of seating.

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NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Review State Meets
- Review Bulletin for 2019 season

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Swim Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by from FULLER/KETCH, the meeting adjourned UNANIMOUSLY at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson
Assistant Executive Director

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