

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
TENNIS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

A meeting of the MPA Tennis Committee was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office in Augusta.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Cullen, Larry Gray, Gary Stevens, and Andy Wood.

MEMBER ABSENT: Tiffany Karnes.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Don Atkinson and Cooper Higgins.

LIAISON ABSENT: Sheila Bohlin, Coaches' Liaison (Mt. Ararat High School Coach).

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Don Atkinson and Cooper Higgins.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: On a MOTION by Cullen/Wood, Gary Stevens was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED as the Chair of the Tennis Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Cullen/Wood, the minutes of June 13, 2017 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bisson shared the following correspondence:

- E-mails from Bates and Colby regarding availability for the spring of 2018 tournaments.
- E-mail complaint about the tournament being moved to the indoor tennis facility in Brunswick due to weather. The Lewiston coach Anita Murphy complained about the unfairness of playing in Brunswick's facility.
- A notification that Sewall Janeway will not be continuing to host the Singles Tournament for Region 3. He believes Brunswick may be interested.
- Shared a complaint from Madison's coach, Travis Rogers, regarding an unfair lineup vs. St. Dom's. The response from St. Dom's coach, Andrew Girouard, was also shared and discussion ensued regarding this situation.

COACHES' REPORT: Sheila Bohlin shared a report electronically:

- Ideas for the Single's Tournament and moving it off Memorial Day Weekend.
- Thoughts from Skowhegan Coach Staples about moving the Single's Tournament.
- Concerns about what to do when a coach isn't following the rules. The committee discussed solutions to this concern.

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- A concern from the Boothbay Girls' Coach about Waynflete winning a great deal and is it fair to the public schools in Class C South.
- Asked to explore ways to report scores for the whole state down to the game level.

TOURNAMENT REVIEW:

Rain was the issue. A lot of indoor tennis at the championships level. Cooper and Don visited many indoor facilities. Colby and Bates are great facilities to host championships.

Cooper Higgins presented a plan for the singles and team tournaments for 2018 to fill in for not having Colby and Bates available due to graduation and Family and Friends weekends. The first two days of the singles will move to Deering Oaks and the team championship will move to Lewiston. Because there are no lights at Deering Oaks for the first round of the singles tournament, Cooper and Don proposed using a 10-point 3rd set tie break for split set matches to speed up play. There are eight courts at Deering Oaks and nine at Maine Racquet and Fitness. If weather is a factor it can easily be moved inside from there.

ACTION TAKEN: On a MOTION by Cullen/Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to accept Cooper's proposal for the 2018 tennis tournaments.

2017-2018 BULLETIN: Updated the Bulletin for the 2018 season.

OTHER:

Cooper Higgins shared that he doesn't feel that the Bona-fide Team Rule fits well with tennis and that we ought to waive it, as players working with their private coaches frees up time for the coaches to work with other players that need it. Committee rejected, as the committee cannot waive the Bona-fide team rule.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m. on a MOTION by Cullen/Stevens and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson
Assistant Executive Director

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