

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
TENNIS COMMITTEE
JUNE 12, 2018

A meeting of the MPA Tennis Committee was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office in Augusta.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Gray, Tiffany Karnes, Gary Stevens, and Andy Wood.

MEMBER ABSENT: Kevin Cullen.

LIAISON PRESENT: Sheila Bohlin.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Don Atkinson and Cooper Higgins.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Bisson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Gary Stevens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Karnes/Gray, the minutes of March 22, 2018 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bisson shared the following correspondence:

- An email from a disgruntled Lewiston fan complaining about the sportsmanship of the Falmouth fans at the Class A Girls Championship match.
- An email from Paul Gastonguay at Bates regarding hosting the championships in the spring of 2019.
- An email from Karen Ledger at Colby regarding use of their courts for the 2019 championships. They are unable to commit at this time due to construction.
- A series of emails from all the schools involved in Class A and C South Championship, as start times were adjusted and all schools accepted the changes to accommodate players from Carrabec High School that had graduation that night.
- An email from Jeff Ramich at Brunswick High School asking for clarification of the doubles ladder.
- A series of emails between Al MacGregor at Maranacook Community High School and the tournament directors, as Al was requesting a time change due to graduation.
- An email with the committee regarding Madison Area Memorial High School and Waynflete School not playing a match and moving it into that last week without permission.

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- An email from Waynflete coach Jeff Madore questioning injury time for Peter Mao at the state single's championship. Cooper Higgins and Don Atkinson responded with their view of the incident and how we handled it.
- An email from Al Cayer at Mountain Valley High School with a scheduling issue in the MPA system.
- An email from Dave Wakana at Caribou High School withdrawing a player from the singles tournament due to injury.
- An email from Gordie Salls at Sanford High School questioning the new fee structure for tennis.
- An email from Ross Burdick at Waynflete School requesting to move a postponed match to the last week. It was granted knowing that indoor courts had been reserved.
- An email request for Todd Livingston at South Portland High School to waive the default fee for an injured player. After conferring with the directors, the request was granted.
- An email from JP Yorkey at St. Dominic Academy requesting to make up a match in the last week.
- A series of emails from Jeffrey Mao questioning his son Peter's seeding in the state singles tournament. Don Atkinson and Cooper Higgins responded to this extensive discussion.
- An email from David Utterback at Brewer High School and Al MacGregor at Maranacook Community High School to move a postponed match to the last playable date. Permission was granted.
- An email from Joe Gallant at Piscataquis Community High School with clarification of a seeding question from Region II in the singles tournament.
- An email from Ross Burdick at Waynflete School withdrawing a female player from the singles tournament.
- An email from Kevin Ryan at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School with a rescheduling issue for two matches to be made up at the end of the season.
- An email from Blaine Steeves at Washington Academy withdrawing a player from the singles tournament for discipline and replacing him with an alternate.
- An email from David Shapiro at Greely High School withdrawing an injured player from the singles tournament.
- An email exchange between, Sheila Bohlin, tennis coach at Mt. Ararat High School and Region 3 Director, and Don Atkinson and Cooper Higgins about entering the Boothbay Region High School players that had not been registered. Sheila fit the girls in the tournament.
- An email from the Lawrence High School coach, Kailey Smith, asking to add the three girls from Lawrence into the singles tournament. In checking with AD David Packard, they were not to be entered.
- An email from KJ Anastasio at Lincoln Academy about clarification of the rules around foot faulting.
- An email from Sarah Holmes at Yarmouth High School withdrawing a girl's player from the singles tournament.

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- An email from Ross Burdick at Waynflete School withdrawing a girl's player from the singles tournament.
- An email exchange with Stephan Woods at The Racket and Fitness Center negotiating a price to reserve the indoor courts for Memorial weekend and the singles championship.
- An email from Eric Werntgen at Fort Kent Community High School explaining the difficulty of entering his three entries for the singles tournament when they haven't played a match due to the late winter.
- An email from Jeff Benson at Edward Little High School asking to move two matches to the last week due to transportation issues. He and Jeff Ramich at Brunswick confirmed that they had indoor courts reserved, so the request was granted.
- An email from Mt. Ararat High School coach Sheila Bohlin regarding a transgender issue.
- An email from Geoff Godo at Mt. Ararat High School asking about finishing a match that is tied 2-2 with the first singles needing to play.
- An email from Jim Bourgoin at Winslow High School withdrawing a player from the singles tournament.
- An email from David Utterback at Brewer High School asking for permission to play a boys and girls doubleheader at Maranacook Community High School a day prior to official start date, as weather for the first day is expected to be rain. Permission was granted due to the travel concerns in making this up at a later date.
- An email from Jim Palmer at Oak Hill High School confirming that they do not have boys' tennis and that Lisbon and Oak Hill each have enough girls for separate teams, so the cooperative team application for girls should be dissolved.
- An email from Joel Stoneton at Winthrop High School letting us know that they will not have boys' tennis. Patty Newman opened up the MVC schedule to make the necessary scheduling changes.

COACHES' REPORT: Sheila Bohlin shared a verbal report:

- Caroline Mathis at Messalonskee High School concerned that her player wasn't seeded. She would like the draw done one week prior to the singles tournament to allow more of the regular season to be played.
- Question about the KVAC tennis schedule with different number of boys and girl's teams and trying to schedule one team home and one away on the same day to allow for practice time.
- A request to have the warm up time listed in rule book.

TOURNAMENT REVIEW: We reviewed the tournament sites and committee coverage at the sites.

Cooper and Don provided a singles and doubles tournament recap. Poor weather pushed the singles tournament inside for Saturday and Monday. Questionable weather at Colby and

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Bates for the regional tournament, but the state championship was a beautiful day with great tennis. The directors were pleased with the way the tournament ran and appreciated the help and presence of the committee.

2018-2019 BULLETIN: Tabled until the September 27, 2018 meeting.

2018-2019 RULE BOOK: Tabled until the September 27, 2018 meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Revenue of \$4,570 in 2017 and 2018 \$9,240.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Wood/Gray, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson
Assistant Executive Director

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