A meeting of the MPA Tennis Committee was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office in Augusta.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Gallant, Larry Gray, Tiffany Karnes, and Gary Stevens.

MEMBER ABSENT: Kevin Cullen.

LIAISON PRESENT: 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 9:01 a.m. by Chair Gary Stevens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by GRAY/KARNES, the minutes of September 27, 2018 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bisson shared the following correspondence:

- Acknowledgment of the health concerns of committee member Kevin Cullen and the best wishes for a speedy and healthy recovery. The committee is feeling the absence of him as a valuable committee member.
- An email from Cooper Higgins regarding the foot fault wording in the rulebook and the Singles Seeding Fact Sheet.
- A series of emails from the committee discussing the option of receiving six cases of free tennis balls, if we purchase six cases.
- An email from Todd Livingston at South Portland High School reserving their tennis courts for the singles qualifier.
- A series of emails discussing the costs associated with renting the UMaine tennis courts for the North Regional Championships.

COOPERATIVE TEAM APPLICATIONS: On a MOTION from Karnes /Gray, the Cooperative Team Application from Madison/Carrabec Boys’ Tennis to be placed in Class C with a modified enrollment of 246 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

COACHES’ REPORT: Sheila Bohlin reported the following:

Traditionally in many leagues there was a pre-season coaches’ meeting. This year many leagues have gotten away from that. The discussion was should the MPA have a mandatory pre-season meeting to discuss rules or can this be done through a quiz or another method? The committee will explore developing a rules slide show and rules quiz.
TOURNAMENT SITES:

Discussion regarding sites for the 2019 Individual and Team Tennis Championships. Selections were:

Friday, May 24 - Lewiston High School for the Singles Round of 48 and 32.
Saturday, May 25 - Lewiston High School for the Singles Round of 16 and Quarterfinals.
Monday, May 27 - Bates College for the Singles Semi-finals and Finals
Tuesday, June 4 – Bates College for the North Team Finals.
Thursday, June 6 – Bates College for the South Team Finals.
Saturday, June 8 – Lewiston High School for the State Team Championships.


ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Rules Video/Power Point for 2020.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m. on a MOTION by Karnes/Gray and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson
Assistant Executive Director

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