A meeting of the MPA Volleyball Committee was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 9:03 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Jack Hardy, Julie Keblinsky (GTM), Susan Robbins (GTM), and John Rogers.

MEMBER ABSENT:  Melanie Craig.

LIAISONS PRESENT:  Bob Wooten (Officials) and Jim Senecal (Coaches).

STAFF PRESENT:  Michael Bisson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  On a MOTION by Rogers/Robbins, the minutes of August 28, 2018 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE:  The following correspondence was shared with the committee:

- Emails between Paul Vachon at Cony High School and Paul True at Lake Region High School regarding the forfeiture of a September 6, 2018 match for use of an ineligible player.
- Emails from Rich Drummond at Windham High School and Amy Ashley at Cheverus High School breaking the tie in Class A following the guidelines established in the bulletin.
- Emails from Jeff Thoreck at Cape Elizabeth High School and Joe Schwartzman at Kennebunk High School requesting to play their quarter-final match on Monday, October 22, as the Cape Elizabeth coach is being inducted into her college hall of fame.

COACHES REPORT:  The following was presented:

- Positive feedback for the South Portland site.
- Scheduling issues for Gorham High School and Biddeford High School. They would like to widen their schedule and play all the A teams and play stronger opponents. Discussion about scheduling and increasing the number of countable matches ensued.
- Rob Thompson from MVCA has asked his coaches for collegiate venues for the A and B State Championship. Jim will share the concerns from the MPA about cost and support from the college venue. Class C is concerned about traveling to Southern Maine. There will be exploration about USM and St. Joe’s as possible A/B sites.
- Bonnie Marckoon at George Stevens Academy was looking forward to the day of having enough teams for a North/South scheduling model.

OFFICIALS’ REPORT:  The following was presented:

- Concern with some schools not paying the officials in a timely manner.
- Tri-matches on Saturday are a possibility to reduce travel costs for busing and official’s travel. Jack shared that the issue is that JV’s get eliminated in a tri-match.
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- New programs play the less competitive teams.
- The officials would like more matches to start with JV at 5:30 and varsity at 7:00 for officials to get to the matches on time. A 4:00 or 4:30 start time is a challenge for the officials for JV matches.
- A request to play more Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday to avoid the college schedule. Officials are lacking on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Selection of playoff officials is a concern. Availability is how they are selected now instead of the highest quality officials.
- A request to play the State finals at a college site.

2018 TOURNAMENT REVIEW:

- Officials nominations and the need to know the “no” votes for a tournament official. The need to get the assignments in a timely manner. It will be kept consistent with other sports where an active official is the assigner.
- Bob Wooten will work with Linda McFarland and Dave Carson to find a process of assigning for the playoffs with line judges, scorekeepers, and quality officials.
- South Portland High School was an excellent host school for the Class B Championship.
- Ellsworth High School was an excellent host venue for Class C.
- Marshwood High School was a good host.

2019 TOURNAMENT SITES:

- All tournament sites should have a minimum of 1300 seats.
- High school sites, but try to avoid conflict of a team hosting on their home court.
- Mike Bisson will contact schools and see if schools would host and find out if they would host a class that they are not in.

Preferred sites for 2019:
- A – Cape Elizabeth, Windham
- B – Biddeford, Windham
- C – Hampden, Brewer

BULLETIN: The bulletin was updated with changes and dates for 2019. A provision was added for Class A and B sites to switch if a team playing is scheduled to host.

CLASSIFICATION: On a MOTION from Keblinsky/Robbins to establish the volleyball cutoffs for Class C 0-399, Class B 400-749, and Class A 750+ and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Volleyball Committee will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The second meeting of the year will be Thursday, November 14, 2019.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Election of Chair
- Site Packet
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MEETING ADJOURNED: On a MOTION by Rogers/Keblinsky, the meeting was UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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