

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 3, 2017**

A meeting of the MPA Volleyball Committee was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jack Hardy and Susan Robbins.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Melanie Craig AND Julie Koblinsky.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Bob Wooten (Officials) and Nicole Kane (Coaches).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Bisson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Robbins/Hardy, the minutes of November 3, 2016 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was shared with the committee:

- Mr. Bisson shared two emails from the officials scheduling the mandatory rules clinics and other items to be added to the meeting agenda. A reminder of the August 10 session will be sent out to all volleyball schools.
- Mr. Bisson shared an email from Brewer High School that the Board of Directors approved and they will be adding volleyball this fall.
- Mr. Bisson shared an email from Coaches' Liaison Jim Senecal that Nicole Kane will be attending the meeting in his absence.
- Mr. Bisson shared an email from Gary Hoyt reaffirming Cheverus High School's request to play in Class A for the 2017 season.
- Mr. Bisson shared an update for a rules correction from NFHS.
- Mr. Bisson shared a spreadsheet created by Gerry Durgin with schools willing to host and their facility capacity to better help prepare for State Championship contests.
- On a MOTION by Robbins/Hardy, a cooperative team of Brunswick High School (host) and Mt. Ararat High School was APPROVED, pending Board approval from Brunswick on August 9, 2017 and they will be placed in Class A with a new enrollment of 980.

**COACHES' REPORT:** No report was presented.

**OFFICIALS' REPORT:** The following was presented:

- Bob Wooten reports that they have lost eight officials since last year, but they have added six or seven and have a plan to cover the 2017 season.

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- Presented a timeline for a Pre-match Protocol. The committee asked for a simplified version. Upon committee approval, it will be sent out to schools to be placed at the scorer's table for each match.
- Electronic Scoring Concern - The officials are concerned about the increased use of electronic scoring, as many schools are going in that direction. The concern raised is what happens if the technology fails and the ability to go back and check errors. The scorer should be trained and able to work with the officials to address changes during the match to the scoresheet. The recommendation for the committee is to bring some recommendations through the official's liaison to the NFHS to address through the rules committee and add electronic scoring to the rulebook.
- At other levels of volleyball officiating, three uniform colors are allowable. They are white, powder blue, and gray. White is the default color and is the required color in the NFHS rule book. The officials asked to approve the other colors with the understanding that R1 and R2 match and that they are different from all player's uniforms. On a MOTION by Robbins/Hardy, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that officials may add powder blue and gray as uniform options.
- The officials asked to have the ability to place a camera on the net at some matches to aid them in training purposes. The request was accepted.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The committee questioned two large schools like Brunswick High School (an established team) and Mt. Ararat High School forming a cooperative team. The committee asked if Mt. Ararat High School had tried to form a club team. On a MOTION from Robbins/Hardy, the committee would ask the Interscholastic Management Committee to establish or investigate setting a maximum number for participation in a cooperative team, if the numbers of all schools are enough to form a club or varsity level team.

The Championship Site Packet was reviewed and updated. Times and dates for the three State Championships were discussed, but will be TBA pending site availability.

The committee recommends a minimum capacity of 1400 for future State Championships. Discussion for hosting Classes A and B at one site for 2018 was also discussed, but no action taken.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Volleyball Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** On a MOTION by Robbins/Hardy, the meeting was UNANIMOUSLY adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bisson  
Assistant Executive Director

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