

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

A meeting of the Cheerleading Committee was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clark Rafford (Chair), Pat Metta, and Dennis Walton.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Amero, Matt Larsen, and Bill MacManus.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Denise Gelinias, Susan Hartnett, and Kristie Reed.

LIAISON ABSENT: Deb Lebel.

GUEST PRESENT: Lynette Morency, Lewiston High School.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Walton/Metta, the minutes of April 14, 2011 were UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file:

- A memo from NFHS clarifying high school spirit rules dealing with allowable stunts on basketball courts and tracks.
- An email informing the committee of routines performed at the state championship being posted on YouTube.
- An email discussing the possible use of the MYCCA cheering mats.
- An email discussing regular season cheering competitions.
- A memo from NFHS discussing their endorsement of STUNT.
- An email from a coach with a question about holding a preseason informational meeting during the two week hands-off period.
- An email discussing the changes in the scoring and deduction sheets for 2012.
- A series of emails from schools that had been penalized during their routine at the regional

REVIEW OF 2011-2012 WINTER CHEERING BULLETIN: The 2011-2012 winter bulletin was reviewed and updated.

REVIEW OF 2011-2012 SCORING AND DEDUCTION SHEETS: The 2011-2012 scoring and deduction sheets were updated to reflect the scoring changes that were implemented by the committee.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

- Recommend that the updated sideline guidelines be sent to all fall cheering schools.
- Would like to see the separation of the classes at the state cheering championships.

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COACHES' REPORT: Have sent the updated fall cheering rules and regulations and would like to have those provided to fall cheering schools.

OTHER:

NFHS Cheering Rules Committee – Congratulations to Denise Gelinis on her appointment to the NFHS Cheering Rules Committee.

STUNT versus Cheer – The NFHS has now adopted the sport of STUNT. More information will be provided as it becomes available from NFHS.

Mandatory Coaches' Rules Clinic – After discussion, it was decided that there would be a mandatory rules clinic for all winter cheering coaches. The first clinic will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2011 as part of the Maine Cheering Coaches' Clinic. A second make-up clinic will be held on Tuesday, November 29. The second clinic will utilize the Tandberg Equipment.

Sideline Cheering Guidelines – The guidelines were reviewed and edited and will be sent to all schools as soon as possible.

Athletic Trainer Coverage – A request from the coaches was to have an additional trainer available at the Bangor Auditorium during the regional championship. The suggestion was made to contact the University of Maine to see if they may be interested in having student trainers' work at the event.

Co-Ed Division – The committee asked that the number of co-ed teams be tracked during the 2012 championships and that this item is on a future agenda. The committee also requested that data on requirements of the other New England states also be provided.

Locker Room Space for Male Cheerleaders – The coaches asked that appropriate locker room space be given for male cheerleaders to change. This will be passed along to the site directors at both locations.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Co-ed Cheering Division
- State Championship Schedule

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Cheering Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Walton/Metta, and UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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