

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 14, 2011

A meeting of the MPA Field Hockey Committee was held on Friday, October 14, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Nadeau (Chair) and Sue Thurston.

MEMBER ABSENT: Lori Bolster

LIAISON PRESENT: Kelly Hoffman.

LIAISON ABSENT: Kim Ballantyne.

GUEST PRESENT: Sue Weatherbie.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Thurston/Nadeau, the minutes of the July 21, 2011 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A memo outlining the sportsmanship voting procedure to be followed by all field hockey schools.
- An email from the NFHS announcing the "Fundamentals of Coaching Field Hockey" online course that is now available.
- A memo from the NFHS discussing protective eyewear that meets ASTM standards.
- An email discussing foul language at high school sporting events.
- An email discussing officiating at a recent high school field hockey game.
- An email with a question about boys not being allowed to participate in high school field hockey.
- An email introducing Kelly Hoffman as the new field hockey coaches' liaison.
- An email from Penn Monto regarding the supplying of balls for the 2011 regional and state championship games.
- An email with the list of tournament eligible officials.
- An email discussing the rescheduling of games into the last week of the season.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2011 HEAL POINTS: The Heal Points were reviewed and finalized.

MPA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: The process for voting for the MPA Sportsmanship Award was reviewed. Banners will be presented to regional winners at the state championship games.

REVIEW OF THE SITE PACKET: The site packet was reviewed and updated.

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COACHES' REPORT:

- There were 53 coaches that attended the annual coaches' clinic held at the University of Maine. There were approximately 25-30 coaches in attendance for the panel discussion held on Friday evening.
- Topics discussed by the panel included dealing with declining numbers and out of season opportunities for field hockey players.
- The SMAA is looking at possibly holding all of their tournament games on artificial turf.
- The coaches welcomed the opportunity to include the mandatory rules clinic as a part of the coaches' clinic.
- The role of the league representatives in the MFHCA was clarified. League representatives will be asked to communicate with the MPA coaches' liaison with league issues.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

- There were three mid-season officials' meetings held during the past season. Each meeting gave officials an opportunity to discuss various situations. All boards will be holding postseason meetings.
- Officials for preliminary, quarterfinal, and semifinal games will be assigned by the home school's assignor. Sue Weatherbie will coordinate the assignment of officials for the regional and state championship games.
- The role of the table official will be clarified and provided to those officials working at the championship games.

OTHER: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Field Hockey Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Thurston/Nadeau, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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