

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**FOOTBALL COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 4, 2011**

A meeting of the MPA Football Committee was held on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the MPA Office at 9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bisson (Chair), Todd Livingston, Tim Smith, and Al Young.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Paul Bickford.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Allan Snell and John Morin.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Smith/Livingston, the minutes of the December 2, 2010 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A copy of the Football Committee Report that was presented at the MPA Spring Conference.
- Letters from Hermon High School, Telstar Regional High School, and Washington Academy requesting to be recognized as varsity football programs beginning with the 2011 season.
- An email discussing football classification in Maine.
- A request from Wells High School requesting to participate in Class "B" for the next two years.
- A memo from the NFHS outlining the 2011-2012 rule changes.
- An email from a school seeking information about forming a cooperative football team.
- A letter from Winslow High School requesting that they be placed in Class "C" East for the next classification cycle.
- An email discussing the administration of the football rules exam for officials.
- An email with a question about the use of school equipment and facilities during summer camps.
- An email with a question about Maine athletes that had been drafted and played in the NFL.
- An email discussing a statewide officials' mechanics clinic scheduled at Bowdoin College on Saturday, August 13. The clinic will also include a mandatory rules clinic for coaches.

**COACHES' REPORT:**

- The coaches are disappointed that the 4-class proposal did not move forward and the group hopes that the work will continue.

**OFFICIALS' REPORT:**

- Copies of the 2011 rule changes were distributed to the group.
- A mechanics clinic was added at Bowdoin College on Saturday, August 13.

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**REVIEW 2011 FOOTBALL BULLETIN:** The 2011 Football Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

**REVIEW 2011 FOOTBALL SITE PACKET:** The 2011 Football Site Packet was reviewed and updated.

**OTHER:**

- **4-Class Proposal** – After discussion, the committee asked that information about 8-man football and the number of the states that sponsor it be made available for the next meeting.
- **State Championship Officials** - For the 2011 state championship games there will be 7 on-field officials. Six of the officials will be paid by the MPA and the seventh official will be paid by MAFO.
- **State Championship Locker Rooms** – After discussion, the committee recommended that the practice of using King Middle School for the visiting team be continued.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Football Committee is scheduled for an electronic meeting to determine the order of play for the state championship games on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. There will also be a meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Smith/Livingston and supported UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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