

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 2011

A meeting of the MPA Ice Hockey Committee was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Fields (Co-Chair), Bill MacManus (Co-Chair) Don Fournier, and Jeff Turnbull.

MEMBER ABSENT: Al McGregor.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Dennis Martin and Chris Parsons.

LIAISONS ABSENT: Greg Dumais and J.P. Lavoie.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Burnham.

GUEST PRESENT: Ron Dumont (representing girls' ice hockey coaches).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Fournier/MacManus the minutes of January 26, 2011 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail discussing the 15 penalty rule in USA Hockey.
- An email from a coach discussing the sportsmanship voting.
- An email from a coach asking that the committee review the rule that prohibits high school teams and middle school teams from practicing together.
- An email expressing concern about the officiating in girls' ice hockey games.
- An email with a question about the allowable number of exhibition games.
- An email discussing a game disqualification that occurred during a regular season game.
- An email asking for clarification regarding the use of college players in a practice.
- An email from a school requesting that an official not be assigned to their playoff games.
- An email from a family asking about the possibility of their son being allowed to play for a neighboring school should their school cancel the ice hockey program.
- A series of emails discussing game disqualifications that occurred during the season.
- A list of schools that did not have a game disqualification throughout the entire season.
- An email from a school with a proposal to move from a 2-class system to a 3-class system.

REVIEW OF SEASON:

Girls – Season went well and the coaches recommend that the same rules be in place for the 2011-2012 season.

Boys – The season went smoothly with the number of ejections down from a year ago.

Play-Offs – Outstanding playoffs in all classes with the playoffs culminating with a sellout crowd at the Class A championships.

COACHES' REPORT:

Girls

- The coaches liked the addition of the overtime and recommend that the Year 3 guidelines continue for the next year.
- Officiating of games continues to be an issue but ongoing discussion with Chris Parsons, MPA Rules Interpreter, will help address the concerns.

Boys

- The 50% Rule and the 5-Exhibition Rule continue to be an issue with ice hockey teams.
- Support the reclassification report that was submitted. The report was comprised after surveying all of the Class A coaches.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

- Close to 75% of the officials have now been evaluated with the majority of those not yet being evaluated being those officials that work college games.
- The Executive Board will remain the same for the next two years.
- Feedback from coaches has improved but it is still a relatively low number of coaches providing the feedback.
- Recommend that the committee look at the NFHS rule that allows an athlete to receive a maximum of one ejection during a game. On a MOTION by MacManus/Fournier, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, it was established that an athlete receiving multiple disqualifications in a single game may not participate in the number of countable contests equal to the number of ejections received during the game.

SITE DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

The committee reviewed reports from all tournament sites.

GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY:

- The guidelines that were established for the 2010-2011 season will continue for the 2011-2012 season.

UPDATE 2010-2011 BULLETIN:

The committee reviewed and updated the 2011-2012 Bulletin.

SPORTSMANSHIP BANNERS:

- The practice of tabulating the sportsmanship votes prior to the state championship game and then presenting the winners their banners at the state championship game worked very well for both the girls and the boys and will continue in 2012.
- Next year ice hockey will be a pilot program for the new sportsmanship award program. Guidelines for the award will be placed on the next agenda.
- The committee recommended that again this year all schools that did not have any disqualifications for the season will receive a certificate of excellence from the MPA Ice Hockey Committee.

OTHER: The following items were discussed:

- Video casting of the state championship games.
- The production of a professionally done video of all state championship games.
- A third classification in ice hockey. The issue will be placed on a future agenda.
- On a MOTION by Fournier/MacManus, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED it was agreed that all girls' playoff games would have three officials assigned
- Scheduling Committee meeting – May 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA Office.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: On a MOTION by Fournier/MacManus (3-0-1) Jeff Turnbull was elected as the chair of the Ice Hockey Committee for 2011-2012.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Sportsmanship Award Criteria
- Fighting Ejection – Multiple Game Disqualification
- Reclassification

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Ice Hockey Committee was scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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