

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
INTERSCHOLASTIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

APRIL 27, 2011

A meeting of the Interscholastic Management Committee was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the Samoset in Rockport.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Bell, Linda Bleile, Marty Bouchard, Doug Carville, Lloyd Crocker, Peter Dawson, Matt Haney, Chris L'Abbe, Gus LeBlanc, Judson McBrine, Robert Stevens, and Ben Vail.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Bunky Dow and Marty Ryan.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham, Phyllis Deringis, Richard Durost, and Jeffrey Sturgis.

CALL TO ORDER: President Gus LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

MINUTES: It was MOVED (Bleile), SECONDED (Carville), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the amended minutes of March 17, 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: It was MOVED (Bell), SECONDED (Bouchard), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to place the financial reports for March 2011 on file. There were no cash transfers.

2011-2012 BUDGET: It was MOVED (Stevens), SECONDED (Bell), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented.

RETREAT REPORT: The 2011 Board of Directors Retreat will be held on Monday, August 8, 2011 at the MPA Conference Center beginning at 8:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was reviewed and filed:

- A copy of a letter from President LeBlanc discussing an issue that occurred at the Class B Indoor Track Championships.
- A copy of a letter from President LeBlanc discussing accessibility to the basketball tournament by basketball officials.
- A letter from Vinalhaven High School and North Haven High School requesting a waiver of the 40 student maximum enrollment in order for 8th grade students at both schools be allowed to participate on the school's cooperative baseball team. The combined male enrollment of both schools is 42. Mr. Durost reported that the request had been made prior to the start of the baseball season and that after speaking with President LeBlanc, he

approved the waiver. It was MOVED (Stevens), SECONDED (L'Abbe), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the action taken by Mr. Durost and place the request on file.

- A letter from Rangeley Lakes Regional School reporting a possible sport season violation. It was MOVED (McBrine), SECONDED (Carville), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to schedule a hearing with the school to discuss the possible sport season violation.
- A letter from Hodgdon High School and Greater Houlton Christian Academy requesting that the cooperative soccer team formed by the two schools be allowed to use the existing Hodgdon High School uniforms and nickname for the upcoming season because of budgetary constraints. It was MOVED (Stevens), SECONDED (Haney), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to grant a one year waiver.
- A request from Sacopee Valley High School and Windham High School to continue their cooperative agreement in boys' ice hockey for another two years. The request would again require a waiver that the combined enrollment of the two schools not be larger than the largest school in the state. It was MOVED (Dawson), SECONDED (Bell), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to grant the waiver for the next two years with concern and suggested that the schools look for other possible partners in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Survey Results Concerning the Sunset Provision for the Number of Teams Qualifying for Post-season Play and Non-countable Dates – After reviewing the results of the survey sent to all member high schools, it was MOVED (Dawson), SECONDED (Vail), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend returning to 67% of teams qualifying for post-season play in Heal Point sports. It was then MOVED (Dawson), SECONDED (Vail), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend remaining with five exhibition dates, plus one for those schools qualifying for post-season play.

New England Leadership Conference – Mr. Burnham distributed a packet of information describing the New England Leadership Conference scheduled for July 21-24, 2011 at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Copies of the April 28, 2011 Interscholastic Business Meeting Agenda were distributed for review by the committee. Included on the agenda would be a proposed Bona Fide Team Rule along with a recommendation that viewing the NFHS Concussion Video be added to the coaches' eligibility requirement.

REPORTS:

A. Executive Director Dick Durost – Staff reported on the following:

- Mr. Burnham reported that a draft of the new website, along with a survey asking for feedback, would be made available to the membership within the next week.
- Mr. Sturgis reported on the classification recommendations to be presented to the membership at the next day's Interscholastic Division business meeting. He outlined issues that the committee addressed in wrestling and in football. Mr. Carville distributed a letter from Winslow High School outlining concerns that the school had with the

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recommendation that they be placed in Western Class C in the sport of football and that this issue be revisited prior to the next classification cycle.

B. MSSA, Kevin Jordan – No Report.

C. MIAAA, Marty Ryan reported on the following:

- Dennis Kiah, Athletic Administrator at Brewer High School was selected as the 2011 MIAAA Robert Lahey Athletic Administrator of the Year.
- Bunky Dow, Athletic Administrator at Mt. Desert Island High School, received the State Award of Merit.
- Jeff Sturgis, Assistant Executive Director at the Maine Principals' Association, received the 2011 Larry LaBrie Award.

OTHER BUSINESS: The board recognized Linda Bleile and Pete Dawson for their service to the Interscholastic Management Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meetings will be held on August 8, 2011 (Retreat); September 15, 2011; November 16, 2011 (Fall Conference); January 26, 2012; March 15, 2012 (Board of Directors); and May 3, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT: It was MOVED (Bleile), SECONDED (Dawson), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Durost
Executive Director

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