

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SKI COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2009

A meeting of the MPA Ski Committee was held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the MPA Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Hall (Chair), Tim Doak, Keith Morin, Dave Wakana, and Scott Walker.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Buzz Bean and Bob Morse.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: On a MOTION by Wakana/Doak, the amended minutes of the June 23, 2009 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- A copy of the letter sent to all mountains inviting them to submit a bid for 2010-2014.
- A copy of the 2009 Master Ski Schedule.
- A copy of the 2009 Ski Committee contact phone numbers.
- An e-mail discussing the scheduling of the Class A championships in Aroostook County.
- A question about a school moving from Class B to Class A.
- An e-mail discussing the development of Nordic ski trails in Augusta.
- An e-mail outlining the agenda for the annual MSCA meeting scheduled for October 18, 2009 at Edward Little High School in Auburn.
- A copy of the letter sent by Ted Hall to the Interscholastic Management Committee asking them to consider a waiver for ski coaches involved in end-of-the-season tournaments.
- An e-mail discussing the conflict with the scheduling of the 2010 Ski Championships.
- A copy of questions, along with the responses, that appeared on the MHSSA website.

COACHES' REPORT: The coaches held their annual meeting at Edward Little High School on October 18, 2009.

- The association thanked Ted Hall, chair of the MPA Ski Committee, for attending the meeting and discussing their concerns.
- One concern from the 2009 Ski Championships was that the posted start time was not used as the official start time. The coaches asked that the official start time not be changed unless done so by the Jury.

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- Understand that the lack of bids from many mountains has to do with the impact that the ski championships have on each venue during school vacation week.
- The coaches would not support a move from 6 to 8 competitive skiers for each team.
- Would like to see a rule change that requires that in all slalom races, to assure skier safety, that a course reset occur between the two boys' runs and the two girls' runs, regardless of which race is run first.
- Would support adoption of a minimum 40 meter course width requirement in all alpine events.
- Would ask the Ski Committee to reconsider the scheduling of the Class C Ski Championships in Fort Kent and the scheduling of the Class A Ski Championships in Mars Hill and Presque Isle.

2009-2010 BULLETIN: The bulletin was reviewed and edited.

2010-2014 SKI BIDS: The following concerns were discussed by the committee:

- Can Lonesome Pines accommodate the 2010 Class C Alpine Championships?
- Should the Class A schools be scheduled to travel to Aroostook County?

After lengthy discussion, the committee addressed each one of the concerns raised and felt that it would be acceptable to host a state championship meet at the venues in Aroostook County but asked that a certified TD inspect the course in Fort Kent this fall to address the safety concerns that were raised. The committee also felt, that with the bids that were submitted, that it was fair to ask each class to travel to Aroostook County to participate in a state championship meet. On a MOTION by Walker/Wakana, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to stay with the published three-year schedule and to look at other scheduling possibilities for years four and five.

RULEBOOK UPDATE: The 2009-2010 Ski Rulebook was reviewed and updated.

OTHER:

- Ted Hall will meet with the Interscholastic Management Committee at their next scheduled meeting to discuss the request for an extension to the season.
- That all scoring will stay to the nearest 10th of a point, as stated in the rulebook. Ties will result in co-champions being declared.
- The committee will discuss the possible addition of a skimeister only category after the Ski Coaches' Association has had an opportunity to discuss the issue.
- Coaches' bibs should be provided to coaches at all state championship races.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

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ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Wakana/Walker, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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