

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**

**SKI COMMITTEE**

**OCTOBER 24, 2011**

A meeting of the MPA Ski Committee was held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the MPA Office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ted Hall (Chair), Todd Demons, Deborah Ladd, Keith Morin, and Mark White.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Scott Walker.

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Buzz Bean and Bob Morse.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Burnham.

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES:** On a MOTION by Ladd/White, the minutes of the June 20, 2011 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

- An e-mail from a school with a question about cooperative individual agreements.
- An email from Ted Hall, Chair of the MPA Ski Committee, with background data and information regarding high school skiing in Maine.
- A packet of information describing the Friday Night Lights Race Series held at Mt. Abram during the 2010-2011 season.
- A proposal to reclassify the sport of skiing.

**COACHES' REPORT:**

- The coaches' meeting was held at Edward Little High School on October 16, 2011. The coaches thanked Ted Hall for attending the meeting.
- There was a question about the lift fee being charged at Big Rock.
- There was an issue with coaches being allowed to assist on the mountain at Big Rock.
- The coaches would like to see more netting on the course at Big Rock.
- The coaches would like to see a video camera set at the finish line at all races to assist in the correct placement of finishers.
- There was a question about the possibility of two schools being able to compete together as one team.
- Would recommend that single panel gates be used during the giant slalom races with the exception of the first gate, the last gate, and any combination.

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- Recommend that schools be required to pay the gatekeeper fee prior to the race and those schools that provide gatekeepers be reimbursed.
- Request that bibs be issued to coaches at all races.
- Coaches would prefer not to have assigned finish lanes at any Nordic championship race.
- Ask that the classical course be tracked one day prior to the championship race.

**2011-2012 BULLETIN:** The bulletin was reviewed and date changes for the 2012 season were made.

**2011-2012 RULE BOOK:** The rulebook is currently being reviewed and will be provided to the committee once it has been completed. On a MOTION White/Ladd, it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, to adopt a single panel gate, with the exception of the first and last gate and all combinations, at all giant slalom races during the upcoming season.

**2012 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE:** After considerable discussion, the following revised schedule was proposed for the 2012 Class C & A championships. The Class B championships at Big Rock and the Nordic Heritage Center would remain as originally scheduled.

<b>Monday, February 20, 2012</b>				
1:30 p.m.	Class C	Classical	Girls	Black Mountain
3:00 p. m.	Class C	Classical	Boys	Black Mountain
<b>Tuesday, February 21, 2012</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Class C	Giant Slalom	Girls	Mt. Abram
10:45 a.m.	Class C	Giant Slalom	Boys	Mt. Abram
3:00 p. m.	Class C	Freestyle	Girls	Black Mountain
4:00 p.m.	Class C	Freestyle	Boys	Black Mountain
<b>Wednesday – February 22, 2012</b>				
9:30 a.m.	Class C	Slalom	Girls	Mt. Abram
12:45 p.m.	Class C	Slalom	Boys	Mt. Abram
1:30 p.m.	Class A	Classical	Girls	Black Mountain
3:00 p.m.	Class A	Classical	Boys	Black Mountain
<b>Thursday – February 23, 2012</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Class A	Giant Slalom	Girls	Black Mountain
10:45 a.m.	Class A	Giant Slalom	Boys	Black Mountain
3:00 p.m.	Class A	Freestyle	Girls	Black Mountain
4:00 p.m.	Class A	Freestyle	Boys	Black Mountain

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<b>Friday – February 24, 2012</b>				
9:30 a.m.	Class A	Slalom	Girls	Black Mountain
12:45 p.m.	Class A	Slalom	Boys	Black Mountain

**FEES:** On a MOTION by Morin/White, the ski fees for the 2011-2012 ski season would increase to \$375/team and \$125/individual was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. The fees charged by each mountain were established during the bid process.

**SKI SCHEDULE FOR 2013\*** - Tabled to December 1, 2011 meeting.

**OTHER:**

**Medical Coverage at Championship Races** – Medical coverage at each venue will be discussed prior to the start of each scheduled race.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the MPA office. The only agenda item will be the schedule for 2013 and the years to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Demmons/Morin, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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