

Southwestern Maine Activities Association Athletic Administrators' Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2024 9:00 A.M

Scarborough Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Curtis.

Members Present: Biddeford, Bonny Eagle, Cheverus, Deering, Falmouth, Gorham, Kennebunk, Marshwood, Massabesic, Noble, Portland, Sanford, Scarborough, South Portland, Thornton Academy, Westbrook and Windham

Opening Remarks: President Schwartzman welcomed the Association membership to the new school year. Two new athletic directors, Nate Pelletier (Windham) and Spencer Allen (Portland), were welcomed to the SMAA.

Agenda Adjustments: Guardian Cap discussion was added to football

Announcements:

Biddeford: Fall athletic participation numbers are up significantly. Seeking first team boys' soccer games.

Bonny Eagle: SMAA Cross Country Relays next Wednesday at BE. Parking at both the High School and Middle School.

Cheverus: Football numbers have increased. No JV boys' soccer.

Deering: No JV girls' soccer.

Falmouth: no announcements

Gorham: Seeking first team soccer games and volleyball games.

Kennebunk: Field hockey numbers are low, prefer playing varsity field hockey games first and junior varsity games likely to be 7 v 7.

Marshwood: Field Hockey numbers are low (18), prefer playing junior varsity games after the varsity game.

Massabesic: Field Hockey numbers are low / prefer playing the varsity game first. Boys' soccer numbers are low / prefer playing the varsity game first.

Noble: Field Hockey numbers are low. Golf participants have increased. Seeking junior varsity golf matches. Home Golf Course is the Sanford Country Club.

Portland: Field Hockey play date is next week. Buses may park at King Middle School.

Sanford: no announcements

Scarborough: Seeking first team volleyball games.

South Portland: no announcements

Thornton: Seeking first team volleyball games.

Westbrook: Girls' soccer may have only one team. May be able to play some junior varsity games on off days.

Windham: Seeking first team boys' soccer and first team volleyball games.

Correspondences/Communications:

There was a lengthy discussion of correspondences (emails) regarding 2024 softball all-stars.

Emails from Dennis Crowe (soccer assignor), Ben Garrett (football assignor) and David Carson were shared with the Membership.

Minutes: The minutes of June 13, 2024 were presented for review.

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 13th as presented. Sanford/Bonny Eagle. Motion approved 17-0-0.

Executive Director's Report: an overview of the current Association finances was presented. The July- August Financial Snap Shot was emailed and is in the SMAA Meeting Folder.

Current checking account balance is \$117,840.

Sixteen-member schools have fully or partially paid their 2023-2024 SMAA Assessments. (\$151,851).

Motion: To approve the Financial Report and Executive Director's Report as presented. Biddeford/Marshwood. Motion approved 17-0-0.

The 2024-2025 SMAA Assessments are due.

A brief review of the 2024-2025 liaison assignments took place. Liaison Assignment for tennis was given to Mike Daly of Deering High School.

Motion: To approve the Executive Director's Report as presented. Biddeford/Marshwood/Cheverus. Motion approved 17-0-0.

MPA Committee Reports:

AD Advisory Meeting: no report

Technology, Ferriera: no report.

Classification, Schwartzman: The 2025-2026 is a reclassification year. The expectation is there will be some changes. The first classification meeting will be in

September. The number of basketball classes will be a major classification committee topic. This is the second year of the cooperative team cycle.

Officials Fees, LeGage: New fees for 2024-2025 are \$95 varsity officials and 50 cents/mi for travel.

Sports Medicine, Spear: The SM Committee recommends field hockey goggles but does not require googles. Masks will be required in 2024 for corners. There was a brief discussion of soccer mouth guards and the SMC's recommendation to the Interscholastic Management Committee. The IMC will consider next week the soccer mouth guard rule.

DEI: no report.

Fall Sports

There was a discussion of the use of Hudl for all varsity level games this Fall. President Schwartzman conducted a brief Hudl utilization survey. The discussion included sharing of game films for all activities, specifically soccer and field hockey.

Motion: To share all Hudl game films for all activities within the SMAA. Marshwood/Sanford. Motion approved 16-1-0.

Cheering, Lemelin: no report

Cross Country: The 2024 SMAA relays will be at Bonny Eagle.

Field Hockey, Ashley: Sue Weatherbie (SMAA Field Hockey Assignor) shared the following items: Saturdays are good make-up days, please notify her of changes to junior varsity game conditions. There will be no travel charged for preseason games. Please regularly double check your schedules. Two game balls required. Have an established penalty table. Corner masks are mandated. Teams playing without masks will forfeit. Coaches should not call officials for rule interpretations. 3:30 P.M. games are impossible, the earliest game time would be 3:45 P.M.

Football, Stevens and Buzzell: There was a discussion of Guardian Caps. The junior varsity football schedules will likely be adjusted as the season progresses. A first team football schedule survey will be sent out by Lance Johnson. Ben Garrett, SMAA Football Assignor, request to adjust the game schedule on two dates was discussed. Two member schools (randomly selected) - Gorham and Windham, will change their Friday night football games to another date.

Golf, Spear: There was a discussion of golf coaches meeting of last night. The SMAA Qualifier will be Monday, Oct 7th. Girls Qualifier will start at noon. The MPA Championship will be Friday, October 11th. Six people may be on your qualifying team. Players should project to be capable of breaking 90-95. Championship week will require golfers to miss two school days.

Soccer, Moore: First team soccer survey coming. A report from Dennis Crowe, SMAA Soccer Assignor, was shared. There was no preseason soccer coaches meeting.

Soccer officials will no longer report yellow cards. Red Cards will be reported.

Volleyball, Livingston: Please update your volleyball coaches' information in the SMAA Directory. A communication from W. David Carson, our volleyball assignor, was shared. Volleyball moving to three classes. MPA handbook is now available online.

CPR/AED does not require certification. The requirement is to be trained in both.

Esports, Daly: no report

Winter Activities:

Girls and Boys basketball, Spear, Curtis and Coffey: There was a brief discussion of the process to create the boys' and girls' basketball schedules for 2024-2025. The schedule of opponents and home and away projections are in the SMAA Portal. Girls' and boys' basketball schedules are not identical. The process will continue as game dates will be before our September Meeting. We project to have a basketball schedule to consider at our next meeting.

Cheering, Lemelin: no report

Ice Hockey, Walton: The MPA ice hockey committee is meeting today. Consideration is being given to changing the number of games required in a classification to qualify for tournament play.

Indoor Track, Walton, Lawrence: no report

Skiing, Alpine, Spear: no report

Nordic Skiing, Daly: no report

Swimming and Diving, Schwartzman: second year of a two-year schedule with date and site adjustments projected.

Unified Basketball, Murphy: no report

Wrestling, Moore: Please note the wrestling rules changes for 2024-2025. The desire to have an SMAA scale certification date when we meet in October was strongly supported.

Esports, Daly: no report.

Spring Sports:

Baseball, Livingston: no report

Boys' Lacrosse, Johnson: no report

Girls' Lacrosse, Schwartzman: This will be the second year of a two-year schedule. There will be some small "tweaks" to this year's schedule.

Softball, LeGage: no report

Tennis, Daly: no report

Outdoor Track and Field, Lawrence: There was a brief discussion of the Championship site for 2025.

Esports, Daly: Seasonal dates were shared.

Bocce, Buzzell: Please confirm your Bocce intentions with Rich Buzzell.

SMAA Committees:

Citizenship, Murphy, Ashley: will work on confirming the banquet venue for 2025.

Leadership Summit Committee, Walton, Schwartzman: The 2024 Leadership Summit will be at Sanford High School on December 3, 2024. Andrew Marotta is being considered as the keynote presenter.

Culture Committee: There will be an early Fall Meeting scheduled. Please update all Fall Sport Guidelines.

SMAA Website: A reminder to review and update all sport guidelines, especially the dates.

MIAAA, Buzzell, Livingston, Stevens, Schwartzman and Walton: The Fall Conference will be virtual on November 12th. Spring Conference will be April 1-4, 2025.

MIAAA is trying to provide MIAAA leadership/committee opportunities for each conference.

NIAAA, Stevens: The National NIAAA Conference will be in Austin TX in early December, 2024.

Old Business: none

New Business:

There was a brief discussion of possible "new" (girls' flag football) activities jeopardizing the existing activities.

There was a brief discussion of Saturday playdates for first team volleyball.

There was a brief discussion of I.E.P being shared with coaches.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. Noble/Sanford at 11:08 A.M. Motion approved 16-0-1.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Scarborough Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoyt, CMAA

SMAA Executive Director