

**Southwestern Maine Activities Association Athletic Administrators' Meeting**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:00 A.M**

**Scarborough Town Council Chambers**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 A.M. by President Curtis.

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

**Opening Remarks:** President Curtis welcomed the Association membership and a senior intern from South Portland HS.

**Agenda Adjustments:** The normal SMAA Athletic agenda with no additions.

**Communications:** none

**Announcements:**

**Biddeford:** no announcements

**Bonny Eagle:** no announcements

**Cheverus:** JV softball numbers are good

**Deering:**

**Falmouth:**

**Gorham:** seeking several first team baseball games on non-varsity dates

**Kennebunk:** junior varsity softball numbers are low - may need to play JV's after the varsity

**Marshwood:** no announcements

**Massabesic:** no announcements

**Noble:** first team baseball numbers are low, requiring games on non-varsity dates

**Portland:**

**Sanford:** junior varsity softball numbers are low - may only be able to play 5-6 games

**Scarborough:** no announcements

**South Portland:** can accommodate more first team baseball games / softball numbers may require playing junior varsity games after the varsity game

**Thornton:** no announcements

**Westbrook:** no announcements

**Windham:**

**Minutes:** The minutes of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 were presented for review.

**Motion: To approve the minutes of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 as presented. Biddeford /Sanford. Motion approved 13-0-4.**

**Executive Director's Report:** an overview of the current Association finances was presented. The March Financial Snap Shot was emailed and is in the SMAA Meeting Folder. March was financially a very busy month.

Current checking account balance is \$151,692.

Total SMAA expenses to this date for 2023-2024 are \$131,672.

Fifteen-member schools have fully or partially paid their 2023-2024 SMAA Assessments. (\$142,644).

A financial summary of the 2023-2024 SMAA Indoor Track was presented for review.

**Motion: To approve the Financial Report and Executive Director's Report as presented. South Portland/Noble. Motion approved 13-0-4.**

The Proposed 2024-2025 SMAA Assessments were presented for consideration.

A few minor assessment increases were proposed for meeting expenses, awards and the Citizenship Banquet.

**Motion: To approve the 2024-2025 SMAA Assessments as presented. Kennebunk/Scarborough. Motion approved 13-0-4.**

There was a discussion of the 2024-2025 SMAA Meeting schedule presented (portal). A consensus was reached on the 2024-2025 meeting dates. The final meeting and luncheon were changed to Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Kennebunk HS, 9:00 AM with the end of the year luncheon at The Arundel Wharf in Kennebunkport starting at 11:15 A.M.

**Motion: To approve the revised 2024-2025 SMAA Meeting Schedule. Kennebunk/South Portland. Motion approved 13-0-4.**

There was a discussion of the NIAAA's Portal future and past effectiveness.

**Motion: To establish a google folder under the SMAA Website for sharing and archiving meeting documents. Todd Livingston will maintain the Google Meeting Folder. Kennebunk/Sanford. Motion approved 14-0-3.**

The SMAA expressed its sincere appreciation to Gary Stevens for initiating and maintaining the NIAAA Portal. The NIAAA Portal became a very effective tool in streamlining our information sharing.

### **MPA Committee Reports:**

**Technology, Livingston:** no report.

**Classification, Schwartzman:** The lengthy discussion of reclassification in Basketball. There was a continued discussion of teams playing down in classification, four classes vs five and limiting non-association games.

**Officials Fees, LeGage:** Meeting minutes in the NIAAA Portal.

**Sports Medicine, Spear:** The SM Committee met two weeks ago and discussed field hockey goggles and masks for corners. Hockey neck protector were also discussed.

**Sportsmanship, Stevens:** Major topics are diversity, equity and inclusion. The Sportsmanship Committee has been renamed the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

### **Fall Sports**

**Cheering, Lemelin,** no report

**Cross Country:** The Southern Maine Classic will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Hockey, Ashley:** There was a discussion of 8-person field hockey. The 2024 SMAA schedule will be similar to 2023.

**Football, Stevens and Buzzell:** There was a discussion of the approved state-wide football schedule. There was an update on the 2024 Football Assignor's position search.

**Motion: Thornton Academy/Marshwood. To approve the nomination of Ben Garrett as the SMAA Football Assignor for 2024. Motion approved 14-0-3.**

**Golf, Spear:** The 2024 schedule will be the second year of an approved two-year schedule (sites reversed). We should expect a discussion this year of the two vs three divisional set-up.

**Soccer, Moore:** Boys and girls 2024 soccer schedules were presented. A formal electronic vote will be taken in two weeks.

**Volleyball, Livingston:** A tiered volleyball schedule with preferred pick cross-overs was presented (portal). The volleyball schedule approval, will be included in the upcoming electronic vote.

**Esports, Daly:** no report

**Winter Activities:**

**Motion: Gorham/Scarborough. To approve all Winter All -Star and All Academic Teams as posted in the portal. Motion approved 15-0-2.**

**Girls and Boys basketball:** Boys' basketball coaches and girls' basketball coaches' meetings went well.

**Motion: Cheverus/Noble. To receive the girls' basketball coaches meeting minutes (portal). Motion approved 15-0-2.**

**Cheering, Lemelin:** Cheer Coaches Meeting Minutes were presented (portal). **Motion: Marshwood/Noble. To receive the cheer coaches meeting minutes. Motion approved 15-0-2.**

**Ice Hockey, Walton:** Play-offs went well.

**Indoor Track, Walton, Lawrence:**

The naming of an indoor track awards has been referred to the Sportsmanship Committee for an April recommendation.

Daniel Lawrence presented a seasonal review and meeting minutes (portal).

The improvements in the Southwestern meet were effective. There was a lengthy discussion of the changes made to the SMAA Championship Meet.

**Motion: Sanford/Westbrook. To receive the Indoor Track Coaches Meeting Minutes (portal). Motion approved 15-0-2.**

**Motion: Biddeford/Deering. To score eight places in the Southwesterns. Motion approved, 14-0-3.**

**Skiing, Alpine, Spear:** Seasonal highlights were discussed.

**Nordic Skiing, Daly:** The SMAA does not have an all-conference team.

**Swimming and Diving, Schwartzman:** It was a good season.

**Unified Basketball, Murphy:** The Unified Basketball season went well. There was a brief discussion of varsity athletes helping in unified basketball.

**Wrestling, Moore:** SMAA wrestling coaches meeting minutes were presented (portal).

**Motion: Thornton Academy/Sanford. To receive the wrestling coaches meeting minutes. Motion approved 15-0-2**

**Esports, Daly:** no report

### **Spring Sports:**

**Baseball, Livingston:** SMAA Baseball Championship will be at USM on June 1, 2024. Catcher/Coach one-way communication has been approved by NFHS and the MPA. There was a brief discussion of the cost of the technology required for the one-way communication systems in baseball.

**Boys' Lacrosse, Johnson:** no report

**Girls' Lacrosse, Schwartzman:** no report

**Softball, LeGage:** no report

**Tennis, Curtis:** The 2024 Tennis schedule was revised by consensus to accommodate the new MPA Double Tournament.

**Outdoor Track and Field, Lawrence:** Second reading of the 2024 Outdoor Track schedule. Outdoor Track Southwesterns are at Kennebunk on May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM.

**Motion: South Portland/Cheverus. To receive the 2024 boys and girls outdoor track coaches meeting minutes (portal). Motion approved 14-0-3.**

**Motion: Massabesic/Biddeford. To change the Southwestern Outdoor Qualifying Standards as presented. Motion approved 14-0-3.**

**Esports, Daly:** Competitions begin in April with the State Competition on May 4<sup>th</sup> at CMCC.

**Bocce:** Falmouth may be seeking more games.

### **SMAA Committees:**

**Citizenship: Drummond, Ashley: Citizenship Banquet, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Italian Heritage Club, Portland, 6:00 PM.**

**Sportsmanship Committee: Walton, Schwartzman:** no report

**Culture Committee:** no report

**SMAA Website:** A suggestion was made to review all sport guidelines prior to next year and to involve the Culture Committee in the guideline review. A few activities have no published guidelines.

**MIAAA, Buzzell, Livingston, Stevens, Schwartzman and Walton:** There was a discussion of the highlights of the upcoming MIAAA Conference. Please make a point to thank the vendors for their participation.

**NIAAA, Stevens:** There are a large number of Spring NIAAA Webinars available. f  
There are numerous NIAAA Committee opportunities available.

**Old Business:** There was a survey of the schools regarding their upcoming plans for dealing with the Eclipse.

**Old Business:** none

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 2nd, Scarborough, 9:00 AM.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 11:52 AM. Sanford/South Portland. Motion approved 12-0-5.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Gary Hoyt, CMAA

SMAA Executive Director