

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

**Thursday, November 2, 2023, 9:00 A.M**

**Scarborough Town Hall Council Chambers**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 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. Guest Gerry Durgin, MIAAA Executive Director

**Opening Remarks:** President Curtis welcomed the Association membership.

A moment of silent reflection was held for the Lewiston mass shooting tragedy

**Agenda Adjustments:** The normal SMAA Athletic agenda will include the opportunity for brief reports from all activities

**Communications:** Tim Timmins

**Announcements:**

**Biddeford:** interested in junior varsity boys ice hockey games

**Bonny Eagle:** no announcements

**Cheverus:** seeking first team girls basketball games

**Deering:** swimming pool availability is still an issue

**Falmouth:**

**Gorham:** boys ice hockey numbers are low, seeking a shared junior varsity boys ice hockey team

**Kennebunk:** seeking boys junior varsity ice hockey games

**Marshwood:** no announcements

**Massabesic:** pool availability is limited / seeking options

**Noble:** no announcements

**Portland:** experiencing swimming pool availability issues with Deering/Portland Cooperative Team and seeking girls junior varsity ice hockey games

**Sanford:** no announcements

**Scarborough:** no announcements

**South Portland:** pool repairs will require some schedule changes for home meets/ hopefully repairs will be completed in January

**Thornton:** distributed all SMAA certificates, exploring alpine and Nordic ski options

**Westbrook:** no announcements

**Windham:** no announcements

**Minutes:** The minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were presented for review.

**Motion: To approve the minutes of October 5th, 2023 as presented. Thornton/ Cheverus. Motion approved 16-0-1.**

**Executive Director's Report:** an overview of the current Association finances was presented. The October Financial Snap Shot was emailed and is in the NIAAA Portal.

Current checking account balance is \$169,821.

Total SMAA expenses for 2022-2023 were \$151,464. We had a slight deficit for 2022-2023. The 2022-2023 SMAA tax return has been filed.

Nine-member schools have fully paid their 2023-2024 SMAA Assessments. (\$65,469)

**Motion: To approve the Financial Report and Executive Director's Report as presented. Scarborough/Sanford. Motion approved 16-0-1.**

**MPA Committee Reports:**

**Technology, Livingston:** no report.

**Classification, Schwartzman:** no report.

**Officials Fees, LeGage:** no report

**Sports Medicine, Scully and Spear:** the discussion of the requirement for field hockey goggles continues

**MPA Advisory Meeting, Curtis:** no report

**Spring Sports:**

**Baseball, Livingston:** First reading of the 2024 baseball schedule will be in December. There was a discussion of utilizing April vacation for two games. George Shabo is the new baseball assignor.

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

**Girls' Lacrosse, Schwartzman:** There was a brief discussion of Class A girls' lacrosse schedule. There will be a November meeting with the WMC to discuss girls' lacrosse scheduling for 2024.

**Softball, LeGage:** The 2024 softball schedule is awaiting a decision on cooperative teams.

**Tennis, Curtis:** no report.

**Outdoor Track and Field, Lawrence:** no report

**Esports, Daly:** no report

**Bocce:** Rich Buzzell will develop an SMAA bocce schedule for 2024.

### **Winter Activities:**

**Girls Basketball; Motion to receive the minutes of the girls basketball coaches meeting. Thornton/Marshwood. Motion approved, 17-0-0.**

**Girls and Boys basketball:** There was a discussion of the utilization instant replay at basketball tournament games.

Basketball scorebooks will need to have a new format for 2023-2024 because of the change in cumulative fouls.

**Cheering, Lemelin:** The SMAA preseason cheer coaches meeting will be on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM via zoom. The MPA Cheering Regionals will be at Cony HS.

The SMAA Cheer Championship will be at Noble.

**Ice Hockey, Walton:** Ready to go for the season.

**Indoor Track, Walton, Lawrence:** USM will now be charging for on-campus parking. There was a brief discussion of indoor track practices at USM.

The indoor track schedule times have been updated.

**Skiing, Alpine, Spear: Motion to approve the alpine ski schedule. Marshwood/Cheverus. Motion approved 7-0-10.**

**Nordic Skiing, Daly: Motion to approve the Nordic ski schedule. Deering/Falmouth. Motion approved 5-0-12.**

**Swimming and Diving, Schwartzman:** We have approved a two-year schedule. There are some continuing issues with pool availability for member schools. Swim schedule adjustments are awaiting the resolution of pool availability for three association schools.

**Unified Basketball, Murphy:** There was a brief discussion of unified basketball game schedule.

**Wrestling, Moore:** The SMAA wrestling coaches preseason meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 via zoom. The MPA wrestling bulletin has been updated. Biddeford is seeking an invitation to a junior varsity wrestling tournament. Noble will sponsor a girls only invitational tournament.

**Esports, Daly:** no report

### **Fall Sports**

**Motion to approve All Star and All-Academic team submitted in the NIAAA portal. Portland, Biddeford/South Portland. Motion approved 16-0-1.**

**ELECTRONIC VOTE (on 11-27-23) Motion to approve the boys' and girls' cross-country all-star and all academic teams. Scarborough/Marshwood. Motion approved 11-0-6.**

**Cheering: Walton:** no report

**Cross Country:** no report

**Field Hockey, Ashley:** There was a discussion of the "new tiered schedule (2023)". The tiered field hockey schedule was generally considered to have helped make most regular season games more competitive.

**Football, Stevens and Buzzell:**

**Motion to approve the Class B football all-star team. Marshwood/South Portland. Motion approved 16-0-1.**

The resignation of Tim Timmins, SWMFOB Assignor, was acknowledged.

There was a brief discussion of the ongoing challenges of assigning officials for playoff games. There was a brief review of the process for selecting a new assignor for football.

**Golf, Spear: Motion to receive the golf coaches meeting minutes. South Portland/Westbrook. Motion approved 16-0-1.**

**Soccer, Moore:** There was a brief discussion of the SMAA tiered soccer schedule.

***There was a consensus to allocate a significant portion of our next meeting to consideration of the SMAA Constitution***

***(Column I and II activities and SCHEDULE CONCEPTS)***

**Volleyball, Livingston: Motion to receive the volleyball coaches meeting minutes. Thornton/Marshwood. Motion approved, 14-0-3.**

There was a brief discussion of the likelihood of a new volleyball schedule for 2024.

**Esports, Daly:** Playoff in December.

## **FALL SMAA CHAMPIONS:**

**Golf- Scarborough**

**Boys Soccer- Windham**

**Girls Soccer- Scarborough**

**Volleyball- Gorham**

**Field Hockey- Cheverus**

**Boys Cross Country-Portland**

**Girls Cross Country- Bonny Eagle**

## **SMAA Committees:**

**Citizenship: Drummond, Ashley:** Thank you for the suggestions for the banquet speaker. Citizenship recipients are now listed on the SMAA website.

**Sportsmanship Committee: Walton, Schwartzman:** There was a brief discussion and review of the December 5th Sportsmanship Summit meeting at Sanford. Kaleb Joseph will be the highlight speaker. Agenda will be shared soon. Please provide the names and shirt sizes of your school's participants. Please arrive on time as the schedule is very tight.

There is a hope that Saco Biddeford Savings Institution and Moody's Collision will make financial contributions to the SMAA for the Sportsmanship Summit.

## **Culture Committee:**

There was a discussion of a Mid-year social meeting following our regular business meeting on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at an alternative venue (restaurant).

**SMAA Website:** no report.

**MIAAA, Buzzell, Livingston, Stevens, Schwartzman and Walton**

Fall MIAAA Conference is next week.

**NIAAA, Stevens:** National Conference coming soon (Dec. 15-19). Orlando is a very popular site, so register early. The Conference Hotel requires pre-registration with the NIAAA before accepting your room request.

**New Business: Next meeting is December 7, 11:00 AM, luncheon meeting, site to determined (Cowbell- Scarborough), 11AM-2:30 PM**

**Motion; to move Column II basketball to Column I in 2024-2025, Kennebunk/Falmouth.**

There was a lengthy discussion of the SMAA scheduling process and Constitution.

The scheduling discussion was not limited to any specific activity. The discussion focused on what is best for the SMAA, "should be our priority". Specifics of out of association scheduling which have not benefitted the SMAA's Association schools were shared.

**Motion to table Column II to Column I. Thornton Academy/Scarborough. Motion to table approved 17-0-0.**

**Time will be allocated in the December Meeting to continue the exploration of our Association's scheduling process.**

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 11:54 A.M. Noble/South Portland. Motion approved 17-0-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Gary Hoyt, CMAA

SMAA Executive Director