

Southwestern Maine Activities Association Athletic Administrators' Meeting

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 10:00A.M.

Salmon Falls Tap and Grill

Meeting called to order at 10:05 A.M. by President Ashley.

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

Opening Remarks: President Ashley welcomed the Association.

Agenda Adjustments: Football Board, Bob Hartman (Digital Scoreboards) Acme Scales and MPA (Mike Burnham and Mike Bisson) will participate and be embedded in our meeting agenda.

Announcements:

Biddeford: no announcements

Bonny Eagle: no announcements

Cheverus: no announcements

Deering: Swimming and Diving will coop with Portland.

Falmouth: no announcements

Gorham: no announcements

Kennebunk: Congratulations to Rich Buzzell on his engagement.

Marshwood: no announcements

Massabesic: Swimming and Diving will coop with Sanford

Noble: no announcements

Portland: no announcements

Sanford: no announcements

Scarborough: Main scoreboard should be repaired in about two weeks. Seeking FT Girls soccer matches.

South Portland: no announcements

Thornton: Dorm team seeking games and JV Volleyball as well.

Westbrook: no announcements

Windham: no announcements

Correspondences/Communications: none

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

Current checking account balance is **\$177,774**. Total expenditures for 2024-2025 were \$179,623 (modest increase. Five 5)).

Two member schools have fully or partially paid their 2025-2026 SMAA Assessments **(48,583** Some other fees are still in the process of being collected.

Total expenditures for 2025-2026 currently are **\$9,753**, which is typically for the beginning of the year.

The site for our next meeting and the Annual SMAA Holiday Luncheon will be at Casa Novella in Westbrook on December 4th, starting at 10:30 A.M.

2025-2026 Assessments invoiced for September 1, 2025.

Please update the SMAA Directory in the Association Folder.

A survey of official payment methods by Western Maine schools was presented.

The SMAA Business Calendar should be reviewed and updated by the Culture Committee.

Motion: To approve the October Financial Report and Executive Director's Report as presented. Bonny Eagle/Windham. Motion approved 17-0-0.

MPA Committee Reports:

AD Advisory Meeting: no report

Technology, Ferriera: The new MPA data management program is a work in progress. There is some "confusion" with Fusion. Filtering will help entering scores. No tournament brackets or past standings are currently available.

Classification, Schwartzman: Enrollment numbers appear to be changing rapidly.

Officials Fees, LeGage: The next committee meeting will be in January, 2026.

Sports Medicine: no report-currently. The SMAA does not have a member on the Sports Medicine Committee.

Winter Activities:

Girls and Boys basketball, Spear, Curtis and Coffey: no report

Cheering, Lemelin: SMAA Championships will be at Noble on January 24, 2026. Cheering MPA Regionals will be at Sanford.

Ice Hockey, Walton: Girls ice hockey will require a two-hour game slot in 2025-2026. New cooperative teams have been formulated and approved for 2025-2026. There was a discussion of an in-person scheduling meeting. Boys' survey is done. Expecting a schedule for the boys' opponents next week.

Indoor Track, Lawrence: 2025-2026 schedule is a work in progress (first reading conducted). There was a discussion of weeknight meets and travel difficulties. Practice dates will be similar to last year.

Skiing, Alpine, Spear: There is a new race coordinator at Pleasant Mountain. First reading of the 2026 Alpine Ski schedule was conducted. State Championships will be at Saddleback after February vacation week.

Nordic Skiing, Daly: The State Meet in 2026 will be at Fort Kent. This year's schedule awaits WMC action.

Swimming and Diving, Schwartzman: The State Meet date will be in March at Colby. There will most likely be a schedule ready for our next meeting. Portland and Deering are a cooperative swim team.

Unified Basketball: Mike LeGage and Mike Daly-no report

Wrestling, Moore: Scales certification took place during the October meeting. There was a lengthy discussion of opportunities for junior varsity wrestling events. Biddeford will continue to host a junior varsity wrestling invitational. JV matches do not count as an MPA wrestling date.

Wrestling Regionals will be at Massabesic.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2025-2026 wrestling schedule. Sanford/Bonny Eagle. Motion approved 14-0-3.

Esports, Daly: no report

Spring Sports:

Baseball, Livingston: no report

Boys' Lacrosse, Johnson: no report.

Girls' Lacrosse, Schwartzman: no report

Softball, LeGage: no report

Tennis, Daly: no report

Outdoor Track and Field, Lawrence: An SMAA Championship site (preferably in Cumberland County) is still needed for 2026.

Esports, Daly: no report

Bocce, Buzzell: Please share your 2026 Bocce intentions with Rich Buzzell.

Fall Sports

Cheering, Lemelin: Gorham's "gameday showcase" is not a competitive cheering event.

Cross Country, Lemelin: The SMAA Second Seven entry criteria will remain unchanged (no varsity runners). The "Second Seven" event will be October 18th starting at 10:00 A.M. at Sanford HS.

Field Hockey, Ashley: Post-season Meeting scheduled for October 26th, time tba.

Football, Johnson and Buzzell: There was a lengthy discussion of the Football Assignor's contract. Scott Theriault, President of SWMBOFA presented concerns of the Football Board and Membership. Mr. Theriault expressed concern over a now \$5 processing fee for "paper checks" and delays in payments beyond the MPA recommendations.

Post-season Class B Coaches Meeting will be virtual.

Motion: To add MPA payment language to our existing assignor's contract. Scarborough/Thornton. Motion approved 16-0-1.

Football and other Fall assignors' contracts will be re-issued with the MPA payment statement added.

Golf, Spear: Fourteen girls participated the Golf Qualifier with 5 girls qualifying. JV Golf end of the season event will be next week at Dutch Elm CC. Golf Coaches post-season meeting will be at Gorham HS on October 15th.

Soccer, Moore: Post-Season Coaches Meeting will be October 23rd at 6 PM at Thornton Academy. Girls' post season all-star ballots will be emailed.

Volleyball, Livingston; Coaches post-season meeting will be November 3rd , 6 P.M. at South Portland HS.

Esports, Daly: An exciting Fall Season has begun.

SMAA Committees:

Citizenship, Ashley: SMAA Citizenship Banquet to be held April 6, 2026 at the Italian Heritage Center. MIAAA Spring Conference is April 7-10, 2026.

Leadership Summit Committee, Walton, Schwartzman: There was a brief discussion of topics for the 2025 Summit.

Culture Committee: The Fall Culture Committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

SMAA Website, Livingston: no report

MIAAA, Buzzell, Livingston, Schwartzman and Walton: The MIAAA Spring Conference will be April 7-10, in Rockport. Gary Stevens has been selected as the next MIAAA Executive Director.

NIAAA: The National NIAAA Conference in December 2025 will be in Tampa, FL.

Old Business: none

New Business: Bob Hartman presented and demonstrated new concept digital scoreboards.

MPA (Mike Burnham and Mike Bission) The following items were presented and discussed.

- MPA Website update (FusionPoint)
- Sunday Competition
- Cooperative Teams Ad Hoc Committee
- Guide to hosting Officials-Medical Conference with Officials
- Transgender Participation
- Eighth-grade participation policy
- Cross Country State Site
- Field Hockey face cages
- Soccer Card reporting
- Volleyball- four classes
- Basketball Class S Augusta
- 2026 Ski Championship Sites
- Cheering Regionals at Sanford
- Swimming and Diving Championship site and dates
- Baseball- Pitch Counts and GameChanger
- Tennis- new MPA game balls are Diadems
- Committee Openings
- Officials Fees (\$97.50-\$73.00- \$.54/mile-tolls-parking and rider fee)
- Awards nominations sought

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 12:07 P.M. South Portland/Noble. Motion approved 17-0-0.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6th, 2025, Scarborough Town Hall , 9:00 A.M. with breakfast hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary G. Hoyt, CMAA, SMAA Executive Director