

Southwestern Maine Activities Association Athletic Administrators' Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, 2024 11:00 A.M

Romeo's Scarborough

Meeting called to order at 11:00 A.M. by President Schwartzman.

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

Opening Remarks: President Schwartzman welcomed the Association membership and wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Agenda Adjustments: none

Announcements:

Biddeford: girls junior varsity basketball numbers are low

Bonny Eagle: no announcements

Cheverus: Seeking Girls' subvarsity basketball games

Deering: no announcements

Falmouth: Surveyed the membership regarding dance teams

Gorham: Seeking first team girls basketball games on off days

Kennebunk: no announcements

Marshwood: no announcements

Massabesic: no announcements

Noble: no announcements

Portland: no announcements

Sanford: no announcements

Scarborough: no announcements

South Portland: no announcements

Thornton: no announcements

Westbrook: no announcements

Windham: no announcements

Cheverus, Oxford Hills, GNP, Sanford and Gorham are seeking girls first team basketball games.

Correspondences/Communications: Thank you note from Andrew Marotta. Thank you notes from several parents for the Leadership Summit.

Minutes: The minutes of November 7th, 2024 were presented for review.

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 7th, 2024 as presented. Westbrook/Sanford. Motion approved 16-0-1.

Executive Director's Report: an overview of the current Association finances was presented. The December 3rd, 2024 Snap Shot was emailed and is in the SMAA Meeting Folder.

Current checking account balance is \$217,099.

Eleven (11) member schools have fully or partially paid their 2024-25 SMAA Assessments. (\$99,626).

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

A reminder the 2024-2025 SMAA Assessments are due.

MPA Committee Reports:

AD Advisory Meeting: next meeting on December 10th. There was a discussion of soccer game officiating.

Technology, Ferriera: no report.

Classification, Schwartzman: The 2025-2026 is reclassification year. Mr. Schwartzman reported on the committee's discussions about:

- Volleyball Classification
- Basketball Classification
- Integrity of Regional Championships
- No projected classification changes for skiing, golf and cross country

Officials Fees, LeGage: see informational document in the SMAA Folder

Sports Medicine, Spear: no report

DEI: no report.

Fall Sports

Cheering, Lemelin: no report

Cross Country, Lemelin: 2025 will be the second year of our rotating schedule with changes to the host schools.

Field Hockey, Ashley: no report

Football, Johnson and Buzzell: Class B SMAA Football Champion is Falmouth. Class A SMAA Football Champions is Portland.

Golf, Spear: no report

Soccer, Moore: Motion to approve the 2024 cross country all-stars.
Noble/Kennebunk. Motion approved 17-0-0.

There was a brief discussion of effectiveness of the SMAA tiered soccer schedule.

Volleyball, Livingston: There was a brief discussion of boys' volleyball being a potential MPA activity in the Spring of 2026.

Esports, Daly: Championship play underway

Winter Activities:

Girls and Boys basketball, Spear, Curtis and Coffey: preseason meetings were brief. The post season coaches banquets are not SMAA sponsored functions. There was a brief discussion of making all the boys and girls post season award equitable.

Cheering, Lemelin: The SMAA Cheering Championship is at Sanford.

Ice Hockey, Walton: no report.

Indoor Track, Lawrence: There was a discussion of parking reimbursements for meet officials and options for indoor track practices at USM. Upgraded indoor track guidelines are on our website.

Motion: To change the 600-yard run to the 600 meter run. Massabesic/Noble.
Motion approved 17-0-0.

Skiing, Alpine, Spear: Please send any changes in the alpine ski directory to Tim Spear.

Nordic Skiing, Daly: The 2025 Nordic schedule is in the SMAA portal. The SMAA will continue to host an Invitational at Riverside. **Motion: To approve the Nordic Ski schedule as presented. Cheverus/Westbrook. Motion approved 4-0-13.**

Swimming and Diving, Schwartzman: no report.

Unified Basketball, Murphy: The 2024-2025 schedule dates and times are mutually adjustable.

Wrestling, Moore: There was a brief report of the November coaches meeting.

Esports, Daly: no report

Spring Sports:

Baseball, Livingston: there was a brief discussion of the site for the SMAA baseball championship in 2025.

Boys' Lacrosse, Johnson: schedule adjustment being done for 2025 with home and away being swapped.

Girls' Lacrosse, Schwartzman: Making a few competitive adjustments to the girls' lacrosse schedule.

Softball, LeGage: There will be 15 SMAA teams in 2025. Sanford will sponsor a junior varsity team in 2025. Massabesic will be a cooperative team with Traip and Berwick Academy.

Tennis, Daly: there was a brief survey as to the number of tennis players anticipated for 2025.

Outdoor Track and Field, Lawrence: An SMAA Championship site is needed for 2025. SMAA Championship site will be selected in January.

Esports, Daly: No report

Bocce, Buzzell: A draft Bocce schedule for 2025 is in the SMAA portal.

SMAA Committees:

Citizenship, Murphy, Ashley: Please submit Citizenship recipients to Amy by February 6, 2025.

Leadership Summit Committee, Walton, Schwartzman: There was a brief discussion of topics for future leadership summits.

Culture Committee: no report

SMAA Website, Livingston: There was a brief discussion of limiting winter basketball rosters to only varsity team members. While the intention is good to list junior varsity and freshman players, it makes it difficult to print them all on one page.

MIAAA, Buzzell, Livingston, Schwartzman and Walton: Spring Conference will be April 2-4, 2025. A reminder the Samoset registration is separate from the Conference registration. There was a brief discussion of an SMAA "Social Gathering" at the Spring Conference.

NIAAA: The National NIAAA Conference will be in Austin TX next week. The SMAA will be well represented.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 11:21 A.M. Kennebunk/Noble. Motion approved 16-0-1.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9th, 2025 at Scarborough Town Hall, 9 :00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoyt, CMAA

SMAA Executive Director