

Southwestern Maine Activities Association Athletic Administrators' Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

Scarborough Town Hall Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 9:02 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.

Agenda Adjustments: The normal SMAA Athletic agenda will include the opportunity for brief reports from all activities. Gerry Durgin will present to our Association on behalf of the MIAAA.

Communications: Tim Timmins

Announcements:

Biddeford: no announcements

Bonny Eagle: Girls' basketball numbers are down

Cheverus: no announcements

Deering: Swimming pool availability has changed

Gorham: The Southern Maine Cross Country Classic is not a Gorham High School event.

Kennebunk: Cross Country Meet walking and parking instructions were shared.

Marshwood: Discussed a sportsmanship issue

Massabesic: pool availability is limited and basketball numbers are down

Noble: Shared information regarding the Noble Wrestling Invitational

Portland: experiencing swimming pool availability issues with Deering/Portland Cooperative Team

Sanford: shared "Second-Seven" information

Scarborough: no announcements

South Portland: no announcements

Thornton: no announcements

Westbrook: no announcements

Windham: no announcements

Minutes: The minutes of September 7, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: To approve the minutes of September 7, 2023 as presented. Thornton/ Kennebunk. Motion approved 17-0-0.

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

Current checking account balance is \$158,661.

Total SMAA expenses for 2022-2023 were \$151,464. We had a slight deficit for 2022-2023 which will not be reflected on our tax return.

Seven-member schools have fully paid their 2023-2024 SMAA Assessments. (\$50,811)

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

MPA Committee Reports:

Technology, Livingston: no report.

Classification, Schwartzman: no report.

Officials Fees, LeGage: no report

Sports Medicine, Scully and Spear: meeting next week

MPA Advisory Meeting, Curtis: no report

Spring Sports:

Baseball, Livingston: The Sea Dogs Hadlock Field schedule is now available. There was a discussion of utilizing April vacation for two games.

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(s) on cooperative teams.

Tennis, Curtis: There was a discussion of two vacation week matches in 2024. Gorham HS maybe need to make court/site adjustments.

Outdoor Track and Field, Lawrence: no report

Cheering, Lemelin: An outline of the cheer schedule was reviewed and the final edition will be provided soon. The Cheer directory is in process. The MPA Championship site is still to be determined. 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 discussion of Mile-Split being used for all entries. **Motion: To use Mile-Split for all SMAA Indoor Track entries and indoor meets. South Portland/Westbrook. Motion approved 17-0-0.**

There was a brief review of the proposed indoor track schedule. **Motion: To approve the indoor track schedule as presented with some possible meet time adjustments. Noble/Scarborough. Motion approved 17-0-0.**

There was a brief discussion of indoor track practices at USM.

Skiing, Alpine, Spear: no report

Nordic Skiing, Daly: There will be a zoom scheduling meeting with the WMC.

Swimming and Diving, Schwartzman: We have approved a two-year schedule, so only the dates have been adjusted in the presented schedule. There are some continuing issues with pool availability for member schools. **Motion: To approved the swimming and diving schedule as presented. Cheverus/Westbrook. Motion approved 14-0-3.**

Unified Basketball, Murphy: There was a brief discussion of scheduling games with short bus trips. Beth Murphy will create and forward a unified schedule, including Wells and York.

Wrestling, Moore: Schedule for 2023-2024 in the portal and was reviewed. **Motion: To approve the wrestling schedule presented. Kennebunk/Massabesic. Motion approved 14-0-3.**

Esports, Daly: no report

Fall Sports

Cheering: Walton: no report

Cross Country: Second Seven at Sanford High School, October 14th, 10AM.

Cross Country Coaches meeting will be on November 9th followed by the indoor track meeting.

Field Hockey, Ashley: Coaches meeting, October 22, 9 AM at Cheverus.

Football, Stevens and Buzzell: There may be some continued officiating challenges during week nine. The Class B football coaches will meet via zoom on October 23rd at 6 PM.

Golf, Spear: Championship at Natanis. Six girls qualified for States at the SMAA Qualifier. The SMAA golf coaches meeting will be at Gorham HS on Tuesday, Oct 12 at 5 PM. Tim Spear reported on the SMAA Boys Qualifier results.

Saturday's MPA Golf Championships have been postponed to Monday with Class A starting at 10 AM (Gerry Durgin).

Motion: To approve an SMAA male and female golfer of the year. Gorham/Cheverus. Motion approved 16-0-1.

Soccer, Moore: Coaches meeting October 19th, 6 PM at Thornton.

Volleyball, Livingston: Post season coaches meeting date has changed to October 30 at 6:30 PM at South Portland HS.

Esports, Daly: Fall season begins on September 25th.

SMAA Committees:

Citizenship: Drummond, Ashley: Seeking suggestions for the banquet speaker.

Sportsmanship Committee: Walton, Schwartzman: There was a brief discussion and review of the December 5th Sportsmanship Summit meeting at Sanford.

Motion: To change the Sportsmanship Summit Keynote presenter. Biddeford/Gorham. Approved 17-0-0.

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

Ben Tilton will also share his high school athletic journey.

Culture Committee: Mike LeGage reported the recent Athletic Administrative Assistants meeting went well.

There was a discussion of inviting retired SMAA Athletic Directors to our June Luncheon. The administrative assistants will tentatively meet in January at the Junction Bowl in Gorham.

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

SMAA Website: no report.

MIAAA, Buzzell, Livingston, Stevens, Schwartzman and Walton

Gerry Durgin, CMAA, MIAAA Executive Director presented to the Association the following items;

- an expression of the appreciation for all that athletic directors do to make our the MIAAA an effective organization and for their support of student-based athletics,
- current status of DOE Athletic Administrator certification,
- the theme for the Fall Conference (virtual) on Nov. 6th is “Navigating the Changing Landscape”,
- vast offering of LTC courses available at the Spring Conference (including 638 Diversity),
- MIAAA is considering recognizing bus drivers and middle school coaches at the Spring Conference.
- There are currently three open workshops for the Spring Conference please share conference workshop ideas with the Board.
- Jason Fuller, the incoming 2024 MIAAA President, has chosen “Together for Tomorrow” as the Spring Conference theme. The Spring MIAAA Conference will be April 2-5 at the Samoset.

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 November 2, 9:00 AM, Scarborough Town Hall Council Chambers.

Electronic Motion and consideration of the boys and girls basketball schedules for 2023-2024.

Motion to approve the boys and girls basketball schedules presented for consideration in Gary Steven's email of October 12, 2023. Thornton Academy/Bonny Eagle. Motion approved 16-0-1 on October 17th 2023.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 11:46 A.M. Scarborough/ Biddeford. Motion approved 17-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoyt, CMAA

SMAA Executive Director

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Friday, October 27, 2023, 11:00 A.M Remote – Google Meet

Meeting Called to order by President Curtis at 11:02 AM.

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

There was a lengthy discussion of the Mass Shooting tragedy in Lewiston on Wednesday, October 25th.

A survey of each Association school was conducted regarding the impact to their game and practice plans.

Sixteen of the Association schools have no plans for any activities on Friday or Saturday.

Association schools are hoping the situation is resolved and schools can reopen on Monday.

The Cumberland County Superintendents will meet today via Zoom to discuss the ongoing challenges presented by the mass shooting.

There was a lengthy review of potential alterations to the MPA Playoff schedule.

Mr. Hoyt provided an outline of MPA Playoff alternatives being considered. The MPA will issue a guidance document today regarding all Fall Playoff schedules. **The MPA further recommends to NOT play any games on Friday and Saturday.**

Lance Johnson reported on the special MPA Football Committee Meeting of Thursday October 26th.

The MPA memo was received and reviewed by schools as the meeting progressed.

The MPA was contacted to verify/correct one date in the memo.

There was a lengthy discussion of the best practices time required between football games for safe competition.

There was agreement that the SMAA would set football game time slots if needed on a Saturday to accommodate the playing of games. (for example, 11 AM, 2:30 PM and 5:30 PM)

Motion: The SMAA will not play or compete in games, competitions or other events on Friday, Saturday and Monday (October 27-30). SMAA Association members will return to competitive activities on Tuesday October 31, 2023, provided the public safety conditions allow such mass gathering activities.

Scarborough/Biddeford. Motion Approved, 13-4-0. (roll call vote)

Motion to Adjourn: Marshwood/Bonny Eagle 16-0-1

Respectfully submitted: Gary G Hoyt, CMAA

