

Southwestern Maine Activities Association Athletic Administrators' Meeting

Thursday, March 6th, 2025 9:00 A.M.

Scarborough Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Schwartzman.

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

Opening Remarks: President Schwartzman welcomed the Association membership and introduced the "Hudl" remote presentation for online ticketing and SMAA game video exchange. (James Doran and Will Stoltenberg).

Motion: To enter into agreement with "Hudl" for a one year trial of online ticketing and video exchange. Sanford/Biddeford. Motion approved 14-0-3.

Agenda Adjustments: "Hudl" on-line cashless ticketing presentation for outdoor track. Brandon

Announcements: Six schools believe they will have JV softball this Spring.

Biddeford: JV Softball participation numbers are low. FT Baseball & JV SB may possibly play on non-varsity game days.

Bonny Eagle: FT baseball participant numbers are low. Will try to pick up games on non-varsity game days.

Cheverus: Low number of girls lacrosse participants.

Deering: see email regarding Deering- Portland Spring subvarsity cooperative teams.

Falmouth: Seeking FT boys lacrosse games. No Spring Bocce. No JV Softball.

Gorham: no announcements

Kennebunk: FT baseball participation numbers are low, may seek non-varsity game day opportunities.

Marshwood: no announcements

Massabesic:

Noble: no announcements

Portland: no announcements

Sanford: Seeking boys JV lacrosse coach. Coop with Noble. Sanford has only JV Softball.

Scarborough: Spring Track renovations may cause some facility changes for other activities.

South Portland: no announcements

Thornton: Seeking FT baseball and FT boys' lacrosse games.

Westbrook: Baseball participation numbers are low. JV baseball will likely seek to play on non-varsity game days.

Windham: Seeking FT boys lacrosse games.

Correspondences/Communications: none

Minutes: The minutes of February 6th. 2025 were presented for review.

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 6th, as presented. Noble/Sanford.

Motion approved 14-0-3.

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.

Current checking account balance is **\$145,325**. There were a large number of expenses in February.

Thirteen member schools have fully or partially paid their 2024-25 SMAA Assessments. (\$124,132). The SMAA 2024-2025 Assessments are past due!

A reminder: schools not having paid their 2024-2025 SMAA Assessments... please give payment your prompt attention.

Motion: To approve the Financial Report as presented. Bonny Eagle/Biddeford.

Motion approved 14-0-3.

There will be very few if any assessment changes for 2025-2026. There may be some potential changes in our membership (basketball) resulting from the pending Classification changes.

Motion: To approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Gorham/Westbrook. Motion approved 14-0-3.

MPA Committee Reports:

AD Advisory Meeting: The advisory has discussed the un-evenness of soccer cards, potential Sunday Playoff Competition in Maine and lacrosse goalie conditioning week. Please also see technology report.

Technology, Ferriera: The MPA will be changing from r-School to aa new data management program. There was a lengthy discussion of the timing of this change as well as the potential merger with “Arbiter Sports”. More news on this to come soon from the MPA.

Classification, Schwartzman: Final Classifications for the next cycle will be voted upon at the Spring MIAAA/MPA Business Meeting at the Spring Conference in April.

There was a general discussion of various classifications, the 25% rule and various schools petitioning “up” in classification.

Officials Fees, LeGage: There will be a meeting this month to review the next cycle of officials’ contracts. Expect an increase in the mileage fees. The Interscholastic Management Committee will ultimately vote on the contracts for the next cycle.

Sports Medicine, Spear: There was a lengthy discussion of the pre-season conditioning week for lacrosse goalies. Consensus: This week was pushed by the coaches’ association without much input from the schools. There will likely be other activities seeking the same pre-season conditioning exemptions. Perhaps we should have considered ice hockey goalies as well as lacrosse.

The SM Committee is also seeking to add emergency contact information to the Arbiter for game officials. The NFHS will likely change the field hockey goggles to include the metal variety.

Winter Activities:

Motion: To approve all the boys and girls all star and all academic teams in the March Folder. Sanford/Falmouth. Motion approved 13-0-4.

Girls and Boys basketball, Spear, Curtis and Coffey: There was a brief discussion of the Classification Proposal. Likelihood is that our Association will have only SMAA schools and the KVAC schools will opt out after the Classification Proposal is finalized

Cheering, Lemelin: The Bonny Eagle Scots are SMAA Cheering Champions. There was an increase in cheering participation this year. MLK Day was suggested as our SMAA Cheering Championship date in future years.

Ice Hockey, Walton: SMAA All-Academic Hockey teams are in the folder.

Indoor Track, Lawrence: The SMAA Champions are the South Portland boys and the Cheverus girls. There was a brief discussion of Championship Trophies.

Skiing, Alpine, Spear: The SMAA Champions are the Falmouth boys and the Falmouth girls.

Nordic Skiing, Daly: The State Meet in 2026 will be at Fort Kent.

Swimming and Diving, Schwartzman: Swim All-Stars and All Academics are in the folder.

Unified Basketball, Murphy: The 2024-2025 season went well. USM will host a Unified Tournament on March 22nd.

Wrestling, Moore: New England's are this Saturday. Hope was expressed for more "variety" in next year's schedule. There will be a post-season coaches' meeting to determine All-Stars next week.

Esports, Daly: no report

Spring Sports:

Baseball, Livingston: 2025 baseball schedule has been approved. The SMAA baseball championship site is undetermined. Shabo and Joyce are our Association's baseball assignors.

Boys' Lacrosse, Johnson: There is no pre-season boys' lacrosse coaches meeting.

Girls' Lacrosse, Schwartzman: SMAA girls lacrosse schedule is in the Folder.

Softball, LeGage: no report, approved schedule in the folder.

Tennis, Daly: No report. Approved schedule in the folder. Gorham will have alternative sites for home tennis matches.

Outdoor Track and Field, Lawrence: The approved 2025 Outdoor track and Field schedule is in the folder. This is a five-meet schedule with some schools hosting more than one home meet due to a lack of available tracks this Spring. SMAA Championship will be at Sanford on May 30th.

Esports, Daly: Spring season is "rolling on".

Bocce, Buzzell: no report

Fall Sports

Cheering, Lemelin: no report

Cross Country, Lemelin: The first draft of a new edition of the 2025 cross country schedule is in the Folder. The 2025 SMAA Relays will need a new site.

Field Hockey, Ashley: The 2025 schedule first reading.

Football, Johnson and Buzzell: The 2025 football schedule is a "work 'in progress. There is a March 10th Scheduling Committee Meeting to finalize the proposed state-wide

schedule. There will be a State-wide vote on the final schedule presented by the Committee and released by the MPA.

Golf, Spear: First reading of the 2025 schedule.

Soccer, Moore: First reading of the 2025 schedule. Girls are playing on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Boys are playing on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Volleyball, Livingston: All SMAA volleyball schools are now in Class A. The schedule is in progress.

Esports, Daly: No report.

SMAA Committees:

Citizenship, Murphy, Ashley: Please submit ASAP Citizenship biographies to Amy. The SMAA Citizenship Banquet is Monday, April 6, 2025 at the Italian Heritage Center in Portland.

Leadership Summit Committee, Walton, Schwartzman: no report

Culture Committee: no report

SMAA Website, Livingston: Please forward any changes to all-star and all-academic team members to Todd. Please update Spring Activity Guidelines.

MIAAA, Buzzell, Livingston, Schwartzman and Walton: The Spring MIAAA Conference will be April 2-4, 2025 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport Maine. A reminder that the Samoset resort registration is separate from the Conference registration. A reminder to submit student-athletes for the scholarship opportunities.

LTC registrations for the Spring Conference are still open.

A reminder to please bring two (2) door prizes to the Conference.

NIAAA: Congratulations to Gary Stevens for being elected to the NIAAA Hall of Fame. The National NIAAA Conference in December 2025 will be in Tampa FL.

Old Business: none

New Business: There was a brief discussion of the steadily increasing number of photographers and videographers attending games.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 11:38 A.M Deering/Falmouth. Motion approved 13-0—4.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 27th, 2025 at Scarborough Town Hall, 9 :00 A.M.
(zoom option possible depending upon the agenda)

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoyt, CMAA

SMAA Executive Director