**Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association – September 21 Meeting**

***MPA Report – Mike Bisson, MPA Assistant Director***

* Change from using the *Maine Apprise* to a memo
* Plan in place for fall championships at this point
* Soccer, football, and cross country sites are all set
* Class D football will be played at the University of Maine
* Winter sports are still being discussed – no information available as of yet as of what it may look like
* Sportsmanship program will be starting up after last year’s hiatus
* MPA forms are now being completed via JotForm
* Use of eighth graders is a hot topic in the state – discussion over MPA stance on that issue
* MPA has sued the Colisee ownership and there has been a settlement
* The MPA is interested in returning to the Colisee for the state championships
* rSchoolToday continues to be a challenging company to deal with – MPA is trying to ensure that things are working

***Officials Report – Mike Bisson for Jeff Benson***

* Officials contracts have gone out to all sports and have all been improved except one
* 45 cents per mile

***Middle School Athletics Report – Dan MacLeod***

* Still working on the middle school presentation for the fall conference
* Transportation and officials challenges exist

***Athletic Trainers Report – Todd Livingston for Dr. John Ryan***

* Oxford Hills bus driver required CPR/AED – great efforts of everyone working together at Lewiston High School
* Time has come for MIAAA and MPA talking about large football teams traveling with an athletic trainer – this has been a topic at the national and state levels for years
* Recommendation to send a survey out to schools to see who sends athletic trainers with their teams

***Retired Athletic Administrators Report – Dennis Kiah***

* No Report

***Mentoring Report – Joe Schwartzman***

* Joe reviewed all information shared by Mark White
* Has set some goals based upon information received
* Has sent out two surveys (New AD’s, people who want to mentor) – connecting the two lists
* Has reached out to NIAAA to begin draft of a handbook
* LTC 502 – possible offering at 7-9am two days per week
* Looking to connect with new AD’s at the fall conference
* Book study may be part of this process

***League Reports***

**Aroostook League**

* Gerry Durgin and David Utterback recently attended an Aroostook League meeting
* The Aroostook League shares who hosts the league championships – rotation developed through 2035

**Downeast Athletic Conference**

* Conference meeting takes place on Thursday
* Many COVID-19 related cancellations to date

**East-West Conference**

* No Report

**Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference**

* This fall the KVAC has gotten away from regional scheduling – concern for the winter
  + Mike Bisson inquires if having an open tournament for the winter would help

**Mountain Valley Conference**

* No Report

**Penobscot Valley Conference**

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**Southwestern Maine Activities Association**

* A lot of time has been spent cancelling, moving, and adjusting games – a big struggle during the fall
* Discussion about the lack of transportation and alternatives to school buses (example: short buses or vans)
* The MIAAA may want to connect with legislators to effect change in this area

**Western Maine Conference**

* Working with other leagues on basketball scheduling
* Gary Groves has returned to fill in at Yarmouth High School as an interim

***President’s Report – David Utterback for Mark White***

* Mark White expresses gratitude towards Tim Spear in his last year on the MIAAA Board of Directors

***Executive Director’s Report – Gerald Durgin***

* August financial report is in the NIAAA Portal
* Current Account - $65,812 – MIAAA balance is over $50,000
* Currently we have 61 members registered
* 2022 NIAAA webinar schedule is on the NIAAA Portal
* The NIAAA sent a commendation letter for those states that increased membership (Maine is one of 20 states that increased membership) – plea from NIAAA to increase membership
* MIAAA Executive Committee Action
  + Ryan LaRoche – approved to join the MIAAA Board of Directors
  + Jason Fuller – approved as 2nd vice president
* The University of Maine is putting on a female coaches clinic
* Gerry is meeting with the staff at the Samoset on October 20 to discuss the needs
* Mark White will be presenting at the National Conference and will do the same at our spring conference as well
* Spring Conference Theme: “Resiliency and Reinvention” – goal to bring everyone back together safely
* Looking for some form of celebration of the MIAAA for its fiftieth anniversary
* Possibly looking at bringing in women as guests – recognition of contributions to Title IX in Maine (Diann Perkins, Anita Murphy)
* Webmaster role was posted yesterday – Gerry is confident that a highly qualified person will end up being in the role
* Gerry would like to identify the person at the fall conference
* MIAAA Board reviewed the 2019 Strategic Plan – Dennis Walton has been reviewing progress on components
  + Dennis Walton’s Updates
    - Membership dues increase – put off, but now increased for 2021-2022
    - Implementation of statewide mentoring program – already accomplished and underway
    - Virtual fall conference – will be done again – will be assessed for future years
    - Electronic MIAAA meetings – perhaps having one in January
    - Upgrade to MIAAA website to make it more user-friendly
    - Succession plan for executive office staff to be part of the POP manual
    - Do award winners need to be part of the POP manual?
    - Possibility of having a Sponsorship Committee – board members are volunteering for this task
    - Do we need to have a Secretary/Treasurer? – Board agrees to eliminate
    - Dennis asked about the development of a 2022 MIAAA Strategic Plan – work will not begin during the 2021-2022 school year

***MIAAA Assistant Director Report – Gary Stevens***

* *MIAAA News*
  + September 16 distribution
  + Next issue: November, 2021 – 48th issue
  + Do people read it? What is most useful for them?
  + Can we establish an All-American type distribution process?
* Fall Conference Update – November 8 – done virtually
  + Theme: “The New Normal”
  + Speakers are all in place
  + Past Presidents Meeting – Tim Spear will preside/living past presidents have been invited
  + Guests: Chad Finn and Martin Davis
* MIAAA Twitter
  + Theme of Spring Conference
* Maine Basketball Commission Meeting – October 4
  + Fans or no fans – impact upon recruiting of officials
  + Masking this winter
  + Post-game protocols
* Pandemic Project Task Force – October 18 – 10:00am
  + Mental Health of Student-Athlete
  + Guest: Peter Shambo

***Associate Director for Awards and Communication –Bunky Dow***

* Minutes of August 24 minutes approved
* Review of recommendations of Awards Committee for awards selection process – all changes accepted by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors

***Associate Director for Leadership Training and Certification Report – Todd Livingston***

* Shared report as presented on the NIAAA Portal
* Coordinators met in Indianapolis a couple of years ago
* CAA Exam will be revised in January, 2022
* Personal Data Forms for CAA and CMAA have been updated
* Delegate Assembly at the National Conference is on Sunday
* Interesting presentation on certification process for new athletic directors – this may work well with mentoring initiative that the MIAAA has undertaken
* Todd presented on a new leadership training course that is being considered
* Courses to offer at the Spring Conference
  + LTC 501
  + LTC 504
  + LTC 617
  + LTC 619
  + LTC 633
  + LTC 710A

***Items from the Floor***

* Dennis Walton will be submitting a survey to assist him when putting together his presentation for the fall conference.
* Gerry Durgin needs league directories – currently has three of the eight directories.