

North Central Athletic Meeting

Date: January 14, 2010

Location: St. Mary's High School

Schools Represented: Meath Park, Kinistino, Birch Hills, Carlton, St. Mary's, Rivier, Canwood, Debden, W.P. Sandin (Shellbrook), Montreal Lake, Churchill, Big River, Sturgeon Lake.

1. Welcomes and Introductions
2. Minutes from Fall Meeting: Nathan Noble
 1. A few changes from the Fall Minutes:
 - Item #7 There was some outstanding cost with City Track
 - Item #7 Ribbons and Aggregate winners were only given at districts
 - Item # 8 Sand Golf Commissioner was Simone Thompson
 - Item # 8 3A Boys Soccer Commissioner was Ellen Grewcock and Debi Coffin
 2. Outstanding Treasurer items not taken care of:
 - Track and Field gate has now been submitted
 - Bills have now been paid regarding Provincial Track and Field
 3. Motion to Adopt Minutes: Adam Svenkenson
 4. Seconded: Ron Poetker.
3. General Discussion:
 - Bill Yeaman suggests that all results from North Central competitions be posted on the North Central website. Commissioners are to email Nathan Noble (nnoble@srsd119.ca) to get posted. Schools must keep in mind privacy policy and are required to take care of that on an individual school basis. All winners from the 2009-2010 athletic season are encouraged to email pictures and results from North Central competitions...Cross Country, Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Sand Golf, Grass Golf, and Wrestling.
 - Chantelle LaMotte suggests we add a commissioner check list of what to do when teams are hosting district or conference competitions to the website. Executive will look into possible checklists.
4. SHSAA Report: Brian Grest
 - Thanks to all who hosted SHSAA events (Conference, Regional, Provincial) on behalf of the Association (NC hosted Prov. 3A Girls Soccer in PA).
 - Thanks to District Officials Commissioner and referees-in-chief for their assigning and flexibility as we battled H1N1 issues.
 - Thanks to all the coaches, supervisors, and district executive members for their volunteerism.
 - Information for all winter and spring activities is now posted on the website in the January Newsletter
 - NC will be acting as high jump officials at Provincial Track in Moose Jaw
 - NC gets two entries to prov. Mixed Curling
 - PA Carlton hosting Regional wrestling and Regional Badminton

- Volleyball Conferences and Regional's will be posted in spring. Check for changes.
- Complete results for all fall activities are now posted on the website in the January Newsletter.
- Minutes from the last SHSAA Executive meeting are now posted on the website.
 - likely will see classification motions at the AGM
 - SHSAA will retain track false start rule (and not follow IAAF change)
 - jury out on 7 v 7 soccer viability
 - some discussion if need to change golf scoring format
 - numerous no-show fine appeals accepted due to H1N1 outbreak
- Bids for 2A Boys Soccer and 5A Girls Volleyball Provincials being accepted until Mar. 27.
- Sportsmanship award winners for volleyball have been decided but not yet released to the website.
- Office resignations (both assistants) have left Kevin and Lyle with a lot of work on their hands.
- Subway did not renew their sponsorship with the SHSAA; rumors are Sask. Credit Unions are considering the same.
- Coaches Symposium will be held in Saskatoon Aug. 16/17. Plans include officials development in volleyball and football.
- The office has distributed a "how to" document for filling out E-5s and Team Entries
- The office has distributed a letter to all schools (graduating students) regarding becoming an official.
- It has been suggested football leagues could attempt to schedule games to allow crews to work more than one game per week.

5. President's Report: Chantelle LaMotte

- We need to keep send coaches to Coaches Symposium. Fewer people that go will result in less money given to us to use for this purpose. Please advice your coaches, new and old.
- H1N1 – Follow your school division policy, not SHSAA policy
- Sand Golf – On radar for removal
- Grass Golf – Why no spring league? Committee will be formed to look into possibility of a league in late May and June. No grade 12's obviously.
- Soccer – Change categories, too few teams in some categories. Play-downs to Provincials were not competitive in some categories.
- Football – Provincial medal given to Swan River, a Manitoba team. No problem with them in the league for the first 20 years, only when they finally win a medal.
- Gates – Schools need to educate parents and fans on what the fees do for SHSAA. There is too much hassle at some gates currently.
- Volleyball – 4 officials, not 6
- Volleyball – Balance 4A and 5A categories for regionals
- Officials – More development, as usual.
- There were many appeals of withdraw penalties because of H1N1. All were granted.
- SHSAA Website – Slow updates during playoffs...Why? Improvements to come

- Basketball – Ranking 2 times not 3. Coaches needed for first rankings of the year. Contact SHSAA office.
- Woman in Sport – Date Changed to May 14th/15th in Saskatoon. Please push this with your teachers, coaches, and older female athletes.
- AGM – Qu Appelle Valley will host in Regina this year.
- Basketball – Changing classification...Too many, proposed by SHSAA
- Problems have arrived because of conflict between certain sports – Football vs. Volleyball...Curling vs. Basketball...Basketball vs. Wrestling. Looking into solutions.
- Looking to put into effect a flexible entry fee for out of province teams attending our tournaments.
- Sponsorship issue – lost Subway...maybe Credit Union.

6. Treasurers Report: Rene Quintal

- Possible outstanding bill from Debden Curling Club, Bob Thompson to look into it.
 - Rene Quintal Proposes the following motion: Keethanow is ineligible to participate in school athletics until they have paid their student levies.
 - Amendment to Motion: Rhoda Hardllotte Memorial Keethanow High School is ineligible to compete in North Central High School athletic competition until they have paid student levies.
 - Seconded - Bob Coffin
 - All in favor – 18-0
 - Carried
- Motion to adopt financial statement – Sherri Moore
- Seconded – Claude Gilbert

7. Officials Report: Jackie Packet

Football:

The Prince Albert Association of Football Officials has taken on the responsibility of official training and currently has 14 officials covering 6-man, 9-man, and 12-man. As a district we need to continue to develop minor officials and encourage adult, especially graduating players, to train as officials.

There continues to be a concern about having to use Saskatoon officials for 12-man games involving Saskatoon teams because of the expense and loss of opportunity to use local officials. This concern was brought to the officials meeting in early December.

Thanks to those teams who hosted playoffs. Well done.

Soccer:

We have a major crisis with the availability of soccer officials as a large number of our adult officials are parents of high school players and all playoffs happen on the same week end. Also, local officials seem to be burnt out after the summer season.

Our 1A playoff was stranded with no official. I was informed late that the assigned official would not fulfill his duties and was left with a fifteen year old lines person who was willing to ref, but had no way of getting to the competition. Publicly, I want to acknowledge that the situation left the hosting school, its team, and the visiting teams in a tough situation and I would like to thank SeSeWaHum for their perseverance and commitment to school sport as the two games went ahead. Our executive met and will respond in writing to a letter of concern from SHSAA. Included in that letter will be our action plan to prevent such an event from happening again.

Again thank you SeSeWaHum and the city high schools who hosted regionals.

Volleyball:

First and foremost thanks for the support of the withdrawal resolution passed at the June AGM. We had only one conference/regional this year with a no show/no contact situation. Thanks to St. Louis for re-organizing and handling things. The number of no call/no shows was down across the province.

Thanks again to hosting schools and commissioners of playoffs. I do have to make a gentle reminder to do your paper work for the SHSAA office. Your paper work also assures payment of officials.

Clinics:

--As mentioned earlier Football handled its own training for this year.

--Volleyball clinics were held in Prince Albert, one being a Level II, and in Debden.

--Basketball clinics were held in Prince Albert-one for local officials and one for Churchill, La Ronge. One has been requested for SeSeWaHum/Canwood area and that has not been done yet.

--Badminton needs one trained person to handle the regional we have been assigned.

--Focus this spring should be on Football and Soccer. If we get clinics early for these, officials would be ready for the fall.

--There is special grant money for extra clinics. We just have to decide what to do.

Final Comments:

New Refs: We had some new refs in volleyball this year and now have a few new faces in basketball. Please introduce yourself to them, welcome them to your facilities and point out any special circumstances in your gyms.

I have received two calls of concern about one basketball coach being negatively aggressive with high school student officials. Remember that we use our junior leagues Gr9, Gr 9/10- to train new officials and there is a shortage.

Jewelry: Attached is a letter from SHSAA. I have circled the SEVEN times the word NO or a derivative appears. Athletic Directors, principals, coaches PLEASE--- NO MEANS NO!!!!

Bandanas rolled as headbands are NOT sweatbands for basketball. There is a safety issue with them because of the knot at the back of the head and gang associations depending upon the colour.

Survey: Some of you involved in refereeing a school sport can help me out by filling in a survey for a provincial task force addressing officiating in Saskatchewan. I need to e-mail it to you.

Lastly, as many of you know, I will soon begin cancer treatments and am off work. Basketball playoffs will be assigned by Glen Gavel and I with the names forwarded to Regina. I will work on getting the Badminton Regional covered and thanks in advance to all track and field officials who will handle district track meet.

8. Fall Activities Report:

- Sand Golf – District golf, Debden and Canwood. Team was selected as well as extras. Each category was filled. Everything went well.
- Sand Golf – Provincials Canwood won bronze

- Grass Golf – Held at Cooke Municipal Golf Course. Went well.
 - Disparity between top and bottom golfers
 - Carlton won team category
 - Alison Woodcock of PACI
 - Dan Klughart of St Mary
 - Issues...too many, too long
 - Maybe we can put a golf resolution forward
- Cross Country – Muskoday host – Andrew Johnson.
 - Went well
 - Footing concerns at times, but par for the course
- Soccer – Conferences went well
 - Regionals and provincials went well overall
 - Possible motion to change times of Provincial games to 35 minute halves.
 - Possible motion to change days for quarters, semis, and finals
 - Concern at 3A girls that seeds were not done properly and teams from same school not allowed to play each other.
 - Question: Is the new Soccer Center official size and can we use it in the future. Members to look into it.
- Football – Motion to come
- Volleyball – Canwood, Rivier, and St. Louis all went well.
 - Teams need to submit ranking of tournament, league and exhibition games. This is an issue and we will look into putting a resolution forward.

9. Resolutions:

- Grade 12 transfers resolution to come in April – discussed and come back
- Please bring resolutions to April meeting.

10. Upcoming Activities:

- Curling
 - February 8th – Fun Spiel @GCC
 - Feb 26 and 27 – Districts @GCC
- Basketball
 - 1A Boys:- Eric Knuzin St. Louis.
 - 1A girls: Grant Person Canwood
 - 2A boys and girls: Chelsie Bergen and Dave Seto Meath Park
 - 3A Girls: Clause Gilbert Rivier
 - Withdraw date is Feb 3rd...very important.
 - Some Conferences teams have been changed, please look on SHSAA website.
- Wrestling
 - Carlton: Bob Coffin March 6th...looking for help with officials, gate, and draws.
- Badminton regionals at Carlton – no Commissioner TBA, contact executive if interested.
- Track and Field – Rene Quintal and Nathan Noble
 - Issue over screen printing numbers on singlets or keeping paper numbers has been tabled to next meeting.
- Committee – 2 Carlton, 2 Catholic, 2 Small School, 1 Parkland
- Ron Poetker – in charge of Provincial singlets and numbers this year.

11. Other:

- Badminton Clinic
 - Claude Gilbert – it was held at Grand Council building. Eve Cote put it on. 10-12 people attended.
 - New rule – can't drive serve right at the opponents' body.
- Letter of concern – Executive will return letter
 - We need to do a better job of getting officials from host community if you know you are hosting
 - Possible motion to have officials paid for booked number of games. If team cancels then officials are paid for original draw and number of games.
- Forward planning – April meeting can talk about fall sport leagues. Please bring all ideas to April meeting for sports such as volleyball and golf.
- Bill Yeaman makes the following motion – The NCD would like to move to a 1pm meeting upon consent from our school administration offices.
- Seconded - Bob Thompson

Next meeting April 15th @ 1:00 pm@ Carlton