

North Central District Athletic Association Meeting: April 15 , 2008
Wesmor Community High School

1. Welcome & Introduction of people present

The North Central District Athletic Association had representation from the following schools: Birch Hills, Carlton, St. Louis, St. Mary, Sturgeon Lake, Big River, Churchill (La Ronge), Debden, Senator Myles Venne, Kinistino, Shellbrook & Meath Park, Canwood, Rivier, Muskoday , Wesmor, also Bill Simpson & John Kuzbik Senior Administrators from the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division office

2. Minutes from January Meeting

Minutes were read by Secretary Chantelle LaMotte. No business arising. Jackie Packet moves to adopt the January minutes. Seconded by Don Laing. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report: Adam Svenkeson

Motion to adopt by Don Laing, seconded by Paul Heselwood. Motion carried.

4. Official's Report: Jackie Packet

- May 3: Football Referee Clinic Division 1 – contact Jackie Packet for more info.
 - June 7/8 Football Level 1/2 Certification
 - Sept. 11 & 13 Volleyball Referee Clinics will be held in Prince Albert
 - Anyone wishing to host SOCCER or VOLLEYBALL clinics in the fall should contact Jackie Packet at St. Mary for more information jpacket@srsd119.ca
- * constant need to develop officials in all sports, particularly in rural areas Rural referees were at an all time low at Hoopla 2008.

5. Visitor Information Report- Francois Fournier from Grand Prairie College
ACAC School, presentation on student athlete program

6. Winter Activities Report

Basketball

Only 2 Regional competitions were held in our conference
Hoopla results: 1A Girls Gold- Kinistino
2A Girls Bronze- Meath Park
4A Girls Silver- Carlton

Curling

District curling went well, according to Bob Thompson, commissioner in Debden. Bob proposed that he , Dave Zultok and any other interested curling coaches meet to formalize a draw for future curling hosts.

Suggestion: If the host is rural with 4 sheets of ice or less, a playoff prior must take place, if the host is within Prince Albert (4 + sheets) playoffs prior may not be needed.

Wrestling

Both St.Mary & Carlton took wrestlers to Regional & Provincial competition.
Results as submitted by the Carlton coaches were:

Carlton wrestlers had a very successful 2007-2008 season. A large number of medals were claimed this year. At the Walter Murray tourney, Jordi Shearer, Chase Luttvenuk, Shane Bird, Amber Jones, and Brody MacDowell won gold. At regionals, Carlton was able to have 6 wrestlers qualify for provincials. This number is more than they've had in quite awhile. Provincial qualifiers, include, Jordi Shearer, Kelly Ermine, Casey Shearer, Matthew Parateau, Brian Faulds, and Amber Jones. At provincials, Brian Faulds captured the silver medal. This was also the year that the Carlton Invitational was ressurected. At this invitational, Carlton's Kelly Ermine, Matthew Paranteau, Jordi Shearer, Amber Jones, and Casey Shearer all captured gold medals. It was a season to remember. Well done to the Carlton Wrestling Team.

Track & Field Committee Updates

- Minutes from the 2 Track & Field Committee meetings are posted on the NCDAA website, as well as the meet schedule.
- Entries must be sent in to Ron Poetker at Carlton
- Schools need to bring a \$25.00 deposit per uniform (cheque) to the coaches meeting for District Uniforms.
- NCDAA is hosting Provincial Track at Harry Jerome in 2009.

Badminton: April 24, 2008

District Commissioner is Claude Jalbert of Rivier Academy

- City or conference playoffs must be done by April 22 & entries must be in to Claude Jalbert

Host sites will be as follows:

Mixed & Singles: Carlton

Boys Doubles: St. Mary

Girls Doubles: Rivier

7. Up & coming Sports

Soccer

Discussion about the hosting rotation. 2007 Regional: Boys hosted by St. Mary, Girls by Carlton

8. SHSAA Report: Larry Lafrentz

Provincial Projections

3A Boys V'ball: LCBI Outlook
5A Boys V'ball: Estevan
1A Girls V'ball: Mankota
Regional Wrestling: open
Girls Curling: Kelliher
Provincial Badminton: Wilkie
Track & Field: Prince Albert

AGM 2009 : Will be held by the North Central District

Lyle McKeller has been hired as the Executive Assistant for SHSAA, Kevin Vollet is the new President

Positions open:

Section 3 Representative: formerly Jim Lissina who has completed 2 consecutive terms

Officials Rep.: formerly Larry Segal

Important dates:

- Resolutions must be submitted to the SHSAA office by **May 14**, 2008
- Women in sport conference takes place **June 13 & 14**
- Coaches symposium is **August 18/19** in Saskatoon
- AGM in Regina **June 18-20**
- Merit & Service Award Nominations must be in by **April 30**
- Outstanding Male & Female coach & Outstanding Official nominees must be in by **end of May**

Items for Discussion at AGM

New Classification system for Volleyball & Basketball

7 on 7 Soccer in 1A & 2A Categories

6 Man Football 1A-3A

9 Man Football 1A-3A

11 Man Football 1A-4A

9. New Business / Motions

a) Much discussion around the issue of reclassification regarding Basketball. If small cities are put into a category with Saskatoon & Regina teams for Hoopla, then Saskatoon & Regina tournaments need to open up to let the small cities into them to compete.

Issues: Composite schools are doing well at the 4A category, and smaller schools feel they can't compete

Saskatoon & Regina play in city leagues, where as small city Composites & rural must travel to tournaments to compete

b) Some discussion around Independent & Private schools & their classification. It was mentioned that jurisdictions outside Saskatchewan, Independent & Private schools must abide by the multiplier effect. (Their classification must be multiplied by 1.2 etc. to account for the fact they are not a public school which includes students that are not able to participate in sports

(ie) Students in alternate programming such as Life skills programming)

c) Motion by Bill Yeaman

That the B side of conference playoffs in Basketball be eliminated. This would cut down on officials costs as well as allow the tournament to be run on one day.

Issues from the group: Teams would not travel long distances and incur those costs if they could potentially play only 1 game.

SHSAA point of view: Conferences are set up to ensure each participating team will have one tournament to attend

Motion by Bill Yeaman to amend this to playoffs in the 1A, 2A & 3A Level seconded by Adam Svenkeson

Group votes: Opposed MOTION DEFEATED

d) Motion by Bill Yeaman

That the gate share for hosting Hoopla be split 60/40 between the SHSAA and the Host not 75/25 as it currently is. This would allow host sites to cover the cost of hosting and allow Hoopla to be hosted out of Saskatoon and Regina more easily.

Seconded by Adam Svenkeson.

SHSAA indicates that out of the money received, SHSAA pays the officials and their costs as well as medals. Hosts get 25% off the top.

Group votes: Opposed MOTION DEFEATED

e) Notice of Motion by Bob Coffin

Whereas, the SHSAA governs school sport in Saskatchewan and endeavors to provide fair and equitable opportunities for our student athletes to compete in all its activities,

And recognizing the issues of unfairness and inequity presented by allowing sport specific education program student-athletes to compete in SHSAA sanctioned activities,

And knowing that a precedent has been established by the Alberta (ASAA) and British Columbia High School Athletic Associations (BCSS), which have similar policies and objectives as the SHSAA, that sport specific education programs have been deemed in those jurisdictions to provide those student-athlete participants with an inequitable and unfair advantage in those specific sports,

And that having dealt for years with the issues of inequity and unfairness which sports specific educational programs engendered in their jurisdictions, those provincial associations have researched and passed motions with regard to sports specific education programs addressing the resulting issues of unfairness and inequity,

And due to the fact that some schools in Saskatchewan are now offering, or are planning to offer, sports specific education programs whereby their students would be gaining an inequitable and unfair advantage if allowed to compete in SHSAA activities,

Be it Resolved:

That any student-athlete registered in a sport specific education program is ineligible to compete in that particular sport in SHSAA sanctioned events. The student-athlete, however, will be eligible to compete in other school sports as long as they meet SHSAA eligibility requirements.

Definition: SPORT SPECIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM – A Sport Specific Education Program combines education with specific sport instruction / education for curriculum credit. The sport specific education program allows for sport specific training, instruction and/or competition, provides sports skills training in a targeted sport; provides other training/education such as but not limited to weight training, sport nutrition, or mental training to support the targeted sport.

Background:

We in Saskatchewan need to look at these issues, and if we believe that the sports specific programs are indeed providing an inequitable and unfair advantage, as has been found in Alberta and British Columbia, it is incumbent upon us to make a decision which is in the best interests of all our Saskatchewan students at this time. Should this motion pass at the SHSAA AGM the schools whom have, or are planning to start, these programs would have time to contact the parents/guardians of those students affected. This would allow for an informed parental decision knowing their student's status regarding participation in SHSAA sanctioned activities.

Attached please find the BCSS pamphlet which was developed by their high school athletic association. It was made available to parents/guardians of students planning to enter into a sports specific education program so they could make informed decisions about eligibility to compete in high school sports prior to registering their student in these programs.

Attached please find a copy of the ASAA bylaw which addresses the issue of sports specific school programs. Please note that both of these associations have adopted the same definition of what a sport specific program is and it is suggested that if we pass this motion that we follow suit, if the AGM considers the definition to be appropriate to Saskatchewan's situation.

The rationale presented by both associations is that these bylaws ensure that competitive opportunities for all student-athletes are kept as equitable as possible. The SHSAA has the same beliefs about fairness and equity. It would therefore seem only fitting that we adopt a similar bylaw to address the fairness and equity issues which come with sports specific education programs. The Alberta and British Columbia High School Sports Associations have already recognized the issues which arise from sports specific education programs, researched these, and passed resolutions to create the policies that are in place today for their jurisdictions. While the location may change, the same fairness and equity issues were the deciding factor in each association's decision.

Ellen Grewcock seconds

There was some discussion in the group regarding sport specific programs at schools. St. Mary representatives discussed their multi-grade sport specific classes at St. Mary.

Group votes: Motion CARRIED

f) Motion by Ellen Grewcock to raise team fees from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per team. We currently have 177 teams out of 36 schools registered in the North Central District and currently we do not charge for Junior Sports. Junior Sports is covered through P4A.

Carrie Ikert seconds the motion.

Motion CARRIED

g) Send names of those who want to attend the coaches' symposium to Bill Yeaman (8 people can go)

Elections for the North Central District Athletic Association were held and all current executive members let their names stand and were re-elected for the fall term.

* A recommendation was made by Larry Lafrentz to have a Referee in Chief appointed for each sport in order to help our Officials Assigner. This will be done for the fall.

10. Delegates for AGM 2008 in Regina (as determined by group voting)

Members at Large: 1. Chris Abtosway
(voting delegates) 2. Chantelle LaMotte
 3. Adam Svenkeson

Officials Rep: Jackie Packet

Administration: Bob Coffin

Trustee: Joy Bastness

Leads: John Kuzbik

Observers: Trevor Bates Jaime Zurakowski
 Brennan MacDonald Paul Heselwood
 Rene Quintal

11. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn by Bill Yeaman, seconded by Chantelle LaMotte

Next meeting will be for the Executive of North Central District and anyone else who wishes to attend. The date is June 11, 2008 4:30pm at Carlton Comp. Library