

SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Executive Meeting
January 22 & 23, 2006
Saskatoon Inn



Call to Order

President Wade Weseen called the meeting to order at 6:42pm. In attendance were Vicki Moore, Mark Edmonds, Jack Nepjuk, Brian Gislason, Larry Segall, Jim Lissinna, Lyle McKellar, Angela Tillier, Marvin Renneberg, Larry Lafrentz, Kevin Vollet and Jessica Blair. Missing with regrets Barb Riley.

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

MOTION by Edmonds/Nepjuk to adopt the January 22 & 23, 2006 agenda. CARRIED

MOTION by Segall/Moore to adopt the December 1 & 2, 2005 minutes. CARRIED

1.1 Review of Action List

A review of the action list for office staff and executive from the previous meeting updated everyone on completed and pending tasks. Pending tasks for the office staff and the executive will be added to the April meeting action list.

Golf evaluation forms will be discussed at the April executive meeting.

2. Reports

2.1 Financial Report

The December Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

Suggested that each District be requested to review SHSAA policy & eligibility due dates at their meeting in the fall. The SHSAA Section Rep and/or District President need to take the initiative to explain procedures, in order to reduce the late filing of forms and the subsequent late fees.

Gate money from playoffs still to collect; Clavet vs Raymore (2A 6-Man) & Davidson (3A Boys Volleyball).

Office asked to look into official travel costs for 9-Man Football Rosetown vs Nipawin.

MOTION by Tillier/Edmonds to accept the December Financial Report. CARRIED

2.2 President's Meeting

The December President's Meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed.

2.3 Official Commissioners Meeting

The December Official Commissioners Meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed.

Discussion was held regarding procedures used to assign official for playoff games. Particularly the practices of using officials from the host district when there may be officials in a bordering district that are closer to the host venue. The discussion resolved that it is still a priority to use official from the host district in order to develop availability of officials in the entire province.

Following a discussion about the SHSAA official's registry it was determined that the registry will be blanked at the end of this school year. The office was directed to

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determine the best means to edit the information in the official's registry. Marvin & Kevin will recommend changes necessary for the officials registry for next school year.

Kevin & Marvin will present criteria at the April meeting with respect to an outstanding official award in each district.

Discussion regarding official's development: Each district association needs to be more involved in recruiting and development of officials. Coaches need to be educated regarding support for young officials during and following contests, to many young and or new officials are not returning following experiences where they are criticized openly during the contests. Suggestions to have a poster campaign distributed to each school, promoting officiating and include contacts on the poster for how to get involved. Approach sport-governing bodies, with this poster initiative to see if they want to be involved. For school sport purposes the support of each district official's commissioner would be required as a local area contact.

The topic of the SHSAA developing its own official's association was discussed as it was listed on recommendation forms and brought up at the District President's meeting in December. Jack, Marvin and Kevin volunteered to develop an initiative to distribute to schools in the fall of 2006 to recruit and develop officials.

2.4 Canadian School Sport Federation Winter Meeting

School Sport Week will take place the week of October 15th – 21st, 2006. Sport Canada has agreed to provide support to the CSSF to facilitate a strategic planning meeting for CSSF. Sport Canada is looking to CSSF for support within schools in order to develop their Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) plan. Fred Nykamp, Basketball Canada was in attendance at the meeting and discussed the Canada Basketball Scholarship of \$5000.00 to each province. CIS executive director, Marg McGill, presented an update on initiatives within CIS regarding basketball rules and efforts to keep student athletes in Canada.

2.5 Office Report

The Office Report was circulated and reviewed.

2.6 Executive Reports

2.6.1 District Meetings

Individuals within each new District have been meeting and will be meeting with their respective boards of education and reorganization committees regarding plans to administer interschool sport in the 2006 –2007 school year. Most districts are preparing requests to the Board for funding school sport and most have included for an athletic director for the division/district to assist in the administration and planning of interschool activities.

Regina is effectively putting together policies and procedures regarding leagues with teams outside the city (Balgonie, Notre Dame, etc). Saskatoon is considering changing venues from Gordie Howe Bowl to the Soccer Centre for Football city games. SSSAD will invest money to raise stands and create a press box. For fall 2006 football games will be played at both Gordie Howe Bowl and the Soccer Centre. One of the new schools in Saskatoon, Centennial School will open September 2006 with grades 9 & 10 students only.

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2.6.2 NFHS – Athletic Directors Conference

Kevin and Larry attended meeting with Executive Directors from all 50 states. Topics discussed included funding, national championship philosophy, legal actions, initiatives in each state and classification, particularly splitting classes and issues with too many classifications, also determining classification for private schools by using multiplier factor. Sessions attended included positive and negative parental involvement, hazing, pursuing victory with honour, emergency management plans, stress management, legal issues, crowd-control policies, marketing school sports, Developing team leaders, out-of-season participation limits, codes of conduct and the law, planning and organizing major events, transitioning athletes from middle school to high school.

3. Decisions

3.1 Guiding Principles Discussion Paper

Discussion about what the next step is with the guiding principles summary from the planning session. The membership is expecting specific guiding principles to be presented at the AGM. Policies and procedures regarding provincial playoff structures should flow from the guiding principles. The problem is the vision does not fit the proposed fourteen-district setup. To present guiding principles and then organize playoffs contrary to the guidelines even if for the short term seems counterproductive.

Direction was given to each of the executive member to submit to the office their summary of the guiding principles based on the discussion paper. Due date for each executive members response is end of February. Office will compile statements to be presented and discussed at the April Executive Meeting.

3.2 CSSF/Canada Basketball Scholarship Offer

Discussion regarding the criteria the SHSAA will need to have in place in order to be involved in this scholarship program. Concerns expressed regarding the time commitment necessary to administer the program.

MOTION by Edmonds/Segall to accept the Canada Basketball proposal to provide a \$5000.00 scholarship program, administered by the SHSAA. The SHSAA will award the scholarship funds to Saskatchewan student athletes involved in high school basketball that will attend a Canadian post secondary institution. CARRIED

MOTION by Gislason/Renneberg to agree that the SHSAA will distribute the \$5000.00 from Canada Basketball in the form of 4 scholarships of \$1250.00 each, intended for two male and two female recipients annually. CARRIED

Mark, Vicki, Brian, Jack and Larry will develop the final document to be issued to schools regarding the scholarship opportunity and the appropriate form for the application. The office will also develop and send out a letter to all schools principal in the province with regards to criteria, due date and information regarding this scholarship program.

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3.3 Appeals – Suspension from Regional Volleyball

3.3.1 Kindersley

Kindersley did not appeal the suspension. In a telephone conversation the school indicated that the suspension from regional play in 2006 would not be an issue in fact it would alleviate the issue of determining whether or not to participate as given the playoff structure they would be required to participate in regional play each year regardless of the calibre of their team.

3.3.2 Laval

MOTION by Tillier/Nepjuk to accept Laval's appeal. DEFEATED

3.3.3 Naicam

Naicam did not appeal the suspension. The school cited displeasure with the playoff structure and a willingness to be excluded for the 2006 playoffs.

3.3.4 St. Angela

MOTION by Renneberg/McKellar to accept St. Angela's appeal. DEFEATED

3.3.5 Tisdale

MOTION by Segall/Moore to accept Tisdale's appeal. DEFEATED

3.3.6 Vanier

MOTION by Lissinna/Gislason to accept Vanier's appeal. CARRIED

3.4 SABO Agreement

3.4.1 SHSAA response January 10

3.4.2 SABO response January 17

SABO agreed to provide service for HOOPLA 2006 following SHSAA current bylaws and office practice. SABO's Annual Meeting held in March will determine points to be included in a future agreement proposal. The SHSAA office has agreed, as a condition of the 2006 agreement, to present the SABO proposal to the SHSAA Annual Meeting.

**MOTION by Segall/McKellar to accept the SABO agreement dated January 17, 2006.
CARRIED**

3.5 Provincial Playoffs/Championships 2006-2007

A number of options were discussed regarding the playoff formats for team sports in the new fourteen-district model.

Soccer - 2006 use option 2 (status quo)

Basketball - 2006 use option 4 (status quo)

Volleyball - 2006 use option 2 (status quo)

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3.6 Budget Proposal 2006-2007

The 2006-2007 Budget Proposal was circulated and reviewed. Different options were discussed to address the deficit budget proposed for 2006-2007. Increase sponsorship from current sponsors, seek new sponsors, increase team fees (\$5/team, which will generate \$17,500.00), increase provincial gate admission to \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and increase district membership fees. Reduce office travel expenses by having others represent the Association at award ceremonies and meetings, reduce executive meeting costs fewer meetings. Look at ways to have districts support office expenses for administration tasks done on behalf of the district.

MOTION by Lissinna/McKellar to increase team fees by \$5 per team. DEFEATED

MOTION by Lissinna/Nepjuk to increase provincial gate admission to \$7 for adults and \$5 for students with regional playoff admission to remain at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. DEFEATED

MOTION by Lissinna/McKellar to increase district fees to \$2000.00 from \$1500.00. WITHDRAWN

MOTION by Edmonds/Gislason to increase provincial gate admission to \$6 for adults and \$4 for students with regional playoff admission to remain at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. CARRIED

MOTION by Renneberg/Edmonds to approve the budget as amended. CARRIED

3.7 Use of Grade 8 – 3A School

Weyburn Junior High School applied to use two grade eight students on their team participating in high school play. The team was comprised of ten grade nine students.

MOTION by Edmonds/Renneberg to approve an exception to the Bylaws to allow Weyburn Jr. High to use grade 8 students. DEFEATED

4. Discussion

4.1 Fall Activities – Review of Evaluations for Possible Resolutions

Golf

Discussions regarding the recommendation to have score markers accompany each group (volunteers from community or coaches), in an effort to decrease the allegations of cheating by individual golfers. Suggested that an adult accompany each group, not as an official score keeper but to facilitate or monitor the play within the group.

MOTION by Edmonds/Segall to have an adult accompany each group of golfer's to facilitate positive play and encourage proper scoring by the players. CARRIED

Soccer

The committee will report at the April meeting with minimum field recommendations. The office was directed to email all school's that participated in soccer requesting the dimensions of their soccer fields. The survey information to be forwarded to the committee (Larry S, Marvin)

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Volleyball

Discussion regarding the concern expressed regarding the age and experience of minor officials.

4.2 Promotions – Angela

MOTION by Edmonds/Lissinna to pay mileage (\$.30/km) and meals to individuals from Luther College to record promotional video at badminton in Weyburn and track in Moose Jaw. CARRIED

MOTION by Renneberg/McKellar to purchase the “Champions Video” from National Federation. CARRIED

Angela was directed to contact Ralph Eliasson to assist in the creation of a draft script for the promotional video and to have Bryan Matheson review it prior to presentation to the Executive Council.

4.3 Football – Participation with Junior Teams

Direction taken by Larry to respond using SHSAA policy, to Blake Buettner regarding this issue.

4.4 Pre-Olympic Games Festival

Direction taken by the office to get more information, dates, costs, timeline and events regarding this festival.

5. Information

5.1 Eligibility Requests, Coach Ejections, Player Ejections

The office updated the Executive Council regarding requests and ejections handled since last meeting.

5.2 Correspondence from Previous Meeting

5.4.1 New Boards of Education – Division/District Athletic Directors

5.4.2 Sask Pork Inquiry

5.4.3 Reclassification Basketball

5.4.4 Football Requests

5.4.5 Bid to Host Letters

5.4.6 Eligibility Requests: St. Mary, Harvest City, Maple Creek

5.4.7 Late Fee Appeal - Kinistino

5.4.8 Football Sask Concerns

5.4.9 Coach Conduct

5.3 Correspondence

5.5.1 Sask Sport – Sport Visitors spend more than \$66 million in Saskatchewan

6. Adjournment

MOTION by Renneberg to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.