

Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association



**Executive Meeting
April 9 & 10, 2006
SHSAA Boardroom**



Call to Order

President Wade Weseen called the meeting to order at 6:41pm. In attendance were Vicki Moore, Mark Edmonds, Jack Nepjuk, Brian Gislason, Larry Segall, Jim Lissinna, Lyle McKellar, Angela Tillier, Marvin Renneberg, Barb Riley, Larry Lafrentz, Kevin Vollet and Jessica Blair.

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

MOTION by Segall/Lissinna to adopt the April 9 & 10, 2006 agenda. CARRIED

MOTION by McKellar/Renneberg to adopt the January 22 & 23, 2006 minutes. CARRIED

1.2 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 May meeting action list.

2. Reports

2.1 Financial Report

The 2006-2007 Budget was reviewed with the updates that were recommended and carried at the January meeting. March Financial Report was circulated and reviewed. Winter Activities Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Gislason to accept the March Financial Report. CARRIED

2.2 Office Report

The Office Report was circulated and reviewed.

2.3 Executive Reports

2.3.1 Curling

Tisdale (Girls and Mixed) was hit with a snowstorm, which affected attendance. The banquet and all games ran very late, which was an issue identified in many evaluation forms. The schedule for a three-sheet facility is more difficult to keep on time.

Assiniboia (Boys) was good, all done in one location. Ran smoothly and all reports were positive.

A resolution may come from Saskatoon or North East that the curling draw be changed because the team that finishes in 1st place in their pool never ends up winning because they have such a big break on Saturday. Once the schedule to allow for this was examined it was clear that it would make the final day even

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longer and the teams left in the competition would have to play 4 or 5 games back to back.

Recommendations either have a four-day tournament (to start on Wednesday) or limit the number of teams to participate in provincials.

West Central (Biggar) may submit a resolution to change the provincial curling weekend back to the first weekend of March. If this came forward and was successful it would have to be effective for the 2007-2008 school year, as the bids to host and booking of dates have been done for the 2006-2007 year based on the championship played on the last weekend of February.

2.3.2 Regional Basketball

The office will write a letter to Caronport to determine the circumstances that lead to their withdrawal from the consolation game at the regional championship.

2.3.3 Regional Wrestling

Numbers of athletes at this event continues to decline. Coaches across the province report smaller teams. It is acknowledged by teams at this event that there are too few competitions to participate in during the regular season. With that in mind the SHSAA supported a tournament, held February 4th in North Battleford. Coaches felt it was a good event and they must come together to support the event as approximately 60 athletes participated in the event. The \$500 grant given by the SHSAA will not be a continuous contribution; it is intended as initial support money to assist until the event can become self-sufficient.

2.3.4 HOOPLA

The winter road conditions and weather was an issue and affected attendance. The minor officials were great, and had no issues. Discussion regarding the number of complimentary admissions each team should receive, as some teams were submitting as many as 22 names on the team roster, including athletes, coaches, assistants, managers. Office instructed to monitor and report, teams with many more than fifteen team personnel may have to pay for identification tags costs for additional personnel. As understood prior to the event it was difficult to assess the success of the new 6A category. Games attendance was for this category may be better judged in Regina next year for HOOPLA 2007.

2.3.5 Wrestling

Held at Walter Murray in Saskatoon the facility was terrific. The crowds and coaches conducted themselves very well and the event was a success.

2.3.6 Sportsmanship Awards

Circulated and reviewed the Curling, Wrestling and Basketball Sportsmanship winners.

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2.4 Committee Reports

2.4.1 Symposium

Brochure intended to be complete and distributed to the schools by May 1, 2006. Pre-sessions, may include Level 2 Volleyball and/or Level 2 Basketball in the one full day and one morning? Registration fee will remain at \$80 prior to June 30th and \$100 following June 30th.

2.4.2 SABO

Reviewed the proposed three-year agreement put forward by SABO to the SHSAA regarding officials for Hoopla. Discussion focused on issues that may arise with the proposal and information necessary to present to the delegates at the AGM when the proposal will be discussed. Issues are the increase in games fees and travel costs and expenses for evaluators.

2.4.3 Office Evaluation

The President has conducted an evaluation of the Executive Director position with input from the Executive Council and District Presidents. The final evaluation report will be presented to the Executive Director at the May executive meeting.

3. Decisions

3.1 Board of Review

3.3.1 Weyburn JH – The Board of Review upheld the decision of the Executive Council to not allow the grade eight students to participate on the girls basketball teams as the school had ten grade nine players. A review of the decision and the recommendations made by the Board of Review panel took place. The panel suggested a review of the bylaw and consideration of whether an amendment or exception should be allowed for schools that have grades 7 to 9 students only. Weyburn JH has been asked to submit to the office what they believe the bylaw should include or how it should be worded specific to grade 7 to 9 schools.

3.2 St. Mary Football

A letter was received from St. Mary regarding the decision by the executive to not allow St. Mary to participate in football playoffs leading to a nine-man provincial championship due to the size of their school. Saskatoon District has informed St. Mary that they would not be accepted in the Saskatoon 4A league for the 2006-2007 season. They indicated in the letter that they would set up exhibition games but request to be included in the playoff structure for 4A football. Saskatoon has indicated they could not accept St. Mary for the upcoming year due to scheduling and facility issues. They also indicated that they might be able to include St. Mary in following years based on new schools opening and the availability of additional facilities for football in the 2007-2008 school year. Discussion with the executive with regard to what grounds can we deny a

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school to be included in playoffs leading to a provincial championship. Office was directed to meet or discuss with St. Mary and Saskatoon possible solutions.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Moore to set up a meeting between SHSAA, St. Mary, and SSSAD to discuss options that are best suited to everyone involved. CARRIED

3.3 Team Withdrawals

3.3.1 Gull Lake

Gull Lake withdrew from the Regional basketball playoffs. The school submitted a letter to the executive outlining the circumstances leading to the withdrawal from the playoffs.

MOTION by Segall/Renneberg to waive the withdrawal fee of \$200 dollars. DEFEATED

3.4 Discipline

3.4.1 Cando

Written allegations regarding conduct of the basketball team were received following the basketball playoffs. The school has been notified of the allegations and a response has been requested.

3.5 Bids to Host

3.5.1 2006 Grass Golf – Moose Jaw and North Battleford submitted bids to host. Larry Segall spoke to Moose Jaw bid and Lyle McKellar spoke to North Battleford bid. The 2006 Grass Golf Championship was awarded to North Battleford Comprehensive School and will play at the North Battleford Golf Club.

3.6 Basketball Scholarship

Canada Basketball responded to Larry's package he prepared to send out to all Saskatchewan coaches and schools for the 4 - \$1250.00 scholarships. Fred Nykamp responded with some guidelines and additions, including promotion of the BE ONE program. SHSAA made it very clear that it cannot support or promote this program. Canada Basketball withdrew the condition from the scholarship program.

MOTION by Renneberg/Moore that we would be involved in the BE ONE program with out endorsement from the membership. CARRIED

3.7 Six-Man Football

Discussion to develop or hand out a specific football evaluation form (like we do in Basketball, Volleyball, etc.) that way every coach will have the opportunity to be heard and their issues reviewed by the Executive. Need to better communicate with coaches via a survey or be a part or chair a meeting with all coaches to ensure they are heard. Suggested that we may contact Football Saskatchewan regarding a time slot at their

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coach's clinic to conduct a meeting with coaches, as there is not an opportunity at our provincial championship.

3.8 Football Saskatchewan Memo

Jeff Yausie attended the meeting on Monday to address issues identified by the SHSAA in correspondence sent to them in December. Agreed to supply Football Saskatchewan with each district's official's commissioner information. Larry requested a follow-up meeting with Football Saskatchewan to further discuss issues, specifically responsibilities for each Association regarding high school football and to promote improved communication between both association's.

4. Discussion

4.1 Guiding Principles

The Guiding Principles Revised Draft was circulated and reviewed. Updates recorded in minutes and on tape.

These Provincial Playoff Guiding Principles should be the first page of policies in the handbook, followed with the current recommendations and then policies. This document will be updated and circulated to the membership for review, as requested by them from last AGM. For inclusion into the SHSAA handbook, the updated statements will be added and the notes will be deleted.

The office will take all the comments, revisit and revise the document, then have it reviewed by the executive for the final time before the distribution to the membership for the AGM.

4.2 Reorganization

The reorganization model was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Renneberg/Lissinna to propose the conference model for classified activities as the method for conducting playoffs leading to the provincial championships in the 2006-2007 school year. CARRIED

The office will send this package out to the schools as soon as possible. The Section Rep's are responsible to speak with each district president to promote this model.

4.3 AGM Resolution Review

Resolution Review circulated and reviewed. Add to the executive resolution list, the change admission fees for provincial championships from \$5 and \$3 to \$6 and \$4.

Soccer – The minimum field requirements is 100 x 50 in order to host a provincial soccer championship.

Wrestling – amendments to CAWA rules.

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MOTION by Lissinna/Nepjuk to present both wrestling issues (that the CAWA rules as published by December 1 be used for the high school provincials for the entire season and amend the tie-breaking procedure of CAWA to break the tie in the third period by a sudden victory overtime). CARRIED

Officials – develop criteria and when and where the outstanding awards will be presented.

MOTION by Edmonds/Moore to present one per district official service award. CARRIED

4.4 AGM Agenda

AGM Agenda circulated and reviewed. The agenda was approved for the June 2006 meeting. Executive positions open for election are: President, Section 1, Section 3, Saskatoon and Official's Representative.

4.5 Sponsorship Proposal (Partnership Group)

Reviewed the counter offer from Partnership Group, with the discussion that the proposal is too costly.

MOTION by Tillier/Edmonds to decline counter offer for Partnership Group. CARRIED

5. Information

5.1 Correspondence Received

5.1.1 SGI curling sponsorship

5.1.2 Sask Sport funding for 2006-2007

5.2 Correspondence from January Executive Meeting

5.2.1 Delisle Inquiry

6. New Business

The executive directed the office to write a letter and invite the 2 new districts to attend the AGM. They will be there in a non-voting role but they will be invited to be involved.

7. Next Meeting

Thursday May 18 at 6:00pm and Friday May 19 at 8:30am, SHSAA Boardroom.

8. Adjournment

MOTION by McKellar to adjourn at 3:09pm.