

# SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



## Executive Meeting Minutes November 30 & December 1, 2006 Saskatoon Inn



### Call to Order

President Wade Weseen called the meeting to order at 6:55pm. In attendance were Mark Edmonds, Vicki Moore, Roger Morgan, Jim Lissinna, Lyle McKellar, Donna Diekrager, Kevin Vollet, Larry Segall, Jack Nepjuk, Larry Lafrentz, Jessica Blair and Kim Platt. Missing with regrets Barb Riley and Brian Gislason.

### 1. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION by Lissinna/Morgan to adopt the December Agenda. CARRIED**

#### 1.1 Adoption of September 17 & 18, 2006 Minutes

**MOTION by Nepjuk/Segall to adopt the September 17 & 18, 2006 Minutes. CARRIED**

### 2. Reports

#### 2.1 Financial Report

##### 2.1.1 October 2006 Financial Statement

The October Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

**MOTION by Segall/Nepjuk to adopt the October financial statement. CARRIED**

##### 2.1.2 Fall Activities Report

The Fall Activities Report was circulated and reviewed. It was noted that the volleyball financial picture was incomplete at the time of the meeting. It was estimated that the shortfall between gate receipts and officials costs for conference volleyball was going to cost the Association approximately \$10,000.00

#### 2.2 CSSF Annual Meeting

Minutes of the CSSF annual meeting will be forwarded to each executive member. Wade reported that CSSF meetings are getting better each year. Sue Fleming, CSSF Executive Assistant, has agreed to continue on with CSSF. She is based in Ottawa, which will ensure continued relationships between the government and CSSF. Yukon Territory was accepted as a member this year. This raises the membership in CSSF to ten provinces and two territories.

#### 2.3 Office Report

This fall season has been very busy with the addition of conference and regional play in Soccer and Volleyball. The office has dealt with a number of protest, ejections and team withdrawals. The MAP Grant Funding Formula for each district was also circulated and reviewed. Currently each district is paid a base amount, a geographical amount, an amount per school and an amount per team registered with the SHSAA. Discussion to possibly develop/add a fifth source based on the number of registered student athletes

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in each district, to account for the higher number of student athletes in Regina and Saskatoon. The other point raised was regarding the need for the geographic amount. It was suggested that in some instances new school boards are paying many of the expenses previously covered by grant funding. The point was also made that northern and southern districts still pay expenses to offset costs to compete at provincial play offs and to meet to administer the district.

### 2.3.1 Transfers

It was reported that the office had dealt with 139 transfers based on completed transfer forms for first time transfers. Each of these transfers was completed based on the schools agreement on the transfer form. The office also conducted inquiries into another 12 transfer requests that either involved a second transfer or concerns over transferring for athletic purposes. In addition, many students were transferred within the SHSAA database based on requests for students entering grade ten in a new school or transfers due to family moves, which do not require the completion of a transfer form.

### 2.3.2 Ejections/Suspensions

Two coaches were ejected from an interschool contest during the fall season. Reported ejections include one coach in volleyball and one coach in football. One coach was issued a two-game suspension and the other case was inconclusive and no further action was taken.

### 2.3.3 Protests

Two protests of decisions made by provincial playoff tournament officials were made, one in volleyball and one in soccer. Investigations into the allegations in each protest indicated the officials made a judgement call and in each case had interpreted and applied the rules(s) correctly. The protests were turned down and the schools instigating the protests were charged \$50.00 each to have the protest heard.

### 2.3.4 Non-Faculty Coaches

The office has approved a total of 217 non-faculty coach application/declarations for the 2006 fall season. Sixty-five (65) of the applications were renewals of previous requests and one hundred and fifty-two (152) were applications for new coaches.

## 2.4 Fall Sport Reports – Recommendations and Issues only

### 2.4.1 Golf

2.4.1.1 Facilitators – From the evaluation forms received, sand golf seemed to enjoy and appreciate the facilitators. There were mixed reactions at grass golf regarding the need for the facilitators. Kevin and Larry reported that facilitators seem to be an asset particularly for student athletes with less competitive golf experience. No complaints were received about scoring irregularities or difficulties. The speed of play

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was slightly improved particularly on the second day when players and facilitators were more accustomed to the new format and there were no issues with conduct on the course.

### 2.4.2 Cross Country

2.4.2.1 Discussion about a few issues that arose including starting pistol problems, number of volunteers required and their specific tasks and steps to avoid human error in the calculation of team points. These issues were discussed and changes made to the guidebook for the event.

### 2.4.3 Soccer

2.4.3.1 The conference, regional, provincial format was discussed due to the conflict with the cross-country provincial championship and conference soccer scheduled for the same weekend. It was also reported that the four-team provincial lacked significance compared to other years using the eight-team format. In order to address each concern it was suggested that a change to the format include elimination of the conference playoffs and use the regional playoff to qualify eight teams to the provincial final tournament. In the event that more teams are registered than can be accommodated by the regional event that single elimination playoff games be scheduled to narrow the field.

2.4.3.2 Discussion took place regarding one regional playoff that was not well organized. Officials did not show up for their assignment, nets were not in place and the field was poorly lined. The host district was notified of the concerns and suggestions made to ensure future events would be hosted according to SHSAA expectations or moved to another location.

### 2.4.4 Football

2.4.4.1 **Remembrance Day** – concerns were received regarding the provincial football finals being played on Remembrance Day. Information regarding the link between Remembrance Day and high school football were distributed to all hosts and sources of concern. Once it was realized the close connection that exists and the efforts made to ensure a Remembrance service at each game those expressing concern were satisfied. The original trophy (1946) for high school football is named the Bud Weaver Memorial Trophy. All classes of football developed after this date is rooted in the original trophy. The award honours Bud Weaver, a former Bedford Road Redmen and University of Saskatchewan Huskie, who died while serving with the RAF in World War II. Harold (Bud) Weaver attended Bedford Road Collegiate and the University of Saskatchewan where he played as a halfback and punter with the Huskies. In May 1941 at age 28, he was posted overseas. He was killed in action on September 20, 1941.

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Until 1946, a provincial high school final had never been held, but in the course of a few days that November, the idea took wing. Four days before the game, former Huskie players, got together with the University of Saskatchewan coaches... they each tossed in \$15 to go toward buying a trophy to be awarded to the provincial high school football champion. In honour of Bud Weaver and other Huskies the inscription reads: *In revered memory of the members of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies who lost their lives in the Great War 1939-45.*

A Remembrance Day acknowledgement is read before each provincial championship football game, emphasizing the fact that November 11<sup>th</sup> is a very special day for remembrance and renewing our dedication to peace.

- 2.4.4.2 **Visors:** The office has been directed to investigate (Sport Medicine Council) and distribute (doctors and coaches) educational information regarding why tinted visors are not allowed. This rule was initially put in for medical reasons, to ensure that if an injury occurred during a game, the helmet would not have to be removed in order to examine the player's eyes, in the event of a concussion injury.
- 2.4.4.3 **Conferences 2007** – New conference alignment for nine-man football was circulated and approved in principle. The document will be posted on the SHSAA web site and circulated to all nine-man schools allowing an opportunity for schools to request consideration for change in conference assignment. Request will be in the form of written submissions to the Executive Council.

### 2.4.5 Volleyball

- 2.4.5.1 The playoff structure was discussed, generally speaking the new format was successful and there were fewer problems than anticipated. The districts and each district official's commissioner are to be thanked for ensuring successful conference and regional playoff events across the province.
- 2.4.5.2 A number of concerns were expressed to the office regarding the regional playoffs. In each case the problems stemmed from having to advance three teams to the provincial tournament. The original plan presented and approved at the AGM called for two teams to advance. In that format a team was eliminated from each pool following the round-robin portion and only semi-final and final playoff games are required. This eliminates three games from the twelve game schedule used this year.
- 2.4.5.3 The usual problems around twelve teams at the provincial championship surfaced again this year. Difficulty in finding officials to work starting at 9:00 am on Friday, too long a schedule, fatigued teams come the playoff round. The executive council will be recommending what was included in the original proposal approved and later amended by the June 2006 AGM. Each provincial championship consist of ten teams made up of the

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top two teams from each of four regional events, the hosts school and a third representative team from the regional that includes the previous year's provincial champion.

### 3. Decisions

#### 3.1 Late Fee Appeals

No late fee appeals were received.

#### 3.2 Reclassification Requests

All basketball reclassifications in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 are void due to the 2006 AGM motion accepted that reduced the number of classifications to 5 from 6, thus any school wishing to reclassify for the 2006-2007 school year must do so by December 1<sup>st</sup>. All reclassifications have a three-year term. Listed below are the requests for reclassification approved this school year:

#### **2006-2007**

<i>Regina Luther College High School</i>	<i>Boys Basketball</i>	<i>5A</i>
<i>Regina O'Neill High School</i>	<i>Girls Basketball</i>	<i>5A</i>
<i>Regina O'Neill High School</i>	<i>Boys Basketball</i>	<i>5A</i>
<i>Regina Sheldon-Williams</i>	<i>Girls Basketball</i>	<i>5A</i>
<i>Regina Sheldon-Williams</i>	<i>Boys Basketball</i>	<i>5A</i>
<i>Saskatoon Christian Centre Academy</i>	<i>Boys Basketball</i>	<i>2A</i>
<i>Delisle</i>	<i>Girls Basketball</i>	<i>4A</i>
<i>Wadena</i>	<i>Boys Volleyball</i>	<i>4A</i>
<i>Mossbank</i>	<i>Girls Volleyball</i>	<i>2A</i>
<i>Notre Dame</i>	<i>Girls Soccer</i>	<i>2A</i>
<i>Regina Sheldon</i>	<i>Cross-country</i>	<i>4A</i>
<i>Viscount</i>	<i>Girls Volleyball</i>	<i>2A</i>
<i>Briercrest</i>	<i>Girls Volleyball</i>	<i>2A</i>

#### 3.3 Eligibility Exception Requests

3.3.1 Saskatoon Holy Cross: Applied to the Executive Council for an exemption from the eligibility bylaws on behalf of a student that entered grade ten for the first time in September of 2003. The student was unable to participate during one school year due to an athletic injury and other circumstances that influenced the student's ability to complete the required credits to graduate.

**MOTION by Nepjuk/Edmonds to accept the eligibility request as presented by Holy Cross High School. DEFEATED**

3.3.2 Saskatoon Bedford Road: applied to the Executive Council for an exception to the eligibility bylaws on behalf of a student that had entered grade ten for the first time in September of 2002. The student has never participated in high school

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sport but was registered in the SHSAA database correctly according to the Sask Learning transcript. Bedford explained a number of hardships faced by the student and drew attention to irregularities in the student's education history.

**MOTION by Edmonds/Nepjuk to accept the eligibility request as presented BY Bedford Road Collegiate. DEFEATED**

### 3.4 Team Withdrawals

#### 3.4.1 Soccer

**MOTION by Segall/Moore that based on the appeal presented by Beauval Valley View School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's soccer team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED**

**MOTION by Segall/Lissinna that based on the appeal presented by Caronport High School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's soccer team for not participating in the second game of the Regional playoff be refunded. DEFEATED**

**MOTION by Nepjuk/Segall that based on the appeal presented by North Battleford Comprehensive School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's soccer team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED**

Appeals were not received from the following schools that did not complete their commitment to participate in the soccer playoffs until eliminated. The bylaw requiring a \$200.00 withdrawal fee will be enforced and a letter of concern will be included to each school with the invoice for the withdrawal fee.

Cando	1AB Regional Soccer	did not play second game
LaLoche	2AB Conference Soccer	withdrew from playoff
Rossignol Ile-a-la-Crosse	1AG Conference Soccer	withdrew from playoff
Cando	1AG Regional Soccer	arrived late game was forfeited

#### 3.4.2 Volleyball

**MOTION by Lissinna/Morgan that based on the appeal presented by Clearwater River School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's volleyball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. DEFEATED**

**MOTION by Diekrager/Lissinna that based on the appeal presented by Marengo School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's volleyball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED**

The office was directed to seek more information regarding the Keeseekoose First Nation Appeal.

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**MOTION by Nepjuk/Edmonds that based on the appeal presented by Patuanak St. Louis School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's volleyball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED**

**MOTION by Lissinna/Diekrager that based on the appeal presented by Lampman School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's volleyball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. DEFEATED**

**MOTION by Nepjuk/Edmonds that based on the appeal presented by Vibank School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's volleyball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED**

**MOTION by Segall/Lissinna that based on the appeal presented by Birch Hills School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's volleyball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED**

**MOTION by Segall/Lissinna that based on the appeal presented by Birch Hills School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the girl's volleyball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED**

**MOTION by Edmonds/Moore that based on the apology presented by Kahkewistahaw Education Centre the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's volleyball team for not completing the final game on their schedule at the provincial championship be refunded. Direction taken by the office to attach a letter of concern. CARRIED**

Direction given to the office to write a letter of concern to Estevan Comprehensive School regarding the boy's soccer team that arrived late to a provincial soccer game.

Appeals were not received from the following schools that did not complete their commitment to participate in the volleyball playoffs until eliminated. The bylaw requiring a \$200.00 withdrawal fee will be enforced and a letter of concern will be included to each school with the invoice for the withdrawal fee.

Chief Napew EC	1AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
White Bear EC	1AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Star City	1AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Chief Little Pine EC	1AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Buffalo Narrows Twin Lakes	2AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Red Earth EC	3AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Cando	3AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Sandy Bay	3AB Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Broadview	1AG Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Chief Little Pine EC	1AG Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Island Lake	1AG Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
White Bear EC	1AG Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff
Cando	3AG Conference Volleyball	withdrew from playoff

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### 3.5 Basketball

- 3.5.1 Conference Draws – Biggar expressed concern that the conference basketball playoffs did not include consolation side play. (Direction given to the office to take this concern as a recommendation to be considered for next year.)
- 3.5.2 SABO – a tentative agreement to officiate Hoopla 2007 was presented to the executive council. A couple of minor revisions were made.

### **MOTION by Lissinna/Roger to approve the written agreement, as amended, between the SHSAA and SABO for the provision of basketball referees at Hoopla 2007. CARRIED**

- 3.5.3 Conference, Regional, Provincial – Plans were presented to the executive for this year's basketball playoffs. Minor revisions were made and the completed document will be posted on the SHSAA web site and placed in the January newsletter. Schools may make written submissions seeking a change to their conference assignment.

### 3.6 Host Locations for Provincial Championships (2007-2008)

The office was directed to post the information on open bids to host provincial volleyball championships in November of 2007. These bids are open to any school in that classification and the office will accept bids from interested schools for the next Executive Meeting; bids are due January 25, 2007.

- 3.6.1 5A Girls Volleyball
- 3.6.2 2A Boys Volleyball

### 4. Discussion

4.1 Executive Initiatives for 2006-2007 – a number of ideas were discussed and then an exercise to prioritize the list revealed the following initiatives for this year:

- 4.1.1 **Promotion of interschool high school sport.** Presentations to LEADS, boards of education, principal groups. Investigate opportunities to post articles in weekly and daily newspapers and features on SHSAA web site.
- 4.1.2 **Officials Development:** Pilot project to become involved in the recruitment and training of officials.
- 4.1.3 **Girls and women in sport:** Pilot project to host a conference/jamboree for females in athletics.
- 4.1.4 **Sponsorship:** to increase the level of sponsorship from current sponsors and to seek new sponsors.

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### 5. Information

5.1 Fall Sport Reports – Written reports were accepted and circulated. A copy of all reports is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

- 5.1.1 Grass Golf – North Battleford - Larry
- 5.1.2 Sand Golf – Kipling - Kevin
- 5.1.3 Cross Country – Regina - Kevin
- 5.1.4 1AB Soccer – Osler - Larry
- 5.1.5 1AG Soccer – Muenster - Jessica
- 5.1.6 2AB Soccer – Meadow Lake - Brian
- 5.1.7 2AG Soccer – Moose Jaw – Larry S
- 5.1.8 3AB Soccer – Saskatoon – Kelly/Jack
- 5.1.9 3AG Soccer – Prince Albert - Kevin
- 5.1.10 1A 6-Man Football – Hague - Kevin
- 5.1.11 2A 6-Man Football – Watrous - Lyle
- 5.1.12 Nine-Man Football – Caronport – Larry S
- 5.1.13 3A 12-Man Football – Weyburn - Larry
- 5.1.14 4A 12-Man Football – Saskatoon - Jack
- 5.1.15 1AG Volleyball – Kyle - Lyle
- 5.1.16 2AG Volleyball – Quill Lake - Kevin
- 5.1.17 3AG Volleyball – Kinistino - Wade
- 5.1.18 4AG Volleyball – Moosomin - Mark
- 5.1.19 5AG Volleyball – Yorkton - Donna
- 5.1.20 1AB Volleyball – Kennedy - Mark
- 5.1.21 2AB Volleyball – Saskatoon Christian - Jack
- 5.1.22 3AB Volleyball – Allan - Vicki
- 5.1.23 4AB Volleyball – Lumsden - Kevin
- 5.1.24 5AB Volleyball – Swift Current - Roger

### 5.2 Sask Sport

- 5.2.1 Sask Sport Liaison letter
- 5.2.2 Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD)
  - 5.2.2.1 Make in Saskatchewan Approach
  - 5.2.2.2 LTAD and High School Sport
  - 5.2.2.3 Physical Literacy/Games Literacy

5.3 Credit Union sponsorship support – Credit Unions of Saskatchewan have agreed to increase the level of support to the SHSAA and a new agreement will be written.

### 5.4 Badminton Shuttles

Black Knight has forwarded a proposal to consider Black Knight as the official shuttlecock for high school badminton. A supply of shuttles was distributed to executive members with instruction to have key badminton people from their areas test and provide written reports on the suitability of the shuttle for competitive high school badminton.

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- 5.5 Evaluation / recommendation forms from Provincial Events  
Evaluation forms were distributed to the appropriate executive member responsible for the activity. Direction given to take the evaluation forms as submitted by coaches and present a report at the January Executive meeting.
- 5.6 Professional Development  
Information and arrangements for the NFHS Athletic Directors conference were distributed.
6. Committee Meetings
- 6.1 Finance/Management – The executive committee met to discuss issues relevant to the committee and to formulate action necessary for the year.
- 6.2 Symposium – Lyle, Jim, Mark, Jack, Donna, Vicki, Roger, Kevin met to discuss responsibilities and plans for the upcoming coach symposium in August of 2007.
7. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 4:33pm.