

# SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



**Executive Meeting  
September 17 & 18, 2006  
Regina Inn**



President Wade Weseen called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. In attendance were Mark Edmonds, Vicki Moore, Barb Riley, Jack Nepjuk, Donna Diekrager, Brian Gislason, Lyle McKellar, Jim Lissinna, Roger Morgan, Larry Segall, Larry Lafrentz, Kevin Vollet, Jessica Blair and Kim Platt.

## 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA; ADOPTION OF JUNE 21 & 24, 2006 MINUTES.

**MOTION by Lissinna/Edmonds to adopt the September 2006 agenda. CARRIED**

**MOTION by Segall/Nepjuk to adopt the June 21 & 24, 2006 minutes. CARRIED**

## 2. REPORTS

### 2.1 Financial Report

The August Financial report was circulated and reviewed.

**MOTION by Gislason/McKellar to adopt the August Financial Report. CARRIED**

### 2.2 Symposium Wrap Up

A written report regarding the 2006 Coaches Symposium was circulated and reviewed. There were 137 delegates in attendance. The feedback from the symposium was positive. The 2007 executive committee will review suggestions from participants during the planning meetings. The committee will meet at the December executive meeting to start preparations for the 2007 symposium.

### 2.3 Executive & Staff Reports From Fall District Meetings

The office staff attended 12 of 14 District Meetings during the last week of August and the first week of September. The office staff will attend the Regina and Saskatoon District Meetings the last week of September. Items that came forward from the meetings were: a larger amount of funding for athletics for some districts, some districts not charging team fees due to agreements with new school divisions, concerns from school divisions regarding the amount of class time students and teachers require for interschool sport, some trepidation about conference play, most Districts entering into junior (7-9) activities and playoff structures, need for more officials, some school divisions have banned use of all vans or  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton vehicles that carry 12 or more students, junior activities should be added back onto the SHSAA website.

### 2.4 Office Information

#### 2.4.1 Review Newsletter

The fall newsletter that was circulated to the schools was reviewed.

#### 2.4.2 Black Knight

The current badminton shuttle agreement with Yonex is up for renegotiation. The executive reviewed the current Yonex agreement. The annual meeting directed the Association to investigate shuttles with other companies. Black Knight/Baden has submitted a proposal. A request was returned to Black Knight seeking shuttles for testing.

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## 2.5 Officials Commissioner

### 2.5.1 SABO Letter

A letter was written to the Saskatchewan Association of Basketball Officials president following the SHSAA AGM. The letter informed SABO of the annual meeting's decision to defeat their proposal for an agreement for basketball officials at Hoopla. The letter indicated the increases in game fee, mileage and meals approved by the AGM. A response has not been received from SABO.

### 2.5.2 Initiatives

Officials Commission will be included as an agenda topic during each meeting in order to deal with any issues and to promote official's education, recruitment and retention.

Football rules: The new football rulebook has changed the no yards rule from 15 yards to either 5 yards or 15 yard penalty dependant on the situation. The official groups are seeking clarification to the rule because the SHSAA handbook states it is a 10-yard penalty. ***Following discussion the Executive Council determined that the SHSAA amendment will stand for the 2006 season and the Association may choose to review the amendment prior to the June 2007 AGM.***

Based on incidents in the previous year and recommendations from last year's playoffs an amendment has been made to the football Guidebook. The amendment deals with spectator areas and defines the personnel that are to be allowed access to the sidelines of any provincial playoff game.

## 3. DECISIONS

### 3.1 Late Fee Appeals

#### 3.1.1 Eastend

A late fee appeal was received from Eastend School for Senior Girls Volleyball. The roster was submitted but only 4 players were listed on the eligibility roster. The minimum number of students (6) required for the volleyball roster was not met.

**MOTION by Moore/Segall to accept the late fee appeal from Eastend for Girls Volleyball - DEFEATED**

### 3.2 Eligibility Requests

#### 3.2.1 Kennedy

A request for an exception to the eligibility bylaw was received from Kennedy Langbank School. The student started Grade 10 in 2004 but his birthday is August 1987. The eligibility bylaw states the student becomes eligible either when the student turns 16 or enters grade 10, which ever comes first.

**MOTION by Segall/Edmonds to grant the exception to the eligibility bylaws for the student from Kennedy Langbank School - DEFEATED**

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### 3.2.2 Volleyball Suspensions

At the December 2005 Executive Meeting, five schools in various classifications were suspended from participation in Regional Volleyball playoffs in 2006 due to withdrawal from regional volleyball in 2005. Since volleyball has been reorganized to conference, regional and provincial level of play with no District competitions, the question was asked if it was necessary to revisit the decision.

**MOTION by Lissinna/Riley that the SHSAA waive the volleyball suspensions for 2006 - DEFEATED.**

Note: Suspended teams will be allowed to participate in conference play, should they elect to be included, however the suspension from regional play for one year will stand.

### 3.3 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates and times were set for this year's Executive Meetings. Following are the dates:

November 30 – December 2	Saskatoon
February 4 & 5	Watrous
April 22 & 23	Saskatoon
May 13 & 14	Regina
June 19 - June 22	Lloydminster

### 3.4 Executive Assignments

The executive assignments for Provincial Championships were reviewed as well as the assignments for liaisons to the Provincial Sport Governing Bodies and other organizations.

### 3.5 Bids to Host

#### 3.5.1 Soccer

A bid to host the 3A Girls Provincial Soccer Championship was received from Prince Albert St. Mary.

**MOTION by Gislason/Segall to accept the bid to host 3A Girls Soccer from Prince Albert St. Mary - CARRIED**

#### 3.5.2 Volleyball

Bids to host the **2A Girls Volleyball** Championship were received from Midale, Quill Lake, Saskatoon Christian Centre, Canwood, St. Walburg, Kincaid, Rose Valley, Maymont and Engfeld. The **Quill Lake** bid was accepted.

Bids to host the **1A Boys Volleyball** Championship were received from Annaheim, Kennedy-Langbank, Avonlea and Imperial. The **Kennedy-Langbank** bid was accepted.

Bids to host the **3A Boys Volleyball** were received from Allan and Kelvington. The **Allan** bid was accepted.

Bids to host the **5A Boys Volleyball** were received from Prince Albert Carlton, Estevan and Swift Current. The **Swift Current** bid was accepted.

Bids to host the **5A Girls North Regional** were received from Lloydminster Holy Rosary and North Battleford Comprehensive. The **Lloydminster Holy Rosary** bid was accepted.

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Bids to host the **5A Girls South Regional** were received from Weyburn and Moose Jaw Peacock. The **Moose Jaw Peacock** bid was accepted.

A bid to host the **5A Boys North Regional** was received from Nipawin L.P. Miller. The bid from **Nipawin L.P. Miller** was accepted.

Bids to host the **5A Boys South Regional** were received from Estevan and Swift Current. The **Estevan** bid was accepted.

**MOTION by Morgan/Segall to accept the decisions of the bids to host by ballot voting - CARRIED**

**MOTION by McKellar/Diekrager to destroy the ballots - CARRIED**

### 3.6 Joint Sponsorship Agreements & Requests

A list of the co-op agreements in place was circulated.

### 3.7 Reclassified Teams

A list of the reclassification requests was circulated. Programs that reclassified in Basketball within the last three years have been voided due to the 2006 AGM resolution changing basketball to five classifications. ***Schools that had reclassified will have the choice to play in the classification according to the school population or reapplying for reclassification.***

## 4. DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Direction From the Annual General Meeting

Reorganization and guiding principles were the major topics dealt with at the AGM.

#### 4.1.1 Review of AGM Motion

The AGM motions and decisions were circulated.

**MOTION by Segall/Moore that conference events will charge a gate and submit the official expenses to the SHSAA. Those conferences that are made up of established leagues will continue to run as in the past – responsible for all expenses and are not expected to charge and submit a gate to the SHSAA - CARRIED**

#### 4.1.2 Review of Small Group Meeting Notes & Forward Planning Sessions

The small group meeting notes and forward planning session notes were circulated.

### 4.2 Executive Council Initiatives for Current Year

The executive discussed the action plan for the current year. A list of initiatives discussed will be circulated to the Executive Council members. Each member will prioritize the list and make suggestions to deal with each initiative.

### 4.3 School Sports Week Plans

School Sports Week will be held October 14-21, 2006 beginning with the Provincial Cross Country Championships. This is a national event initiated by the Canadian Schools Sport Federation.

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## 4.4 Activity Issues

### 4.4.1 Conference Plans

A revision of the conferences for soccer and volleyball will be posted on the SHSAA website following this meeting. The conferences will be finalized following the Enrolment Declaration deadline. A concern was raised with regard to soccer conference play taking place at the same time as provincial cross-country.

**MOTION by Segall/Morgan to plan the soccer conference play over a two-week period if necessary. CARRIED**

### 4.4.2 Badminton Rule Change

The IBF (International Badminton Federation) has adopted the rally point scoring for badminton. Badminton Canada has also adopted the new rally point scoring system.

**MOTION by Moore/Diekrager to remove the current scoring system from the SHSAA Handbook and to adopt the new rally point scoring system. CARRIED**

### 4.4.3 Classification

A concern was raised about the 5A Volleyball classification being 151 or more female students. The concerned school indicated there are only a couple of schools between 151 and 250 girls. One of the largest schools in the province has 600 girls. The difference in numbers is about 450. If the numbers were changed and 5A were 250 then the few schools that would drop down would be much closer in numbers, within 100.

A review of the classifications was identified as one of the executive initiatives for this year.

## 5. INFORMATION

### 5.1 Correspondence

### 5.2 Sask Sport – Updates

The Sask Sport Funding Committee accepted the SHSAA Follow-up Report and a report of the annual funding the association will receive were reported.

### 5.3 Professional Development – Executive

#### 5.3.1 NFHS Athletic Director Conference, Dec. 8-13

The NFHS/NIAAAA meetings will take place in Anaheim December 8–13, 2006. Executive members were informed of the details and were asked to indicate to the office if they plan to take this opportunity for professional development.

#### 5.3.2 CSSF Annual Meeting, Sept 28-Oct.1

The Canadian School Sport Federation meeting will be held in Fredericton September 28 – October 1, 2006. Executive Director Larry Lafrentz and SHSAA President Wade Weseen will attend, along with Executive Member Lyle McKellar.

## 6. AOB

## 7. Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm