

Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association



**Executive Meeting
April 6 & 7, 2008
Moose Jaw**



Temple Gardens Mineral Spa/Prairie South School Board

Call to Order

President Angela Tillier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Angela welcomed incoming LEADS Representative Larry Bedel from the Horizon School Division. In attendance were Kelsey Panko, Lyle McKellar, Jim Lissinna, Larry Segall, Amanda Miazga, Wendy Benson, Roger Morgan, Mark Edmonds, Barb Riley, Larry Lafrentz, Kevin Vollet and Kim Platt.

1. Adoption of April 6th & 7th Agenda

The January 20th and 21st agenda and the November 29th and 30th minutes were circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Lissinna/Riley to adopt the April 6th & 7th, 2008 Agenda. CARRIED

1.1 January 20th & 21st Minutes

MOTION by Edmonds/McKellar to adopt the minutes from the January 20th and 21st, 2008 executive meeting. CARRIED

2. Reports

2.1 Financial Report

2.1.1 February Financial Overview

The February 2008 Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Miazga/Panko to accept the February 2008 financial report. CARRIED

2.1.2 Winter Activities Financial

The winter activities financial report was circulated and reviewed. A final report will be given at the next meeting as there are a few gates and official expense forms outstanding.

2.2 Office Report

Larry Lafrentz, Executive Director, reported on the tasks the office staff has been working on since the January meeting. A written report was circulated and a copy is on file. Lists of eligibility requests, ejections/suspensions, student transfers, and a thank you letter from Brian Gislason, former LEADS Representative, were included.

Outgoing Executive Director, Larry Lafrentz, and Incoming Executive Director, Kevin Vollet, both attended the Canadian School Sport Federation January meeting. Presentations were given by Coaching Association of Canada, RCMP, Football Canada and Canada Basketball.

The Coaching Association of Canada reported on various cooperative initiatives occurring in Canadian jurisdictions. The RCMP reported on two topics. The first report was on School Safe

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Action Plan for Emergencies. The RCMP is trying to attain maps of all schools so they have the information on hand for emergency situations. The other report was on the National Child Exploitation Coordination Center. The RCMP is requesting the Provincial High School Athletic Associations to provide the school information located in their directory/database that includes school name, colors, etc. They would like this information to assist in locating mission children. A letter will be written to all school boards requesting permission to provide this information to the RCMP. Football Canada discussed 6-man programs and flag football. The new Canada Basketball Executive Director, Wayne Parrish, met with the CSSF to discuss the relationship of the two organizations and ways to continue and prosper.

2.3 Executive Reports

2.3.1 Mixed Curling

Mixed Curling was hosted in Wadena and the commissioner was Jay Lorenzen. Thank you to the host committee.

2.3.2 Girls Curling

Girls Curling was hosted in Strasbourg and the commissioner was Bryce Krawetz. There were some issues with amount of time taken by skips to make decisions and the use of cell phones during the contest. Expectations for these issues will be added to the curling guidebook. Thank you to the host committee.

2.3.3 Boys Curling

Boys Curling was hosted in Saskatoon and the commissioner was Dwight Harnish. This is the first time in the history of SHSAA that Saskatoon has hosted a curling championship. The Granite Curling Club staff assisted the commissioner manage the championship. Thank you to Saskatoon for hosting a great event. The North West District champion did not attend. The second then third place teams from North West were asked to attend but were unable to with the short notice given. The third place team from Saskatoon was asked to fulfill the place in the draw.

2.3.4 Regional Basketball

The office received inquiries regarding the method regional basketball tournaments were awarded to the host schools. In particular, some schools seeded #1 in the regional playoff field, which did not get to host.

The policy with regard to hosting regional tournaments in basketball is as follows: the top four seeds are considered as possible host sites, initially, once the seeding task has been completed. Then a master list of all possible host locations is constructed and changes are then made to ensure that each of the 14 SHSAA districts is given the opportunity to host a regional tournament and that and that no single district is awarded too many tournaments. The concern for too many is with regard to the ability of the district to supply officials.

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Changes are made at this point to switch some regional tournaments to the schools designated as number 5 through 8 seeds to ensure the balance talked about previously. How many times a school has hosted in previous years and if a school is hosting another tournament this year is taken into consideration when making these adjustments.

It is an error to expect that it is automatic that a school will host if designated as a top four seed. It has never been the policy that only the top four seeds will host and it remains the policy of the association to ensure quality playoff hosts amongst the top eight seeds based on the criteria listed earlier and to give other schools who rarely receive the opportunity to host, the privilege of hosting.

This year South Central District (which includes Moose Jaw) was awarded 5 regional tournaments. That is more than any other district in the SHSAA. No school was awarded two tournaments (boys & girls). The breakdown of regional hosts was as follows: (The number in brackets is the position the team was seeded.)

Battle West District

- 1. North Battleford (2) 4A BOYS**

Central Valley District

- 1. Hague (4) 2A GIRLS**
- 2. Clavet (2) 3A GIRLS**
- 3. Dalmeny (8) 3A GIRLS**
- 4. Warman (7) 3A BOYS**

East Central District

- 1. Sturgis (5) 1A BOYS**
- 2. Norquay (2) 2A GIRLS**

Horizon Central District

- 1. Lake Lenore ((8) 1A GIRLS**
- 2. Middle Lake (2) 1A GIRLS**
- 3. Rose Valley ((3) 1A BOYS**

North Central District

- 1. Meath Park (3) 2A GIRLS**
- 2. Kinistino (1) 2A GIRLS**

North East District

- 1. Hudson Bay (4) 2A BOYS**

North West District

- 1. Meadow Lake (1) 4A BOYS**

Qu'Appelle Valley District

- 1. Balgonie (8) 4A GIRLS**

Regina District

- 1. Harvest City (1) 1A BOYS**
- 2. Regina Christian (1) 2A BOYS**
- 3. Luther College (4) 4A GIRLS**

Saskatoon District

- 1. Christian Centre (2) 2A BOYS**

South Central District

- 1. MJ Cornerstone (3) 2A BOYS**
- 2. Assiniboia (3) 3A BOYS**
- 3. MJ Vanier (4) 3A GIRLS**
- 4. MJ Peacock (3) 4A BOYS**
- 5. MJ Central (4) 4A BOYS**

South East District

- 1. Moosomin (4) 3A BOYS**
- 2. Weyburn (2) 4A GIRLS**

South West District

- 1. Frontier (3) 1A GIRLS**
- 2. Herbert (2) 1A BOYS**
- 3. Shaunavon (1) 3A BOYS**
- 4. Swift Current (3) 4A GIRLS**

West Central District

- 1. Eatonia (4) 1A GIRLS**
- 2. Outlook (3) 3A GIRLS**

2.3.5 Regional Wrestling

Regional Wrestling was hosted in Creighton and the commissioner was Pat McKenzie. Thank you to the host committee for a great job. The number of participants was up from previous years.

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2.3.6 Hoopla

Hoopla was hosted in Saskatoon at Bedford Road, Centennial, Evan Hardy and St. Joseph and the commissioner was Jeff Colquhoun. Thank you to the host committee, in particular the site coordinators at each venue, for a great job. One concern was the drop in the official nominations from the rural areas.

2.3.7 Wrestling

Wrestling was hosted at Walter Murray Collegiate and the commissioner was Gil Wist. Thank you to the host committee for a great job. There was a concern expressed regarding the safety zone between the competition mat and the wall, even though the wall was covered with protective mats. Five feet of protection mat is necessary beyond the wrestling mat.

2.3.8 Sportsmanship Awards

The following schools were selected as Sportsmanship Award Recipients:

Wrestling – Regina Balfour Collegiate

Boys Curling – Muenster School

Girls Curling – Wilkie McLurg High School

Mixed Curling – Wadena Composite School

Boys Basketball – Rose Valley School, Saskatoon Bishop Mahoney High School

Girls Basketball – Outlook LCBI, Meath Park School

2.3.9 Recommendation forms for Executive Liaisons

The coaches' recommendation and evaluation forms accumulated from the playoffs were given to the Curling, Wrestling and Basketball executive liaisons. The liaisons are to review the forms and report to the May Executive Meeting.

2.4 Committee Reports

2.4.1 Symposium

The Annual Coaches Symposium will be held in Saskatoon August 18 & 19, 2008. Brochures will be sent to schools this spring. The brochure will also be posted on the SHSAA web site.

2.4.2 Officials

Officials committee reported 4.4.2.

2.4.3 Women In Sport

The Women In Sport brochure was circulated. The conference will take place at the University of Saskatchewan on June 13th and 14th, 2008. The registration fee is \$50.00 and the Association will be accepting registrations from the first 100 applicants. The brochures will be sent to schools following the meeting.

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2.4.4 Finance & Management

2.4.4.1 LEADS Associate Membership

Previous SHSAA Executive Director's have been full members of the League of Educational Administrators and Superintendents. Incoming Executive and Assistant Executive Directors do not qualify for a full LEADS membership. Both LEADS and the SHSAA have benefited from having the administrators from the SHSAA office as members. Therefore, it was recommended that the SHSAA support an associate member status in LEADS for the incoming Executive Director, Kevin Vollet.

MOTION by Segall/Lissinna to purchase a LEADS Associate Membership on a yearly basis for Kevin Vollet. CARRIED

2.4.4.2 Review Hiring Procedures

A written report on the hiring procedures for the Assistant Executive Director from the Hiring Committee was circulated and will be filed.

MOTION by Bedel/Edmonds to accept the circulated Assistant Executive Director Hiring Procedures. CARRIED

3. Decisions

3.1 Eligibility Requests

3.1.1 Carlton

Carlton Comprehensive requested a clarification of eligibility on behalf of a student. The student was registered in Carlton Connection (a special class for students with learning disabilities, students are placed in the program as early as age 12) in 2003-04 (age 13) and 2004-05 (age 14). The student was registered in grade 9 in 2005-06 and took two grade 10 classes (Commercial Cooking, Information Processing). In 2006-07 the student was registered as a grade 10 student. The student participated in athletics starting in 2004-05.

MOTION by Lissinna/Riley that the Carlton Comprehensive student is eligible for the 2008-09 school year. CARRIED

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3.2 Team Withdrawals

There was one team that withdrew from playoffs leading to the Provincial Curling Championships. There were eleven teams that withdrew from playoffs leading to the Provincial Basketball Championships.

3.2.1 Porcupine Plain

A letter of appeal was received from Porcupine Plain for withdrawal from Boys Basketball. The coach was unfamiliar with proper procedure to follow.

MOTION by Segall/Edmonds to waive the \$200.00 fine for Boys Basketball and no further sanctions be placed on the school. DEFEATED

3.2.2 Meadow Lake Carpenter

A letter of apology was received from Meadow Lake Carpenter High School for withdrawal from Boys Curling.

3.2.3 Se Se Wa Hum

A letter of conformation was received from Victoire Se Se Wa Hum School for withdrawal from Girls Basketball.

3.2.4 Canora

A letter of appeal was received from Canora Composite School for withdrawal from Boys Volleyball.

MOTION by Benson/Riley to waive the \$200.000 fine for Boys Volleyball and no further sanctions be placed on the school. DEFEATED

3.2.5 Sandy Bay Hector Thiboutot

A letter of appeal was received from Sandy Bay Hector Thiboutot School for withdrawal from Boys Basketball. There were ten players on the boys' basketball team and seven players were not allowed to participate due to behaviour or attendance issues. One player had moved. Therefore, the team did not have enough players to participate.

MOTION by Riley/Morgan to waive the \$200.00 fine for Boys Basketball and no further sanctions be placed on the school. CARRIED

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3.2.6 Neilburg

A letter of appeal was received from Neilburg School for withdrawal from Girls Basketball. The team withdrew because of a conflict with half of the team being involved in the Senior Stage Band. The band was chosen to play at Telemiracle in Saskatoon the same weekend as conference basketball.

MOTION by Bedel/Edmonds to waive the \$200.00 fine for Girls Basketball and no further sanctions be placed on the school. DEFEATED

3.3 Basketball Scholarship

Canada Basketball has offered \$2,500.00 in scholarship dollars to be awarded to students in each Province. The criteria have changed for the scholarship and the scholarship is half the amount. The SHSAA would have to match the \$2,500.00 to have the SHSAA name attached to the scholarship.

MOTION by Lissinna/Bedel to accept the Canada Basketball scholarship offer as outlined without matching the \$2,500.00. DEFEATED

3.4 Lloydminster Holy Rosary Request to join ASAA

Lloydminster Holy Rosary requested to leave the SHSAA and join the Alberta Schools Athletic Association. The school made a request to continue to participate in the SHSAA for girl's soccer. ASAA does not have a provincial championship for girl's soccer.

MOTION by Benson/Edmonds to accept the request from Lloydminster Holy Rosary to join the ASAA and be allowed to participate in the playoffs leading to a provincial championship in girl's soccer in the SHSAA. CARRIED

3.5 Swift Current Comprehensive Football Request

Swift Current Comprehensive has withdrawn its team from the Moose Jaw High School Football League. The team will be participating in the Rangeland Football Conference in Alberta. The school has requested approval from the SHSAA to contest the 3A Provincial Football Championship in Saskatchewan. Discussion centered around a method of inserting them into the present playoff structure, the classification they would be placed, the effect of adding them in the playoffs on other leagues. In football all teams, six, nine and twelve-man participate in a Saskatchewan based league and those league results determine the playoff structure. At present all teams involved in football must be part of a league to be able to participate in the SHSAA playoff structure.

MOTION by Miazga/Panko to allow Swift Current Comprehensive the opportunity to contest an SHSAA football provincial championship with the category to be determined. DEFEATED

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3.6 Regina Riffel – Appeal of Probation Order

The Regina Riffel High School football team and a number of students were put on probation for one year for their actions during the provincial football final. A request was received from the school to review the probation order placed on two students. A concern was expressed that two of the captains were sanctioned because they wrote the team letters but in fact had not actually been part of the group who behaved inappropriately. The two students did sign a team letter but individual letters were also received from each of these students apologizing for their own behaviour.

MOTION by Riley/Segall that we revoke the probation period for two students of Riffel. DEFEATED

3.7 Soccer Rotation

An update to the soccer rotation was circulated and reviewed. The rotation will be posted.

3.8 St. Mary Response to Allegations of Transfer for Athletic Reasons

A student from St. Louis Community School tried out for the St. Mary High School football team. Once the student made the team he then requested St. Louis School administration to sign the transfer form so he could attend St. Mary High School. The student went to St. Mary High School to play football and then requested a transfer back to St. Louis Community School following the season. The student was not accepted for the remainder of the semester at St. Louis Community School because the classes he was taking at St. Mary were not offered at St. Louis. The family home schooled him for the remainder of the 1st semester. St. Louis Community School accepted him for the second semester. The student was made ineligible for the remainder of the year as it was a second transfer, prohibited by the transfer rule if the primary motivation for the transfer was participation in athletics.

A newspaper article was forwarded to the SHSAA office regarding St. Mary High School recruiting a student. A transfer form was not submitted for the student and the student participated as an ineligible player. The student was suspended for a period of the season and the recruiting allegation could not be substantiated. The school was also required to forfeit all basketball games played in November and December when the ineligible player was participating.

The SHSAA has been made aware of another student that has transferred from St. Louis Community School to St. Mary High School but no transfer form has been received. The office will make inquires to resolve the allegations of an inappropriate transfer.

MOTION by Segall/Miazga that St. Mary High School Basketball program be placed on probation for the 2008-2009 basketball season. CARRIED

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4. Discussion

4.1 Football Saskatchewan – Canada Cup

Football Saskatchewan and a number of schools have requested a change to the activity guidelines for football rewording “Canada Cup” to “Football Canada Cup under 19”.

MOTION by Benson/Morgan to amend Page 96 of the activity guidelines for football to be more specific changing “Canada Cup” to “Football Canada Cup under 19”. CARRIED

4.2 Regional Basketball Seeding

A letter was received from a Moose Jaw Central parent expressing her disappointment in the school not being awarded a regional tournament. The Girls Basketball team was a top four seed. The office response was included explaining the policy. The top four seeds are considered as possible hosts but the top eight teams are looked at to evenly disperse the tournaments across the province. It is ensured that each of the SHSAA districts is given the opportunity to host a regional tournament and that a single district is not awarded to many. The concern for districts is the ability to supply officials.

4.3 Leadership in Athletics Symposium - Lashburn

An invitation was received from Northwest School Division for the office or other SHSAA representatives to be session presenters or panel members for an Athletic Leadership Symposium. Kevin Vollet, Assistant Executive Director, will represent the association.

4.4 Forward Planning

4.4.1 Classification

The classification document was reviewed. Revisions will be made and a resolution will be brought forward at the May meeting.

4.4.2 Officials

The Officials committee reported on some initiatives.

- letters to graduating players recruiting officials (work with sport governing bodies)
- District tool kit available prior to the end of the school year. Initiatives will be put forward to help schools for the new school year.
- Coaches education package
- Conduct some introductory officials clinics – mentors from the district could present
- Asking schools to identify one new official for basketball and volleyball
- Letters to parents or fans recruiting officials
- Add an officials corner to the website

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4.4.3 Host Responsibilities/Gate Sharing

4.4.3.1 Concern Regional Host – Davidson

A letter was received from Davidson High School with regards to the gate share for regional volleyball. The school collected one of the largest gates but did not see any return. They requested a breakdown of the expenses. The gate for regional tournaments is split 50/50 after payment of officials. The reason for no profit is due to the cost of officials and specifically their mileage.

4.4.3.2 Current Policy

The current hosting policy was reviewed. The office will draft a proposal and present at the May meeting.

4.5 AGM Resolution Review

AGM resolutions from executive meetings and provincial coaches meetings were reviewed.

4.5.1 Rewording of South Central Motion

A resolution was received from South Central District regarding separate school golf teams for girls instead of co-ed school teams.

4.6 AGM Agenda

The AGM Agenda was reviewed and revised.

4.7 Regina Wrestling Appeals/Recommendations

There was an incident at the end of the Regina City championship where a couple of athletes decided not to compete in the gold medal match. The students were disqualified and their points were not used in the team totals. The RHSAA allowed the students to be part of the city team attending the provincial championship. The coaches expected some things from past practice which did not follow RHSAA or SHSAA bylaws. The decision was appealed. The Hearing Committee supported the decision taken by the RHSAA Executive.

The 3A Girls team championship was awarded to Regina Miller. The coach thought they were in the 4A classification but their population numbers dropped this year and this put them in the 3A classification. On Monday or Tuesday following the Provincial Wrestling Championship the Leader Post contacted the office asking for a comment regarding a presentation of the 3A Girls trophy by the Miller High School girls wrestling team to Usher Collegiate girls wrestling team.

A letter of concern will be written to Miller High School. The executive will review the team classifications at the May meeting.

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5. Information

5.1 Thank you Letters

5.1.1 LeBoldus - Hoopla

A thank you letter was received from Jim Gallagher, LeBoldus High School's Girls Basketball Coach, for the work done on Hoopla by the office staff.

5.1.2 U of R – 'Active Bodies...Active Minds'

A letter was received from the University of Regina In Motion committee requesting a donation for their International Youth Week.

5.1.3 Regional Basketball Hosts – Kinistino, Moosomin

A letter was received from Tom Hazzard and Bill Yeaman, coaches of the Kinistino Girls Basketball team and Todd Volk from Moosomin, thanking the SHSAA for the chance to host a regional basketball tournament.

5.1.4 Sask Sports Hall of Fame

A letter was received from the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum thanking the Association for our continued membership support.

5.1.5 Beijing Youth Olympic Academy – Saskatchewan Announcement

A number of top quality applications were received for Beijing Youth Olympic Academy. The SHSAA posted an announcement on the website and sent an email to all Saskatchewan schools announcing the male and female selections from Saskatchewan.

5.2 Correspondence Received

5.2.1 Team Skyline Sports – Soccer Ball

A letter was received from Team Skyline with regards to naming an SHSAA soccer ball. The problem is that favoured soccer ball changes all the time based on advertising and international sponsorship. There is no consistency as in other sports where a game ball has been named for each activity by the majority decision of coaches. Given the survey of coaches in soccer was unable to recommend a game ball for high school play the SHSAA will not name an official ball and will continue to request a top quality ball from Team Skyline each year for use at the provincial championships.

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- 5.2.2 Sask Sport Funding for 2008-2009
Letters were received from Sask Sport indicating the grant money the SHSAA will receive for the 2008-09 school year.
- 5.2.3 Sponsorship Renewals – SaskTel, SGI
Letters were received from SaskTel and SGI renewing their sponsorship agreements.
- 5.3 Correspondence from February Executive Meeting
Copies of the correspondence written following the February Executive Meeting were included in the meeting package.
6. New Business
No new business.
7. Next Meeting
Wednesday, May 14th @ 6:00pm and Thursday, May 15th @ 8:30am, Regina Inn
8. Adjournment

Motion by Benson/Lissinna to adjourn meeting at 4:00pm