

Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association



Executive Meeting December 4 & 5, 2008 Saskatoon/Saskatoon Inn



Call to Order

President Angela Tillier called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Kelly Schneider, Wendy Benson, Brian Grest, Amanda Miazga, Larry Segall, Larry Bedel, Larry Pavloff, Kelsey Panko, Roger Morgan, Mark Edmonds, Kevin Vollet, Lyle McKellar, Kim Platt & Jessica Blair.

Wade Weseen, past SHSAA president, is going through a health crisis. He will be going to Vancouver for treatment. There are a number fundraising events taking place.

MOTION by Grest/Morgan to donate \$250.00 to the fundraising breakfast for Wade Weseen. CARRIED

1.1 Adoption of September 21st & 22nd Minutes

The September 21st and 22nd minutes were circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Bedel/Edmonds to adopt the minutes from the September 21st and 22nd, 2008 executive meeting. CARRIED

1.2 Action List

1.2.1 Mileage Increase Impact

The office went through the 2007-2008 officials expense forms and calculated the impact of the increase in mileage as directed by the Executive.

1.2.2 Non-Faculty Coach List

A list of the approved non-faculty coaches for the 2008-2009 school year was circulated. Add this discussion to the December Presidents meeting being held on Saturday, December 6th.

2. Reports

2.1 Financial Report

2.1.1 Financial Statement – October 2008

The October financial statement was circulated and reviewed.

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

2.1.2 Fall Activities Report

The Fall Activities Report was circulated and reviewed.

2.2 CSSF EMC Meeting

2.2.1 Kevin reported on the meeting that took place in September.

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2.3 Office Report

The office reported on meetings, fall championships, and the board of reviews that have taken place since the September meeting. The office met with Sask. Soccer Association to discuss a number of items. The office has met with the U or R with regards to Hoopla being hosted in their facilities. A list of Eligibility, Ejections/Suspensions, Board of Review, Transfers, Second transfers was included in a written report.

2.4 Fall Sport Reports

2.4.1 Golf

2.4.1.1 Sand Golf

A discussion took place with regards to the state of Sand Golf specifically the number of districts that conduct a competition as well as the number of teams that are registered in the activity. The Executive talked about the positives and the negatives of the activity in light of the resolution defeated at the 2008 AGM. The discussion suggested that the each district should attempt to conduct a qualification competition for the activity so as to ensure that the students are going through the process of competition leading to a provincial championship.

2.4.2 Cross Country – Thanksgiving Weekend

The Provincial Cross Country Championship fell on the Thanksgiving long weekend this year. With the addition of Regional Soccer, the Cross Country championship now takes place two weeks prior to the Provincial Soccer Championship. It will again fall on the Thanksgiving weekend in 2013 & 2014. This will be an agenda item for the Cross-Country small group session at the 2009 AGM.

2.4.3 Soccer – 7 v 7

There are some schools still enquiring about '7 v 7' soccer. With enrolment numbers decreasing this is an option some schools would like to see available.

2.4.4 Football – 6-Man Conferences

A request was made by a member school to examine the realignment of 6-Man Football Conferences. In their current league there is substantial travel time and the out-of-school time is a concern.

2.4.5 Volleyball

2.4.5.1 Ten versus twelve teams

The change from twelve to ten teams at the Provincial Volleyball Championships was brought up at the coaches meetings at many of the championships. There are positive remarks about the change.

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2.4.5.2 Survey

A volleyball coach circulated a survey around the province seeking some input into various volleyball questions. The office has been in contact with this coach. This is not an SHSAA survey.

2.4.5.3 South West Email

An email was received from the Deb Reamer, South West District Athletic Commissioner, with regards to the exceptional hosting job done in Frontier and Eastend and the help of the Section representative in attendance.

2.4.5.4 Parent letter

A letter was received from a parent of a team with regards to concerns regarding conduct by some parents of another team at the Provincial 1A Girls Volleyball Championship. An email was received from the coach indicating that a response would be forthcoming.

3.1 Late Fee Appeals

No late fee appeals were received.

3.2 Classification Appeal

3.2.1 Watrous

A request was received from Winston High School to move their Boys Basketball team into the population category where it belongs according to enrolment for this year.

MOTION by Grest/Benson to grant Winston High School's appeal to move down to the 2A Boys Basketball classification. DEFEATED

3.3 Coach Reports

3.3.1 Lumsden

An official's report form was received regarding the misconduct of a Lumsden Football coach at a semi-final game. The school has dealt with the coach in question. There will be no further action.

3.4 Team Withdrawals

The Office will investigate moving the playoff withdrawal dates. The withdrawal dates will be added to the SHSAA calendar.

3.4.1 Soccer

No appeals were received from the teams that withdrew from Provincial Soccer playoffs.

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3.4.2 Volleyball

3.4.2.1 Pelly – Girls

A letter was received from Fort Livingstone School appealing the \$200 fine for withdrawing from Girls Volleyball conference playoffs.

MOTION by Segall/Edmonds to accept the appeal from Fort Livingstone School for withdrawal from 1A Girls Conference Volleyball. DEFEATED

3.4.2.2 Elrose - Boys

A letter was received from Elrose Composite School appealing the \$200 fine for withdrawing from 1A Boys Conference Volleyball.

MOTION by Benson/Segall to accept the appeal from Elrose Composite School for withdrawal from 1A Boys Conference Volleyball. DEFEATED

3.4.2.3 Birch Ridge - Girls

A letter was received from Birch Ridge School appealing the \$200 fine for withdrawing from 1A Girls Conference Volleyball.

MOTION by Panko/Schneider to accept the appeal from Birch Ridge School for withdrawal from 1A Girls Conference Volleyball. DEFEATED

3.4.2.4 Wawota

A letter was provided on why the school withdrew but no appeal was received.

3.4.2.5 Dillon

A letter was received from Buffalo River Dene Nation School appealing the \$200 fine for withdrawing from 3A Girls Conference Volleyball.

MOTION by Grest/Bedel to accept the appeal from Buffalo River Dene Nation School for withdrawal from 3A Girls Conference Volleyball. DEFEATED

3.5 Basketball

3.5.1 Basketball Seeding Committee

The office is still looking for volunteers for the seeding committees. Direction was made to place committee members out of their category.

3.5.2 Conference, Regional, Provincial Projection

The projection for Boys & Girls Basketball Conferences was circulated and reviewed. The basketball conferences will be posted on the SHSAA website Monday, December 8th.

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3.6 Reclassification

3.6.1 Miller

3.6.1.1 3A Girls Soccer

A letter was received from Miller Comprehensive requesting the reclassification agreement for 3A Girls Soccer in its final year be nullified.

MOTION by Segall/Edmonds to nullify Miller Comprehensive's girls' soccer reclassification agreement that has one year remaining. CARRIED

3.6.1.2 5A Girls Basketball

The Miller/Laval joint sponsorship creates a 5A classification for the 2008-2009 basketball season as it did for the 2007-2008 season. The office will ask the school to send a letter requesting the annulment of the reclassification dated Oct. 18/07, since the joint sponsorship with Laval was approved in June/07.

3.6.2 O'Neill – 5A Boys Basketball

Discussions with the office, O'Neill has indicated that they would like an exception to the third year of their reclassification. Since no appeal has been received, the Executive has made the following motion.

MOTION by Segall/Miazga to grant the request to allow O'Neill Boys Basketball team to participate in the 4A Boys playoff structure. TABLED

3.7 Host Locations for Provincial Championships

3.7.1 Sand Golf

Bids to host the 2009 Provincial Sand Golf Championship were received from Canwood and Waldheim. Waldheim was awarded the hosting responsibilities for the 2009 Sand Golf Championship.

3.7.2 Cross Country

3.7.2.1 Wynyard

A bid to host the 2009 Provincial Cross Country Championship was received from Wynyard. Wynyard has been accepted to host the 2009 Provincial Cross Country Championship.

3.7.3 Curling

3.7.3.1 Watrous

A bid to host the 2010 Provincial Mixed Curling Championship was received from Watrous. Watrous has been accepted to host the 2010 Provincial Mixed Curling Championship.

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3.7.4 3A Girls Soccer

3.7.4.1 PA St. Mary

A bid to host the 2009 Provincial 3A Girls Soccer Championship was received from Prince Albert St. Mary. Prince Albert St. Mary has been accepted to host the 2009 Provincial 3A Girls Soccer Championship.

3.7.5 3A Boys Volleyball

Bids to host the 2009 3A Boys Volleyball Championship were received from Ile-a-la-Crosse, Lashburn and Herbert. Ile-a-la-Crosse was awarded the hosting responsibilities for the 2009 3A Boys Volleyball Championship.

3.8 Gate Share Policy

The SHSAA has a gate share policy regarding officials outside the 100km policy. This policy was reviewed.

3.9 Football

3.9.1 Foam Lake Request

A request was received from Foam Lake with regards to a grade 11 student who would like to try out for the under-19 Canada Cup Tournament.

MOTION by Edmonds/Grest to accept the request for exception for a grade 11 Foam Lake student to participate in the under 19 Canada Cup Tournament. CARRIED

3.9.2 Conference Re-Alignment

3.9.2.1 6-Man – Email from Southey

There are a few concerns that may require change to the conferences in the 6-Man classification. The population number which is the dividing point between 1A and 2A continues to rise. Some conferences are becoming so large in number of teams and in distances travelled that a meaningful schedule is difficult to achieve. In some conferences there has been a walk to the Provincial Championship bracket. Caronport and Kamsack are looking to enter six-man football creating a greater imbalance between the conferences.

3.9.2.2 9-Man

There will have to be some adjustments in the conferences in the 9-Man classification. The withdrawals of Assiniboia and Caronport along with the addition of Warman and Martensville have resulted in unbalanced conferences.

3.10 Request for Pictures

A request was made by Applebee's Restaurant for pictures of Saskatchewan High School teams to be displayed in the restaurant. The office will contact legal advice.

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3.11 Grade 8 Appeal

3.11.1 Strasbourg William Derby

A letter was received from Strasbourg William Derby requesting the use of a grade 8 student for the boys' basketball team.

MOTION by Grest/Bedel to accept request from Strasbourg William Derby to use a grade 8 student for their boys' basketball team. DEFEATED

4. Discussion

4.1 Executive Initiatives for 2008-2009

4.1.1 Classification

A summary of the impact of the change in the way teams are classified and the 25% change in population clause was circulated and reviewed.

4.1.2 Officials

4.2 Football Summit

It is time to look at some sort of football meetings to discuss the changes in the teams in each classification and playoff structure for a team that is not in a league, specifically 3A and 4A. A meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 14 (place and agenda TBD).

4.3 Volleyball

4.3.1 Late Friday/Early Saturday Draw

Concerns were raised about the provincial volleyball draw where team #3 is scheduled to play the last match on Friday and the first match on Saturday. The office will review the draw and make the necessary changes.

4.3.2 Conference/Regional Medals

There are some coaches that have requested the SHSAA reinstate the conference medals.

4.3.3 Regional Pool Seeding (Cross-over issues)

Discussion took place regarding the current format.

4.3.4 Use of Grade Eight

Following the reports of the provincial volleyball championships, a discussion took place regarding the 'Use of Grade Eight' policy.

4.4 Joint Sponsorship List

An updated joint sponsorship list was circulated.

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4.5 FIBA Rule Changes

4.5.1 2008-2009

There are a few rule changes taking effect October 1st, 2008. FIBA rules do not allow t-shirts to be worn under game uniforms. The SHSAA has made an exception to this rule.

4.5.2 2009-2010

There are a few FIBA rule changes for 2009-2010. These changes will be brought up at the Canadian School Sport Federation meeting to see what other provinces will be doing.

4.6 Recruitment Practices at Provincials

The SHSAA will develop a policy for Universities and Colleges to abide by with regards to recruitment of athletes. Contact should be made through the coach first. Discussion with the player and coach should take place following the tournament.

4.7 Bronze Medals in Football

A request was made by Central Butte School that bronze medals be awarded in Football. There is no bronze medal contest in this activity.

5. Information

5.1 Fall Sport Reports

5.1.1 Grass Golf – Saskatoon – Lyle/Kevin

A concern was raised from Swift Current regarding team composition. The office will investigate the use of distance measuring devices during competition. This year's ruling was these were not allowed.

5.1.2 Sand Golf – Frontier – Roger/Lyle

5.1.3 Cross Country – Outlook – Lyle/Roger

A request was made to bring back the awards for District champions.

5.1.4 1AB Soccer – Kipling – Mark

5.1.5 1AG Soccer – Regina – Kelsey

Some schools would like to see 7 v 7 as an option. A letter was received from one of the coaches regarding a contest at one of the provincial championships.

5.1.6 2AB Soccer – Warman – Larry Pavloff

5.1.7 2AG Soccer – Moose Jaw – Larry Segall

Concern was raised about the limit to the number of students that can be dressed.

5.1.8 3AB Soccer – Weyburn – Kevin

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- 5.1.9 3AG Soccer – Swift Current – Lyle
- 5.1.10 1A 6-Man Football – Carrot River – Kevin
- 5.1.11 2A 6-Man Football – Clavet – Lyle
- 5.1.12 9-Man Football – Humboldt – Larry Bedel
- 5.1.13 3A 12-Man Football – Weyburn – Angela
- 5.1.14 4A 12-Man Football – Saskatoon – Wendy
- 5.1.15 1AG Volleyball – Mankota – Roger
A concern was raised regarding the schedule requesting a review so that the team that plays the last game on Friday doesn't have to play the first game on Saturday. Discussion also took place with regards to the regional draw.
- 5.1.16 2AG Volleyball – St. Walburg – Amanda/Kelly
- 5.1.17 3AG Volleyball – Kelvington – Brian
- 5.1.18 4AG Volleyball – Caronport – Larry Segall
Schools like classification based on last years numbers.
- 5.1.19 5AG Volleyball – Balgonie – Angela
There were a couple of teams that had more than the three coaches which is the maximum allowed on the bench.
- 5.1.20 1AB Volleyball – Annaheim – Brian
There was a consensus to stay with 10 teams at provincials. There are too many tournaments going on one weekend for the officials to cover (girls regional and boys conference weekend).
- 5.1.21 2AB Volleyball – Frontier – Roger
- 5.1.22 3AB Volleyball – Outlook LCBI – Lyle
- 5.1.23 4AB Volleyball – Tisdale – Larry Bedel
There were concerns raised about some teams not having to advance through conference play. Most felt 10 teams the best way for provincials. Make a two day pass available at playoffs.
- 5.1.24 5AB Volleyball – Estevan - Mark

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5.2 Sask Sport

5.2.1 Sask Sport Liaison Appointment

A letter was received from Sask Sport informing the office of their liaison.

5.2.2 PSGB Liaison Appointments

Letters were sent to all the Provincial Sport Governing Bodies informing them of the SHSAA Executive liaisons.

5.1.1 Miscellaneous Correspondence

5.3.1 Canada Basketball Scholarship Recipient

The Canada Basketball scholarships have been forwarded to the institution where the two students attend.

5.3.2 Sun West SD Admin Leadership Group - Anaphylaxis

A letter was received from Sun West SD with regards to Anaphylaxis. Schools are responsible for their athletes and should be in contact with host locations with regards to nut allergies.

5.3.3. Sport Fit

Sask Sport, along with Saskatchewan *in motion* and other partners have been working to promote and deliver SportFit. SportFit is a program that analyses participants and advises them of the sports they are most suited for.

5.4 Letters from Previous Meeting

Letters written after the September meeting were circulated.

5.5 Evaluation forms from Provincial Events for each executive liaison

Evaluation forms for provincial events for each executive liaison were handed out. Executive members are to bring feed back to the January meeting.

5.6 Professional Development

5.6.1 NFHS Athletic Directors Conference

Tickets and information were circulated to those executive members attending the NFHS Athletic Directors Conference.

5.6.2 CSSF Annual Meeting

The CSSF Annual Meeting will take place in January.

6. Committee Meetings

6.1 Finance/Management

Jessica Blair, Executive Assistant, will be going on maternity leave at the end of January. The office will investigate a replacement.

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- 6.2 Symposium
The Coaches Symposium will be held August 17 & 18, 2009 in Saskatoon.

- 6.3 Officials
The committee is looking for tournaments to be able to develop officials, will provide information to the schools for recruitment.

7. New Business
There was no new business.

8. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned by Kelsey at 3:10pm.