

Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association



Executive Meeting January 18 & 19, 2009 Regina/Ramada Inn



Call to Order

President Angela Tillier called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. 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.

1. Adoption of Agenda; Adoption of December 4th & 5th Minutes
The January 18th & 19th, 2009 agenda was circulated. The December 4th and 5th minutes were circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Panko/Edmonds to adopt the January 18 & 19, 2009 agenda. CARRIED

MOTION by Bedel/Pavloff to adopt the minutes from the December 4th and 5th, 2008 executive meeting. CARRIED

1.1 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 January meeting action list.

2. Reports

2.1 Financial Report

2.1.1 Financial Statement – December 2008

The December financial statement was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Grest/Schneider to adopt the December financial statement. CARRIED

2.1.2 Monthly Reports

A monthly comparative statement was circulated.

2.1.3 Fall Financial Report

An updated fall financial report was circulated.

2.2 President's Meeting

The minutes from the December President's meeting were circulated. A number of items on the agenda came from the Executive meeting held a day earlier. There was a lengthy discussion on the ranking for basketball that will be done three times during the season. A concern of the length of time the office staff has to spend on something that is for conversation sake. There has been some discussion on the message board with regards to this topic.

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2.3 Official Commissioners Meeting

The minutes from the December Official's Commissioner meeting were circulated and reviewed. Some items discussed were:

- Try to use home town officials when possible.
- The executive committee would like to figure out a way that University students would be able to referee in the rural areas.
- Official's Registry – districts want to be able to edit or delete names.
- Passenger Officials – the officials group would like the executive to revisit the policy for passenger officials and change it to include all activities.
- Discussed official's initiatives.

2.4 Office Report

2.4.1 Letter of Concern

A copy of the letter of concern sent to Saskatoon CCA was circulated. No response has been received from the school. Direction was given for the office staff to indicate to schools that if a grade 8 student is approved due to injury that the grade 8 student is no longer eligible once the injured player returns to the roster.

2.4.2 Coach Suspension – Evan Hardy Jr. Boys Basketball

The Evan Hardy Colligate Jr. Boys Basketball team attended a tournament in Moose Jaw. The visiting coach from Evan Hardy received two technicals during a game.

2.5 Executive Reports

2.5.1 District Meetings

Horizon Central

- nothing to report

North East

- Tisdale was suspended from boys volleyball about 4 years ago, now schools are just assessed a \$200.00 fine. Why was Tisdale suspended? **Tisdale was suspended because they eliminated another team from the play-off round.
- If there is a no-show at a conference or regional playoff what happens with the draw? **The host school contacts the SHSAA staff and each case is dealt with individually based on the scenario.
- Is there a need for basketball rankings to be posted on the main page...maybe post on the message board?

North Central

- Nothing reported.

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East Central

- not attended

Qu'Appelle Valley

- there is a lack of officials for soccer and basketball
- the situation of issuing T-4A slips to officials has been indicated

South East

- have not had their meeting

Regina

- their association has received requests for official's rate increases in all activities

North West

- next meeting April 7, 2:00pm @ Carpenter

Battle West

- nothing to report

Central Valley

- nothing to report

West Central

- nothing to report

Saskatoon

- why is the deadline date for wrestling so early? There were a number of teams from Saskatoon that received late filing fees.

South Central

- a couple resolutions will be coming forth for the AGM – reinstating conference medals, co-op teams in curling
- does the SHSAA have a position on financial payments or honorariums to coaches?
- next meeting March 31 @ Moose Jaw

South West

- Swift Current facility upgrade – the track, football/soccer field
- the district is working at attracting officials and implementing a mentorship program

2.5.2 NFHS

The office staff and executive members that attended the NFHS conference reported on the sessions attended. Hand-outs for most of the sessions are available.

2.5.3 CSSF Annual Meeting

The Canadian School Sport Federation Annual Meeting is being held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories January 29th - 31st. Kevin Vollet, Executive Director; Angela Tillier, SHSAA President; and Kelly Schneider, Section IV Representative will be representing Saskatchewan.

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3. Decisions

3.1 Eligibility Requests

There were no eligibility requests.

3.2 Withdrawal Dates

There was concern that the withdrawal date for soccer was too early in the fall. The withdrawal date currently falls 2 days after the eligibility roster due date. The volleyball and basketball withdrawal dates could be moved only a couple of days so that they all fall on a Wednesday.

MOTION by Grest/Edmonds to move the soccer and volleyball withdrawal dates to the second Wednesday of October and the basketball withdrawal date to the first Wednesday of February.
CARRIED

3.3 SABO Agreement

SABO has been sent the Hoopla agreement. The agreement has always been done on a one year basis. This year we are looking for a two or three year agreement.

3.4 Reclassification Appeal

3.4.1 Notre Dame

A reclassification request was received from Notre Dame College for Girls Basketball. The form requesting to move from 3A to 4A was received on December 9th.

MOTION by Miazga/Edmonds to accept the 4A Girls Basketball reclassification. DEFEATED

3.5 University of Saskatchewan Book Prize

A request was received from the University of Saskatchewan to sponsor the U of S Book Prize.

MOTION by Benson/Grest to donate \$150.00 to the College of Kinesiology, University of Saskatchewan for the Book Prize. CARRIED. Wendy Benson, Saskatoon Representative, will represent the association and present the book prize.

3.6 Football Summit Report

On Wednesday, January 14, 2009 the SHSAA held a football summit in Craik. SHSAA members in 12-Man Football were invited. There were about 30 people in attendance which included individuals from all areas in the 3A and 4A football classifications. Everyone had a chance to explain their situation and offer suggestions for future changes. The associate schools indicated that they are happy with their current arrangements with the city leagues. There were a number of options that were presented to the Executive to review.

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MOTION by Benson/Panko to adopt 3A & 4A Football Playoff Option 2 (Swift Current must participate in the Moose Jaw League in order to participate in the provincial championship process) for the 2009-2010 school year. CARRIED

3.7 Six and Nine Man Realignment

A proposed realignment for 6-Man & 9-Man Football conferences will be circulated to those schools involved in these classifications. The office is looking for feedback.

3.8 Executive Assignments for Provincial Championships

The executive assignments for the winter and spring provincial championships were reviewed.

3.9 Budget Proposal 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 Budget was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Bedel/Grest to approve the budget as proposed pending necessary adjustments. CARRIED

3.10 Grade 8 Appeal

3.10.1 Hanley Composite School

A letter was received from Hanley Composite School appealing the late filing fees for three curling teams. The coach was able to enter the coach's information on the forms but due to technical issues with their in-school server he was unable to add the students.

MOTION by Grest/Bedel to accept appeal from Hanley Composite School for the curling late filing fee. TABLED

3.10.2 Thom Collegiate

A letter was received from Thom Collegiate appealing the late filing fees for boys & girls wrestling.

MOTION by Miazga/Morgan to accept the appeal from Thom Collegiate for boys & girls wrestling. DEFEATED

3.10.3 SSSAD

A letter was received from SSSAD appealing the late filing fees assessed to some of the Saskatoon schools for the sport of wrestling. Their wrestling season begins December 1st with pre-season competition not starting until December 10. Current SSSAD bylaws ask for submission of eligibility forms 48 hours before the start of league competition which begins December 18, 2008.

MOTION by Miazga/Grest to accept the appeal from SSSAD for boys & girls wrestling on behalf of some of the Saskatoon schools. DEFEATED

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3.11 Sponsorship Proposal

The SHSAA office is to continue discussion of sponsorship proposals.

4. Discussion

4.1 Recommendations/Resolutions from Fall Activities

The Executive Liaisons reviewed the coach's evaluation forms and brought forward recommendations and possible resolutions.

4.1.1 Sand Golf

- leave sand golf as an SHSAA activity
- leave the current format as is

Grass Golf

- need to look at the current format

4.1.2 Cross Country

- district winners are recognized but awards are not given – why are schools required to wear district uniforms and not allowed to wear school uniforms
- the use of a megaphone would enable all athletes to hear the person doing the walk-through of the course
- look at moving the walk-through and coaches meetings earlier

4.1.3 Soccer

- lack of officials and ability
- concern on how regional soccer is seeded
- why in 3A do Regina and Saskatoon never meet in the first round
- look at 'Hoopla' format for soccer

4.1.3.1 7 v 7

Last year 7 v 7 Soccer was included in the restructuring resolution. This year a separate resolution should be put in for 7 v 7.

4.1.4 Football

- no forms are sent out for this activity because there are only two teams at the provincial championship.

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4.1.5 Volleyball

- some would like to see a 12 team provincial come back
- when teams withdraw from conference play should teams be moved around to even out conferences
- start times for travelling teams
- there have been a number of requests to keep the conference medals.
- start earlier Friday so hosts can hold a banquet
- 5A Boys Provincials has been in the south the past 3 years

4.2 Executive Initiatives

4.2.1 Women In Sport

The University of Regina is unable to accommodate the Women In Sport Conference on June 12 & 13. The conference has been scheduled for May 8 & 9. Recommendations were made on the evaluation forms for more activities and activities that involve the students and coaches together.

4.2.2 Officials Committee

- districts can submit plans for new officials, evaluating officials, etc.
- there will be officials clinics at the symposium

4.2.3 Management/Finance Committee

There was nothing to report.

4.2.4 Coaches Symposium

The 2009 Coaches Symposium will be held at Aden Bowman. The registration fee will stay the same as last year, pre-registrations \$100.00 and after June 30 \$125.00. There will be 8 basketball sessions, 8 volleyball sessions, cross country, wrestling, badminton and soccer sessions. Officials clinics will also be available.

4.3 Open Bids

Open bids from the president's meeting were sent out to the membership in the January newsletter. Bids are due at the end of March.

4.4 2009 Soccer and Volleyball Conferences

The proposed soccer and volleyball conferences for 2009 were circulated. The executive are asked to review the document and raise any concerns prior to the document being sent to the membership. The document will be posted on the website mid February.

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4.5 Digital Logo Depository

The SHSAA office has been collecting digital copies of school logos. Approximately 150 have been received. Another request was made in the January eNewsletter for schools to email their school logos to office.

4.6 Possible resolutions for 2009 AGM

Resolutions will be discussed at the April Meeting.

4.7 U of R Sponsorship Proposal

A sponsorship agreement has been sent to the University of Regina. The SHSAA is looking to make an agreement with University for use of their facilities. The office is awaiting a response.

5. Information

5.1 Correspondence

5.1.1 Rossignol

A letter was received from Rossignol High School thanking the Association for awarding the 2009 3A Boys Provincial Volleyball Championship.

5.1.2 Sask Sport

5.1.2.1 Funding Update

The letter received regarding the annual MAP funding for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 was circulated.

5.1.3 Dairy Farmers – Youth Ambassador

A letter was received from Dairy Farmers of Saskatchewan thanking the Association for support of the 2009 Dairy Youth Ambassador Competition.

5.2 Correspondence from Previous Meeting

Correspondence sent by the office following the December meeting was circulated.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Kelsey at 3:30 pm.