

# Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association



## Executive Meeting November 29 & 30, 2007 Saskatoon Inn



### Call to Order

President Angela Tillier called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. In attendance were Jim Lissinna, Larry Segall, Amanda Miazga, Barb Riley, Roger Morgan, Brian Gislason, Lyle McKellar, Wendy Benson, Angela Tillier, Larry Lafrentz, Kevin Vollet, Kim Platt and Kristy Schlamp. Missing with regrets Kelsey Panko. Mark Edmonds joined the meeting in progress.

### 1. Adoption of Minutes

#### 1.1 Adoption of September 16 & 17, 2007 Minutes

**MOTION by Lissinna/Gislason to adopt the September 16 & 17, 2007 minutes. CARRIED**

### 2. Reports

#### 2.1 Financial Report

##### 2.1.1 October Financial Statement

The October Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

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

##### 2.1.3 Fall Activity Report

The Fall Activities Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

#### 2.2 CSSF Annual Meeting

Three separate meetings were held. Minutes from all three were circulated and reviewed. CSSF membership fees will remain at \$750.00 per province/territory. Yukon was represented at CSSF for the first time. Canada Basketball scholarship program status is still unknown at this time.

#### 2.3 Office Report

The office report was circulated and reviewed. This report included Eligibility Requests, Ejections/Suspensions, Transfers, and Non-Faculty Coaches. It also contained a letter regarding standard game balls for soccer.

#### 2.4 Fall Sports Reports – Recommendations and Issues

##### 2.4.1 Golf

###### 2.4.1.1

###### Girls Category

There are groups seeking separate championships for males and females. Discussion over whether team golf mandate should be changed to three and three, instead of a maximum of four of either gender.

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### 2.4.1.2

#### Removal of Sand Golf

A survey was done a few years back and it became apparent again this year that sand golf continues to struggle. There were eight districts competing at the sand golf provincial championship this year and only two districts conducted a sand golf playoff leading to the provincial final. Five district representatives walked directly to the sand provincial, in that group of five, two district representatives participated in the district grass golf playoff. If sand golf was removed as an SHSAA activity schools could still participate in golf at the grass golf playoffs leading to the provincial golf championship. It was recommended to remove sand golf from the SHSAA calendar. This item will be added to the agenda for the January meeting.

### 2.4.2 Cross Country

The cross-country championship was held in Prince Albert, and was a great success. Based on the championship and the feedback from the coaches meeting there are no issues or changes required in Cross Country at this time.

### 2.4.3 Soccer

#### 2.4.3.1

#### 7 v 7

A proposal to add a seven versus seven category for soccer was presented. The proposal included options to classify. The questions included whether there should be an enrollment cutoff for 7 v 7 (i.e. large schools will not be eligible). Converting the current 1A category to 7 v 7, leaving school to play 11 v 11 in 2A and 3A. Discussion also included whether 7 v 7 may be more successful in the spring. The discussion paper will be given to District Presidents and a write-up will be included in the January newsletter.

#### 2.4.3.2

#### Single Game Playoffs

Delisle requested the opportunity to play a playoff game at home, rather than travelling to the regional site in order to save on costs. Permission was granted to Warman and Martensville for the same request, but denied for Delisle, due to scheduling reasons. The Executive Council reaffirmed the position of holding meaningful playoffs whereby multiple teams participate in a playoff tournament.

#### 2.4.3.3

#### Facilities

There have been complaints regarding the condition of certain fields used in soccer playoffs. It is very difficult for the office to know the condition of each potential host locations soccer fields. We must depend on the bid to host and the support of the District to notify the office if host facilities are not acceptable.

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### 2.4.4 Football

The SHSAA has been requested to develop a policy and procedure to inform parents and physicians regarding the intent of the football rule allowing only clear visors. The issue of the number of players using tinted visors was raised last year and again this fall. The rules of football do not allow coloured or tinted visors without medical permission. The office presented a permission form and a process for the consideration of the Executive. A similar form is currently being used by Regina and Moose Jaw. The form is intended to inform parents and optometrists regarding the issue. **The Executive agreed to put the policy and form forward as a resolution at the AGM.**

### 2.4.5 Volleyball

There are still requests to return to a 12-team format for provincials. Some coaches' feedback from provincials suggested that more matches be played on Friday (1 hour earlier start time). The Executive Council reaffirmed the position that the Friday afternoon start time is preferably to allow for less instructional time used to play the championship, the advantage of more access to officials available, the option for the majority of teams not having to travel to the host location until Friday, thereby saving hotel costs for one night and the ability to attend school all day Thursday. The office recommended adjusting the provincial schedule by adding 15 minute to the start time of every third game as follows:

DATE	TIME	POOL	GYM #1	POOL	GYM #2
Day 1	1:00 pm	Coaches Meeting			
	2:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies			
	3:00 pm	B	1 vs 4	A	1 vs 4
	4:00 pm	B	2 vs 5	A	2 vs 5
	5:15 pm	B	3 vs 4	A	3 vs 4
	6:15 pm	B	1 vs 2	A	1 vs 2
	7:30 pm	B	3 vs 5	A	3 vs 5
Day 2	9:00 am	A	2 vs 3	B	2 vs 3
	10:00 am	A	4 vs 5	B	4 vs 5
	11:15 am	A	1 vs 3	B	1 vs 3
	12:15 pm	A	2 vs 4	B	2 vs 4
	1:30 pm	A	1 vs 5	B	1 vs 5
	3:00 pm	Quarter Final (Game #1)		Quarter Final (Game #2)	
	4:15 pm	Semi Final (Game #3)		Semi Final (Game #4)	
	5:30 pm	BRONZE MEDAL MATCH			
	6:30 pm	GOLD MEDAL MATCH			

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### 3. Decisions

#### 3.1 Late Fee Appeals

##### 3.1.1 Sheldon Williams – School Enrolment

Sheldon has a new athletic director and they were under the impression they had completed all necessary forms. They are appealing the late filing fee for not submitting enrolment numbers before the deadline.

**MOTION by Segall/Edmonds to accept Sheldon Williams request to waive the \$50 late filing fee. DEFEATED**

#### 3.2 Eligibility Exception Request

##### 3.2.1 Central Collegiate

Central sought an exception to the eligibility rules on behalf of an ESL student. This student is ineligible according to the Bylaw which states that the year a student is 16 years of age prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year will be considered year one of the three-year eligibility period.

**MOTION by Segall/Morgan to grant the Central Collegiate request for an exception to the eligibility bylaw on behalf of Kwo Okot. DEFEATED**

#### 3.3 Team Withdrawals

##### 3.3.1 Soccer

###### 3.3.1.1

##### Kamsack Comprehensive Institute

A withdrawal fee appeal was received from Kamsack to waive the \$200 fine for withdrawing from boys soccer due to minimal participation. For soccer the 6-week deadline is just after start of year (September 15).

**MOTION by Benson/Edmonds to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee for Kamsack Boys Soccer. DEFEATED**

###### 3.3.1.2

##### Riverview Collegiate

A withdrawal fee appeal was received from Riverview Collegiate to waive the \$200 fine for boys soccer due to the struggle to field a team due to attendance and player issues at the school.

**MOTION by Lissinna/Riley to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee for Riverview Boys Soccer. DEFEATED**

###### 3.3.1.3

##### Prince Albert Rivier Academy

A withdrawal fine appeal was received from Rivier Academy to waive the \$200 fee for girls soccer withdrawal due to a lack of commitment by players following the 6-week deadline to withdraw.

**MOTION by Segall/Benson to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee for Rivier Girls Soccer. DEFEATED**

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### 3.3.2 Volleyball

#### 3.3.2.1

#### Regina Christian School

An appeal was received from Regina Christian School to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee due to lack of commitment and a conflict with the choir.

**MOTION by Lissinna/Riley to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee for Regina Christian School Boys Volleyball. DEFEATED**

#### 3.3.2.2

#### Whitewood School

An appeal was received from Whitewood School to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee due to disciplinary actions taken on student athletes by the school.

**MOTION by Benson/Segall to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee for Whitewood School. CARRIED**

\*Direction given to include a letter supporting the school's decision

#### 3.3.2.3

#### Milden Central School

An appeal was received from Milden Central School to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee due to small school population, staff, and budget making it impossible to field a team.

**MOTION by Miazga/Riley to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee for Milden Central School. DEFEATED**

#### 3.3.2.4

#### Preeceville School

An appeal was received from Preeceville School to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee due to poor weather conditions and unsafe travelling conditions.

**MOTION by Riley/Edmonds to waive the \$200 withdrawal fee for Preeceville School. CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned @ 9:54 pm to be reconvened Friday morning at 8:30 am.

November 30, 2007 - meeting called to order @ 9:07 am.

### 3.4 Basketball

#### 3.4.1 SABO Agreement to Officiate

SABO is requesting that the Hoopla host committee assign an individual to accompany officials to their dressing room following each game. This task will be added to the guidebook. Rather than reviewing an agreement each year, the office will discuss with SABO the option of negotiating a 2 or 3 year agreement including an opportunity to discuss issues each year.

**MOTION by Lissinna/Gislason to accept the memorandum of agreement from SABO. CARRIED**

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### 3.4.2 Regional Basketball Seeding

The office presented a discussion paper regarding the seeding method currently used to seed regional basketball. The current method identified in the discussion paper as 'Advantage Seeding' was compared to a different model known as 'Equitable Seeding'. In Equitable Seeding the first round would seed each contest with a 9-position difference in the seeds, except for the 8 v 9 contest. (i.e. 1 v 10, 6 v 15, 5 v 14, 4 v 13, etc). In the second round, each contest would have a five-position seeding difference except for the 4 v 5 contest. This could potentially create a higher quality regional, allowing all seeds to have more meaningful games and less lopsided games than in the advantage tournament draw. This proposal will be presented at the President's Meeting and a write-up will follow in the January newsletter.

### 3.5 Host Locations for Provincial Championships

#### 3.5.1 Provincial Badminton (May 2009)

Wilkie McLurg High School submitted the only bid to host Provincial Badminton.

**MOTION by McKellar/Riley to accept the bid to host Provincial Badminton from Wilkie. CARRIED**

#### 3.5.2 Provincial Cross Country (Oct 2008)

Outlook High School and St. Henry's-Melville submitted bids to host Cross Country Provincial Championship. The Executive voted following an examination of each bid proposal.

**Outlook awarded the host responsibility for October of 2008.**

#### 3.5.3 Provincial Curling – Girls (Mar 2009)

Glentworth and Spiritwood submitted bids to host Girls Curling Provincials. The Executive voted following an examination of each bid proposal.

**Spiritwood awarded the host responsibility for March of 2009.**

#### 3.5.4 Provincial Soccer (Oct 2008)

3.5.4.1 1A Boys NO BID

3.5.4.2 2A Boys NO BID

3.5.4.3 3A Boys NO BID

3.5.4.4 1A Girls Middle Lake has bid to host 1A Girls Soccer.

3.5.4.5 2A Girls NO BID

3.5.4.6 3A Girls NO BID

The bid process for soccer is proving ineffective. The Executive is recommending that hosting of provincial soccer be placed on a District rotation. A proposal for a provincial host rotation will be presented at the January meeting.

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### 3.5.5 Provincial Volleyball (Nov 2008)

#### 3.5.5.1 1A Girls

There were 6 bids received for 1A Girls Volleyball from Midale, Kincaid, Mankota, Englefeld, Saskatoon CCA, and Loreburn. The Executive voted following an examination of each bid proposal.

**Mankota awarded the host responsibility for November 2008.**

#### 3.5.5.2 3A Boys

Neilburg, Wakaw, and LCBI all submitted bids to host 3A Boys Volleyball. The Executive voted to determine the host. The Executive voted following an examination of each bid proposal.

**LCBI awarded the host responsibility for November 2008.**

#### 3.5.5.3 5A Boys

Estevan has submitted the only bid to host 5A Boys Provincial Volleyball.

**MOTION by Lissinna/Edmonds to accept the bid to host 5A Boys Volleyball from Estevan. CARRIED**

### 3.5.6 Regional Wrestling (Mar 2009) NO BID

### 3.5.7 Annual General Meeting (June 2009)

North Central has bid to host the AGM in 2009 at Elk Ridge Golf and Convention Center.

**MOTION by Segall/Lissinna to accept the bid to host the AGM by North Central. CARRIED**

### 3.6 Transfer Student Eligibility

St. Louis School is questioning the eligibility of student to participate in interschool sport. St. Louis suggests the student transferred for athletic reasons due to the fact this student requested to transfer back to St. Louis immediately following the football season. St. Louis would like his eligibility to participate in school sport reviewed. The Executive directed the office to contact each school for more details. Reports regarding another student were also reviewed.

### 3.7 Funding Formula MAP Grants

A review of the funding formula was prompted by an increase in the funds allotted from the Saskatchewan lottery trust fund. The office proposed that the grant be increased for each district based on the number of school teams in each district.

**MOTION by Edmonds/McKellar to increase the team grant to \$12.50 per team. CARRIED**

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### 4. Discussion

#### 4.1 Executive Initiatives for 2007-2008

##### 4.1.1 Classification

A follow-up document with a proposal for the classification issues raised in the past was circulated. The proposal suggests classification needs to be based on the previous year's school enrolment.

- Soccer classification will depend upon the outcome of the 7 v 7 proposal.
- Football need to examine the cut-off number of 325 for 3A/4A classification. Majority of Regina schools have enrolment lower than the 325 threshold for 4A. Consider change to 250.
- Volleyball is the biggest concern regarding using previous years enrolment numbers in order to allow more planning and fewer changes in late fall of the competitive season for volleyball.
- The basketball proposal suggests creating a percentage cut-off for classification.
- Cross Country needs to be considered in the reclassification discussion (classify using percentages).
- The consensus is that the Executive will propose that the SHSAA classify by percentages, but still honour existing leagues.

##### 4.1.2 Officials

The officials sub-committee has not had a chance to meet as of yet. They will be meeting in the next month, and will report back at the January meeting.

#### 4.2 Youth Leadership Workshop

Vicki Moore has agreed to assist this committee with contact names for the workshop to be held in conjunction with CIS women's basketball championship based on the contacts established through the SHSAA Women in Sport conference.

#### 4.3 Joint Sponsorship Policy

The SHSAA received a request to reaffirm its policy regarding student participation in interschool sport for students in schools that cater to the needs of specific programs on behalf of all schools in a city. The SHSAA has historically allowed students at Cochrane Collegiate in Regina and Nutana Collegiate in Saskatoon to participate in the athletic program of the school they previously attended prior to assignment at the specialty school. This provision was allowed as these schools did not provide an interschool athletic program. This same position would be extended to other schools which exist to service the needs of a school division, assuming the school does not participate in an interschool program of athletics. A formal joint sponsorship agreement would not be required as the student would not be transferred for athletic purposes from their original school.

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### 4.4 Horizon Central issues

Horizon Central asked questions specific to removal of plugs intended to replace removed jewellery. The response is that in order to participate in athletics any plugs need to be removed and any open holes taped up. The district also forwarded concerns regarding seeding being used as the criteria to place teams in the volleyball draws and not distance to the conference and regional venue. Discussion took place regarding which criteria would be the higher priority and if it were possible to honour each requirement. The consensus was it needed to be one or the other. The previous year the office used distance to the host location as its preferred criteria for placing teams in the draw and complaints were received regarding higher seeded teams should not play early in the draw and the draw should attempt to have the higher seeds play near the end of the playoff draw.

### 4.5 Football Teams electing to play out of province

Lloydminster Holy Rosary is considering membership with Alberta Schools Athletic Association effective September 2008. They would like to participate in 12-Man football in Alberta, because teams are closer in proximity than those in Saskatchewan. The ASAA, however, will only accept them if: 1) SHSAA approves and 2) Holy Rosary becomes a full member of ASAA for all activities. The consensus with the Executive is to support them in their quest for ASAA membership if that is their desire, but to encourage them to stay in the SHSAA for all activities. Swift Current is considering participation in the (Alberta) Rangeland football league, but wish to return to Saskatchewan for provincial playoffs. The consensus of the Executive is if Swift Current chooses to play in the Medicine Hat league, they will be unable to contend for the SHSAA playoffs.

## 5. Information

### 5.1 Fall Sport Report

The Fall Sports Reports were circulated. Each Executive member was asked to review these on their own. Concerns and points of interest from the championships were discussed as follows:

- Positive feedback has been received regarding Conference/Regional medals.
- There have been parental complaints about paying gate admissions at championships. Discussion regarding the creation of a brochure/poster regarding why gate is charged may be worthwhile.
- SHSAA policy does not allow for 50/50 draws or other fundraising efforts in conjunction with SHSAA conference/regional/provincial tournaments. The Executive agrees that fundraising should not be allowed, but that this **needs to be added to the policy section of the handbook**.
- Sportsmanship Awards have been announced for Soccer and are in the process for Volleyball. Three banners were chosen for soccer's six tournaments, 1 for each classification (1A, 2A, 3A) either male or female. Volleyball receives one sportsmanship award per provincial championship.

**MOTION by Edmonds/Gislason to have a sportsmanship banner award available to each soccer championship. The award MAY be presented if there is a team that is worthy of the award. CARRIED**

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- 5.2 Sask Sport
  - 5.2.1 Sask Sport Liaison letter
  - 5.2.2 Manager of Coaching Development
  
- 5.3 SHSAA @ Showcase

The SHSAA office will be displaying at Showcase in both Regina and Saskatoon.
  
- 5.4 AD for Assistant Executive Director

A copy of the advertisement for the position was presented.
  
- 5.5 Miscellaneous Correspondence
  - 5.5.1 SHSAA letter to Exec Member board
  
- 5.6 Letters from Previous Meeting

Copies of all correspondence resulting from decisions made at the previous executive meeting were circulated.
  
- 5.7 Evaluation forms from Provincial Events for each executive liaison

Evaluation forms were distributed to executive liaisons to review and report back at the January meeting.
  
- 5.8 Professional Development
  - 5.8.1 NFHS Athletic Directors Conference, Dec 14-19, 2007 information for those attending was distributed.
  
- 6. Committee Meetings
  - 6.1 Finance/Management
    - 6.1.1 Discussion took place regarding the terms of an agreement for the new assistant executive director to be hired in January and to begin employment in August 2008.
    - 6.1.2 A new agreement for Executive Assistant, Kim Platt, was discussed and approved.
  
- MOTION by Gislason/Segall to approve the new employment agreement for Kim Platt as amended. The agreement is effective January 1, 2008. CARRIED**
  
- 6.2 Symposium
  - The symposium committee continues to plan for the symposium in August of 2008. Duties to contact presenters were assigned to committee members and the agenda was finalized.
  
- 7. New Business
  
- 8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:14pm.