

SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Executive Meeting February 4 & 5, 2007 Manitou Inn, Renown Room, Watrous



Call to Order

President Wade Weseen called the meeting to order at 6:17pm. In attendance were Barb Riley, Brian Gislason, Jack Nepjuk, Mark Edmonds, Larry Segall, Donna Diekrager, Kevin Vollet, Jim Lissinna, Roger Morgan, Vicki Moore, Lyle McKellar, Larry Lafrentz and Jessica Blair.

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

MOTION by Lissinna/Riley to adopt the February 4 & 5, 2007 agenda. CARRIED

MOTION by Moore/Diekrager to adopt the November 30 & December 1, 2006 minutes. CARRIED

1.1 Review of 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 April meeting action list.

2. Reports

2.1 Financial Report

The December Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Edmonds/Riley to accept the December Financial Report. CARRIED

2.2 President's Meeting

The December President's Meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed.

2.3 Official Commissioners Meeting

The December Official Commissioners Meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed.

The office made note of the following policy regarding payment of basketball officials for Conference, Regional and Provincial play. All officials will be paid as per the approved SHSAA rates. If a district and an official agree to some other rate the SHSAA office will pay the 'agreed' rate and invoice the district for the difference.

District Officials Commissioners have been requested, where possible, to assign officials away from their hometown for all three playoff stages.

2.4 Canadian School Sport Federation Winter Meeting

Larry attended the CSSF Winter Meeting in Ottawa February 1 & 2, 2007 to represent Saskatchewan, SHSAA. Reviewed agenda and written provincials reports as provided at the meeting.

MOTION by Lissinna/McKellar that the SHSAA participate in the Canada Basketball / Canadian School Sport Federation basketball scholarship program for 2007. The \$5000.00 available to Saskatchewan will be split into four scholarships of \$1250.00 each, 2 designated for male students and 2 designated for females students. CARRIED

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2.5 Office Report

The Office Report was circulated and reviewed. Report received regarding meetings and activities in the office since the last executive meeting. It was reported that Prince Albert has expressed interest in bidding to host Hoopla 2009.

Results of and recommendations from the two Board of Review hearings regarding student eligibility were presented and discussed.

The first Board of Review decision was to uphold the Executive Council decision not to approve an exemption from the eligibility rules for a student at Saskatoon Holy Cross. The Board of Review agreed that athletic injury is not justification to extend the period of eligibility defined in the SHSAA bylaws. No recommendations were received.

The second Board of Review hearing for a Saskatoon Bedford Road Collegiate student seeking an exception from the eligibility rules was accepted. The executive council agreed that the student should have a fourth but was not willing to approve a fifth year of eligibility in spite of the fact the student had never participated in an activity during the time period. The board of Review in its examination could not determine that it was indeed a fifth year. It was the opinion of the Board of Review in this case that information listed in the Sask Learning transcript and the cumulative folder for the student did not match. Decisions made on behalf of the student placed the student in grade ten level classes earlier than normal and the disjointed record indicated inequities for this student. The student was approved to participate for the duration of the 2006-2007 school year. The Board of Review recommended that the SHSAA review section 2 b) of the Period of Eligibility bylaw as this is the bylaw they applied to make their decision. The school wrote to the SHSAA to compliment the Association on the fair and compassionate handling of the appeal process.

2.6 Executive Reports

2.6.1 District Meetings

Districts have been having their winter meetings written reports were circulated. A request from a school for the list for non-faculty coaches in a district was turned down. The list of non-faculty and faculty coaches is considered an internal document and SHSAA does not have the permission from each coach to distribute this list or post it on the public website. Schools have access to the password-protected area of the SHSAA web site where contact information for each school and school team is available.

2.6.2 NFHS

Reports were received from those that attended the high school athletic directors conference on December 10-13, 2006. Discussion occurred on some of the relevant session topics and highlights regarding the NFHS meetings held in Anaheim.

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3. Decisions

3.1 Eligibility Requests – no requests were received.

3.2 Tournament Sanction Requests

3.2.1 Rugby tournament in Alberta – not sanctioned

3.2.2 Cheerleading competition at U of Alberta – not sanctioned

3.2.3 U of Alberta Wrestling – sanction withdrawn and then reinstated following discussion with U of Alberta administration to ensure SHSAA Bylaws regarding entry fees would be honoured as per their request for sanction approval. Discussion held regarding disciplinary actions for Saskatchewan schools that knowingly paid higher entry fees than are allowed by SHSAA policy in the previous years. A disciplinary letter will be sent to the involved schools.

3.3 Late Fee Appeal – no appeals received

3.4 Team Withdrawals

3.4.1 Keeseekoose

MOTION by Lissinna/Moore to send Keeseekoose letter of concern & be charged \$200 withdrawal fee. CARRIED

3.5 Coach Ejections

3.5.1 Johnson Jr. Boys

3.5.2 BJM Jr. Boys

3.5.3 Vanier Sr. Girls

Discussion took place regarding an appropriate number of contests a coach should be suspended following an ejection from a contest by the game officials. Student athletes are required to be suspended for one game without question. It was the opinion of the Executive Council, that coaches should be held to a higher standard than the athletes in their care. It was suggested that for volleyball and basketball a minimum two-game suspension should be the expectation of the Association.

3.6 SABO agreement

The SHSAA and SABO have agreed on terms for members of SABO to officiate at Hoopla. SABO has agreed to payment of \$30.00 game fee per official, \$0.30 per kilometre, and \$10.00 per meal as approved and outlined in the SHSAA handbook for all officials. Other details regarding meals, number of vehicles used, meetings, selection process, evaluators, etc. were also approved in the agreement.

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3.7 2007 – 2008 Open Bids

3.7.1 5A Girls – November 2007

Bids to host the 5A Girls 2007 Volleyball Championship were received from North Battleford Comprehensive, Prince Albert Carlton, Moose Jaw Peacock and Prince Albert St. Mary.

Following votes by the Executive Council Moose Jaw Peacock was approved to host.

3.7.2 2A Boys Volleyball November 2007

Bids to host the 2A Boys 2007 Volleyball Championship were received from Hepburn, Pontoix, Young and Wakaw. **Following votes by the Executive Council Pontoix was approved to host.**

3.8 Conference Basketball

3.8.1 The following schools expressed concerns regarding the basketball conferences. Each concern was considered and some changes were made. Some concerns dealt with the conference model stating a preference for all levels to be seeded, as the regional level is currently handled. The Executive Council felt this was discussed and made known to the membership during the resolution phase that approved the conference, regional, provincial model.

3.8.1.1 Vanier – 3A Girls

3.8.1.2 Moosomin – 3A Boys

3.8.1.3 Assiniboia – 3A Girls

3.8.1.4 Meath Park – 2A Girls

3.8.1.5 Shaunavon – 3A Boys

3.8.1.6 Caronport – 3A Boys

3.9 Executive Assignments Provincial Championships – remaining events were assigned to executive members to attend.

3.10 Budget Proposal 2007-2008

The 2007-2008 Budget Proposal was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by McKellar/Morgan to approve the 2007-2008 budget as amended showing a surplus of \$3000.00. CARRIED

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4. Discussion

4.1 Fall Activities – Review of Evaluations for Possible Resolutions

Golf

- 75% of coaches reported that on course facilitators was a good idea

Cross Country

- The office will continue to revamp the excel system used in cross country, to ensure the results are presented as quickly and accurately as possible
- Guidebooks for the event will be revised to ensure delays incurred on the course this year will be addressed in advance.

Soccer

- Recommendations approved earlier to recommend the 1A and 2A provincial championships return to an 8-team format.

Football

- Increase in number of 3A teams from Northern Saskatchewan.
- Concern regarding classification numbers.

Volleyball

- Recommendations to have 2- teams advance at each level thus reducing the number of games and improving conference and regional schedules.
- Recommendation for all categories to have a ten-team provincial final.

4.2 Sport Academies

Direction taken by the office to collect more information from other Canadian High School Athletics Associations and be proactive to present this information and a recommendation for SHSAA policy on this issue.

4.3 Executive Initiatives – Committee Meetings – Monday 1:00-2:00pm

4.3.1 Women in Sport Committee

Pilot project will take place June 8 and 9, 2007 in Saskatoon. The SHSAA has partnered with the U of Saskatchewan Kinesiology faculty regarding the conference.

4.3.2 Official Recruitment Committee

Committee reported on initiatives aimed at recruiting officials and identifying the need to the public for officials in high school sport.

4.3.3 Management/Finance Committee

Met to discuss salary increase for executive assistants and plans for the executive director retirement and process for hiring new personnel effective June 2008.

**Motion by Gislason / Riley that salary increases according to the established salary scale for the position be approved for each executive assistant effective January 1, 2007.
CARRIED**

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4.4 Baden Proposal

Distributed balls made available for testing to report back in April with a written report. Jack will distribute the 3 boxes he received. Jim (2 Volleyballs, 1 – 6 Basketball); Jack (2 Deuce Football, 1 Perfection Football, 2 Lexom Soccer, 2 Volleyballs, 1 – 6 Basketball, 1 – 7 Basketball); Mark (1 Lexom Soccer, 1 Icon Soccer, 1 Volleyball); Lyle (1 Volleyball, 1 Lexom Soccer, 1 Deuce Football, 1 – 6 Basketball); Donna (1 Volleyball, 1 Icon Soccer, 1 – 6 Basketball, 1 Deuce Football, 1 Perfection Football); Larry S. (1 – 7 Basketball, 1 Deuce Football, 1 Icon Soccer); Wade (1 Volleyball, 1 Perfection Football, 1 – 6 Basketball, 1 – 7 Basketball, 1 Lexom Soccer); Roger (1 Perfection Football, 1 Icon Soccer)

4.5 Victor Badminton shuttles

Distributed shuttles made available for testing to report back in April with the concerns. Vicki (1 Synthetic & 1 Cork), Mark (1 Synthetic & 1 Cork)

4.6 3A Football

The Executive received a request to consider the addition of another 3A football league based in northern Saskatchewan. The schools involved would be Saskatoon Centennial, Saskatoon Marion Graham, and North Battleford Comprehensive, which are 3A size schools according to current classifications. The request also asked to consider inclusion of Prince Albert St. Mary, Prince Albert Carlton and Saskatoon Bedford Road in the league. These three schools are 4A by current classification standards.

The Executive was informed that current 3A leagues in Regina and Moose Jaw also have schools 4A by SHSAA classification numbers playing in the 3A league as per previous decisions by the SHSAA.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Segall to approve the six-team 3A Football League for inclusion in provincial playoffs effective 2007-2008 school year. CARRIED

Note:

- Fall 2007 Playoff: the winner of the Regina league will travel to Saskatoon to playoff on November 3rd. The winner will travel to Moose Jaw for the provincial final on November 10th.
- Fall 2008 Playoff: the winner of the Saskatoon league will travel to Moose Jaw to playoff on November 1st. The winner will travel to Regina for the provincial final on November 8th.
- Fall 2009 Playoff: the winner of the Moose Jaw league will travel to Regina to playoff on November 7th. The winner will travel to Saskatoon for the provincial final on November 14th.

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5. Information

5.1 Correspondence

- Larry reported that a new agreement had been reached with Credit Unions of Saskatchewan that achieves an increase in the level of financial support from Credit Unions.
- Thank you received from Dairy Farmers of Saskatchewan for SHSAA support of the Dairy Youth Ambassador competition.
- Letter of concern from U of Regina regarding schools using the registered logo of the U of R Cougars on school and team clothing.
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- Possible opportunity to be involved in a student leadership conference in association with NFHS, in Indianapolis, all accommodations and food will be covered by NFHS.

MOTION by Segall/Edmonds to be involved with this program (by paying the airline tickets) up to 4 students and 4 chaperones, if selected. CARRIED

MOTION by Riley/Lissinna to accept pilot program, "Women in Sport 2007", details to follow. CARRIED

5.2 Correspondence from previous meeting

- Letters regarding decisions made at the previous meeting were distributed.
- Minutes from the CSSF AGM were distributed.

6. Adjournment

MOTION by Segall to adjourn at 12:45pm.