

SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Executive Meeting Minutes April 22 & 23, 2007 Saskatoon Inn



1. Call to Order

President Wade Weseen called the meeting to order at 6:pm. In attendance were Barb Riley, Brian Gislason, Jack Nepjuk, Mark Edmonds, Larry Segall, Kevin Vollet, Roger Morgan, Vicki Moore, Lyle McKellar, Larry Lafrentz and Kim Platt. Jim Lissinna joined the meeting in progress. Missing with regrets Donna Diekrager.

1.1 Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

Corrections required to the February 2007 Executive meeting minutes: Add the motion regarding Executive Assistant's salaries. Delete Missing with regrets: Barb Riley.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Riley to adopt the February 4 & 5, 2007 minutes with adjustments. CARRIED

MOTION by Segall/Gislason to adopt the April 22 & 23, 2007 agenda. CARRIED

1.2 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 May meeting action list.

2. Reports

2.1 Financial Report

2.1.1 Budget Update

The budget amended and approved in February was circulated.

2.1.2 March Financial Overview

The March Financial Report was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Edmonds/McKellar to accept the March Financial Report. CARRIED

2.1.3 Winter Activities Financial Report

The winter activities financial report was circulated and reviewed.

2.2 Office Report

The Office Report was circulated and reviewed.

MOTION by Edmonds/McKellar that the Annual Meeting registration forms for District delegates include a provision for a list of alternate voting delegates. The use of an alternate delegate would only be allowed upon approval by the executive council and only in the case of exceptional circumstances. DEFEATED

MOTION by Moore/Segall that due to the research and testing conducted by the SHSAA Executive Council. The Executive Council recommend to the 2007 AGM a change from the Yonex Mavis 350 to the Yonex Mavis 300 shuttlecocks as the shuttlecock to be used for competitive interschool badminton, effective the 2008 season. CARRIED

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2.3 Executive Reports

2.3.1 Mixed Curling

Recommendation from the host committee that the SHSAA attempt to find funding to give each host a \$450.00 grant specifically for ice fees. Banquet speaker, Marcia Gudereidt was unable to attend due to weather.

2.3.2 Girls Curling

Banquet guest speaker was Mandy Selzer.

2.3.3 Boys Curling

Banquet speaker was unable to attend due to weather. The host committee improvised and had the teams do improve.

2.3.4 Regional Basketball

The 32 regional tournaments hosted across the province went very well.

2.3.5 Regional Wrestling

There were not enough officials for 3 mats so 2 mats were used making the event run a bit longer. Students from Regina competing the following week in the provincial finals were assigned as officials by SAWAOA. The on-site decision was to not use the high school aged officials as the on-mat official.

2.3.6 Hoopla

Great success in Regina. Regina host committee performed very well. Sponsors present during Hoopla commented how impressed they were with the recognition given to them in signs on gym walls, on the program and around the facilities. Leader Post was outstanding. There were articles in the paper from Wednesday to Tuesday.

2.3.7 Wrestling

At the 2006 AGM a motion was passed that a 1 vs. 2 crossover be reinstated as a semi-final for the Provincial Wrestling Championships. The resolution did not explain how the crossovers would be done and the SHSAA office determined to use the same format as the previous years and to seek clarification of the intent of the motion following the event. A committee was struck to fully explain the crossover proposal to indicate what will occur if they wrestlers matched up in the crossover have already wrestled and the order the criteria will be used.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Moore that given the acceptance by the SHSAA Executive Council of the clarification listed below, that the crossover draw approved for the provincial wrestling final by the 2006 SHSAA AGM be implemented, effective the 2008 championship. The following clarification of the crossover draw will be added to the SHSAA handbook wrestling section.

DRAW:

- a) *The draw will consist of a double elimination bracket draw, in multiples of eight (8, 16, 32)*
- b) *The first and second finisher in each half of the draw will compete in a 1 versus 2 crossover semi-final. The winners of the two semi-finals will wrestle for the gold medal. The two non-winners of the semi-finals will wrestle for the bronze medal.*

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The following procedure will be followed to determine the cross-over pairings:

- 1. The first semi-final will be A1 versus B2 and the second semi-final will be A2 versus B1.*
- 2. If either of the above pairings has faced each other in preliminary rounds, then the draw master will re-draw the semi-final matches (A1 versus B1 and A2 versus B2).*
- 3. If this redraw results in either of the semi-final opponents having faced each other, then the original pre-determined pairings (A1 versus B2 and A2 versus B1) will be used and the wrestlers will wrestle again in the semi-final.*

CARRIED

2.3.8 Sportsmanship Awards

Girls Curling – Bruno School

Boys Curling – Moose Jaw Vanier Collegiate

Mixed Curling – Esterhazy Central School

Wrestling – Saskatoon Holy Cross

Girls Basketball – Fillmore 33 Central School & Melfort Comprehensive

Boys Basketball – Clavet Composite School & Moose Jaw Central Collegiate

2.3.9 Activity Recommendation Forms for Executive Liaisons

The winter activity recommendation forms received from coaches at the event were distributed to the executive member responsible for the activity. The activity liaisons will review and bring forward any possible resolutions to the May meeting.

2.4 Committee Reports

2.4.1 Symposium

The symposium committee is finalizing the presenters. Brochures will be sent to the schools in mid May.

2.4.2 Officials

The committee suggested having a forward planning session at the AGM and to invite all district officials commissioners and hired athletic commissioners. The committee proposed the SHSAA retain the services of an individual to recruit, in-service and mentor prospective officials in the province. A letter and poster campaign is going to be used to recruit officials. The goal is to have each school recruit one individual to become an official.

2.4.3 Women in Sport

The pilot project will be held on June 8 & 9, 2007 in Saskatoon. The registration brochures have been distributed to the invited schools and many have been returned. The conference schedule will be finalized next week and sent to the coaches and students involved.

2.4.4 Finance & Management

The committee met to discuss a succession plan for the Executive Director position upon retirement of the current executive director.

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3. Decisions

3.1 Eligibility Requests

A request for exception to the eligibility bylaws was received from Rosetown Central High School on behalf of a student that came from an Alternative Education program in Weyburn. The student completed grade 10 in the Weyburn Alternative Education Program. When the student moved to Rosetown a decision was made by the education administration to place the student in a regular program with adaptations and modifications. The student entered a regular grade ten program at Rosetown in September of 2005.

MOTION by Edmonds/Moore that the educational record provided for this student be interpreted, for the purpose of determining the start of the student's period of eligibility for interschool athletics, as a grade ten student in September of 2005. Making the 2005-2006 school year as year one of the student's period of eligibility to participate in school sport. CARRIED

3.2 Team Withdrawals - Basketball

3.2.1 Redvers

A letter was received from Redvers School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boys & girls basketball. Weather conditions were cited as the reason for the teams not attending the conference playoffs.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Morgan that based on the appeal presented by Redvers School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's and girl's basketball teams for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED

3.2.2 Medstead

An email was received from the principal of Medstead School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boy's basketball. He indicated that their first year Phys. Ed. Teacher had registered for boys and girls basketball in error. The teacher was unaware that the school would not participate in this sport.

MOTION by Segall/Moore that based on the appeal presented by Medstead School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's basketball teams for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED

3.2.3 Frontier

A letter was received from Frontier School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boys basketball. Their mid-winter break was on the week of conference play and a few players had family commitments and were unable to attend. This left the team with 5 players.

MOTION by Edmonds/McKellar that based on the appeal presented by Frontier School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's basketball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. DEFEATED

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3.2.3 Rockglen

A letter was received from Rockglen School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boys basketball. Weather conditions were cited as the reason for the boys basketball team not attending the conference playoff.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Riley that based on the appeal presented by Rockglen School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's basketball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED

3.2.4 Canoe Lake

A letter was received from Canoe Lake School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boys basketball. The coach went on maternity leave February 1 and another teacher took over coaching the team. The new coach had difficulty in arranging games and fielding a team.

MOTION by Segall/Moore that based on the appeal presented by Canoe Lake School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's basketball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. DEFEATED

3.2.5 Makwa Sahgaiehcan

There was no correspondence received from Makwa Sahgaiehcan School stating the reason for withdrawing from boys basketball. **An invoice will be sent to the school for withdrawal from boys basketball.**

3.2.6 Sally Ross

A letter of appeal was received from Sally Ross School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boys basketball. Clarification from the principal will be requested.

3.2.7 Beauval

A letter was received from Beauval Valley View School stating they were aware of the withdrawal fee. **The school will be invoiced for withdrawing from Boys and Girls Basketball.**

3.2.8 Ahtahkakoop

There was no correspondence received from Ahtahkakoop School. **An invoice will be sent to the school for withdrawal from boys basketball.**

3.2.9 Regina Scott

A letter of appeal was received from Scott Collegiate for boys basketball. The administration indicated attendance and academic expectations are an important factor in student participation in all extra curricular activities. A number of students from the senior team were not attending classes or meeting expectations established for them in their schoolwork. A decision was made to disband the senior team for the remainder of the season. The school had intended on meeting the conference playoff expectations of the SHSAA with their junior team. However, due to their success in the Regina league a conflict between the city junior league playoffs and the SHSAA conference playoffs did not allow them to participate in conference play.

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MOTION by Nepjuk/Riley that based on the appeal presented by Scott Collegiate the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the boy's basketball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED

3.2.10 Stoughton

A letter was received from Stoughton Central School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for girls basketball. Weather conditions were cited as the reason for the girls basketball team not attending the conference playoff.

MOTION by Segall/Edmonds that based on the appeal presented by Stoughton School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the girl's basketball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED

3.2.11 Hanley

The office was in contact with the principal and coach from Hanley Composite School about the withdrawal from the girls conference basketball. The school indicated a few girls from the team that also qualified for provincial curling the same weekend and others were involved in a track event.

MOTION by Nepjuk/Edmonds that based on the appeal presented by Hanley School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the girl's basketball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. DEFEATED

3.2.12 Coronach

A letter was received from Coronach School appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for girls basketball. Weather conditions were cited as the reason for the girls basketball team not attending the conference playoff.

MOTION by Morgan/Riley that based on the appeal presented by Coronach School the \$200 withdrawal fee charged to the girl's basketball team for not participating in the conference playoffs be refunded. CARRIED

3.3 Basketball Scholarship

The applications for the Canada Basketball Scholarships were distributed to the selection committee. The successful applicants names will be forwarded to Canada Basketball by May 15, 2007 with a joint announcement made after this date.

3.4 Keeseekoose Volleyball Withdrawals

A letter was received from Keeseekoose Education Centre appealing the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boys conference volleyball. The morning of the playoffs the coach went around to pick up the students but was unable to field a team.

MOTION by Segall/Moore to waive the \$200.00 withdrawal fee for boys volleyball. DEFEATED

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4. Discussion

4.1 Track Rotation

A letter was received from Prince Albert indicating the track facility in Prince Albert will be undergoing renovations, which will not be completed in time for the 2008 SHSAA provincial championship. Prince Albert requested to be moved back one year in the hosting rotation from 2008 to 2009. The SHSAA will contact Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon to seek one as a host location for 2008.

4.2 Cheerleading

A letter was received from the Saskatchewan Cheerleading Association requesting that cheerleading be included as a recognized sport. The SCA would like to be under the SHSAA umbrella and would like the SHSAA to appoint the SCA's rules and regulations as the official set of rules to be followed by all cheerleading teams in Saskatchewan. The office was directed to meet with the Saskatchewan Cheerleading Association to discuss.

4.3 Six-Man Football

A letter was received from Troy Wist, Central Butte School, with regards to six-man football. He believes that the classification system for six-man football is flawed and that the population split is too high. Classifications for all activities are currently under review. A discussion regarding classifications is planned for the Annual Meeting.

4.4 Beach Volleyball

The office met with Saskatchewan Volleyball Association to discuss a beach volleyball tournament. The SVA is seeking exposure for this game to high school students, as it is now an Olympic sport. They had previously requested to run a tournament for high school teams in the spring. The SHSAA had indicated they could not support this, as it would allow schools to play volleyball out of the prescribed season. The SVA will be seeking a school to undertake a beach volleyball event for schools only in the fall.

4.5 Officiating Concern – Luther College

A letter of concern was received from Luther College with regards to a basketball playoff game held in Prince Albert. It was reported that one of the officials had a daughter on the home team. The letter also indicated the official visited with fans during intermissions and time-outs. It was explained by the assignor that the official in question was not originally assigned to work this playoff game. He was a last minute replacement due to another official becoming unavailable for family reasons. The office has contacted the ref-in-chief and outlined other concerns listed in the letter regarding the game management by the official in question.

MOTION by McKellar/Edmonds to write a letter to Luther College explaining the circumstances. CARRIED

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4.6 Forward Planning

4.6.1 Sport Academies

4.6.1.1 St. Mary Announcement – Six Sport Academies

4.6.1.2 Saskatoon Soccer Academies

The SHSAA board met with Mark Phaneuf, Principal, and Dale Regel, Athletic Director, of St. Mary High School seeking information on the sport academies that will start at their school in the 2007-2008 school year. St. Mary has announced academies in the fall semester for volleyball, football and soccer and the winter semester will offer sport academies in basketball, golf, track and a general high performance program. Saskatoon Centennial Collegiate Principal, Shami Rathwell and Athletic Director, Shane Bradley explained their soccer sport academy and John Marciniuk represented the Saskatoon Catholic high schools who will offer soccer sport academy opportunities in 2007-2008. The SHSAA Executive Council listened to the explanation of each school's academy programs, informed the schools of policies that exist in other jurisdictions regarding academies and listed possible concerns that may come forward in Saskatchewan. Following the session the Executive Council determined to take a wait and see approach and to monitor the effect of the academies.

4.6.1.3 Alberta Policy

Alberta's policy regarding sport academies was circulated and reviewed.

4.6.1.4 BC Policy

British Columbia's policy regarding sport academies was circulated and reviewed.

4.6.2 Classification

The office put together 6 proposals for classification systems. The document was reviewed and discussed. Each executive member was asked to review the proposals and be prepared to discuss proposals that may best suit Saskatchewan.

4.7 AGM Resolution Review

The resolutions proposed are items taken from the coaches' evaluations, commissioner reports and executive meetings. These items were discussed and the successful resolutions will be added to the resolution package for the May meeting.

4.8 AGM Agenda

The AGM Agenda was circulated and reviewed. The Agenda will be finalized at the May meeting.

5. Information

5.1 Thank You Letters

5.1.1 Campbell Collegiate – Hoopla

A thank you letter was received from Campbell Collegiate. The school expressed their gratitude in being involved in such a tremendous experience.

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5.1.2 Nicole Braun – U of S Book Prize Winner

An email was received from U of S student Nicole Braun thanking the Association for sponsoring the First Year Book Prize. Nicole participated in SHSAA activities and was very happy to receive an award from an organization that impacted her life in a positive way.

5.1.3 Sask Sports Hall of Fame

A letter was received from the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame thanking the Association for renewing our membership.

5.1.4 SGL – Sponsorship

A letter and cheque for \$2000.00 was received from SGI in support of the Boys, Girls & Mixed Provincial Curling Championships.

5.1.5 U of R – Cougar Fundraising Dinner

The SHSAA purchased two tickets to the U of R Cougar fundraising dinner.

5.2 Correspondence Received

5.2.1 U of R Sponsorship for Hoopla

The U of R provided the SHSAA with \$1,000.00 of sponsorship towards Hoopla in return for recognition which included: an opportunity to circulate U of R literature at kiosks set up at the gyms, U of R information included in the coaches' packages, banner displayed at all the gyms hosting Hoopla, sponsorship recognition in the Hoopla Program.

5.2.2 Sask Sport Funding for 2007-2008

A letter was received notifying the SHSAA that the 2007-2008 Sask Sport funding has been deposited.

5.2.3 Sask Sport Funding for 2008-2009

A letter was received from Sask Sport notifying the SHSAA of the approved funding for 2008-2009.

5.2.4 St. Angela Academy Closure

A letter was received from St. Angela's Academy indicating that the school will close as of June 30, 2007.

5.2.5 Human Kinetics

The SHSAA has chosen to remove the Human Kinetics link from the SHSAA website because they were the only sponsor on the website that was not providing financial support. There is now a resource link for SIRC (Sport Research Intelligence Supportive), the resource centre for Sport, Culture and Recreation. Resources are available on loan.

5.2.6 Delisle Rebels 4A Girls Seeding

A letter was received from Delisle Composite School with regards to the 4A Girls seeding.

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5.2.7 Apology Hoopla Fan – Kenaston

A letter of apology was received from a Kenaston Hoopla Fan with regards to his behaviour towards an official.

5.3 Invitations

5.3.1 SaskTel Sports Centre

An invitation was received to attend an information reception for use of the SaskTel Sports Centre in Saskatoon.

5.3.2 Saskatchewan School Boards Association

An invitation was received to meet with the Executive of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

5.3.3 NFHS Summer Meeting

The NFHS is holding their Annual Summer Meeting in Palm Springs, California July 1-4, 2007.

MOTION by Segall/McKellar to approve the office staff attending the NFHS Summer Meeting. CARRIED

5.4 Correspondence from February Executive Meeting

5.4.1 Estevan Comprehensive

A letter of concern was sent to Estevan Comprehensive due to an incident at the 3A Boy's Provincial Soccer Championships. A reply was received from Estevan.

5.4.2 Victor Shuttles

Victor Racquets Canada Ltd. sent shuttle samples for the SHSAA to test.

5.4.3 Coach Information - South Central District

The South Central District Coaches information was circulated.

5.4.4 Coaches Checklist - West Central

The West Central Coaches Checklist was circulated.

5.4.5 Big River School Intent to Play Six-Man Football

Big River School notified the SHSAA of their intent to participate in six-man football.

5.4.6 ASAA CEO / MLA Survey

A survey done by Alberta with regards to High School sport involvement was circulated.

7. Next Meeting

Sunday, May 13th @ 6:00pm and Monday, May 14th @ 9:00am, Regina

8. Adjournment

MOTION by Lissinna to adjourn at 3:00pm.