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**To: SAC Reps**  
**From: Don McEwen & Amanda Maks**  
**Date: Friday, August 26th, 2011**  
**Time: 1:30 p.m.**  
**Place: Royal Vale High School Auditorium**  
**5851 Somerled Ave. NDG (Draper entrance)**

### Minutes

100 Additions to and approval of Agenda

- 401 RSEQ report
- 402 Bantam Football motion
- 403 Fall Championships
- 404 Indoor Soccer Schedule – Div. 3
- 405 Ringuette

200 2011-12

- 201 Calendar: Indoor Soccer Season will be starting on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and the Cross country run will be held on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. The dates requested for Indoor Track & Field have been confirmed. These are both Wednesdays.
- 202 Starting times/early dismissals: Please remember that schools are not obliged to start games before 3:30pm. If both coaches agree, it is not a problem, but they cannot be required to start earlier – even if one of the schools finishes their day earlier. The same thing applies to schools that finish later – they are not required to disrupt their regular Phys. Ed classes so that games can start at 3:30. They could still be asked to travel for a 3:30 start.
- 203 Pre Payments – The list of sports with the entry deadlines and pre-payments was distributed. Our costs have increased – especially things like referee fees (because of gas prices) and affiliation and membership fees. The pre payments are higher than last year hopefully a more accurate estimate of what the sport will cost to run. We would like to avoid any surprises when you get your bills at the end of the season. Please get your pre-payments as soon as possible. We need that money to run the activities – bills for officials, awards etc. all come in before the seasons end and we have to pay them.
- 204 Non Member Schools & travel & playoffs: A copy of the letter sent to all Non-Member schools was distributed. Member schools are not required to travel to off-island non-member schools. **Please make sure that your coaches are aware of this before the scheduling meetings – do not agree to travel at the meeting and then ask to change it later.**



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- 205 Invoices: Statements updated to August 21<sup>st</sup> were handed out. If you think there is an error, please call the office. Kindly use any credit you have on the first activity you enter, and send us any balance owing from June.
- 206 Coaches Commitment Forms: Only send a form for a coach once – we do not need one for each sport (exception is Rugby). You can also list several people on one form to cut down on the paper work.
- 207 Media coverage / Championship Photos / Cub Reporters: We will once again be covered by the Suburban Newspaper. The Cub reporter project will be in place again this year. The date for the workshop for these students will be mid September and will confirmed shortly. Please encourage your students to get involved.
- 208 Sportsmanship / carry over suspensions: Don will be contacting schools that appear to have suspensions that were not completed. These carry over to this year, including CEGEP in some cases, so we need to know if the student has graduated as well.
- 209 Concussion Package: Each school received a revised kit put out by the Montreal Children's Hospital. These contain information on how to recognize if your player has suffered a concussion as well as the sport specific steps to be followed once they are cleared to return to practice. A letter describing an evaluation process that will be done by the doctors was also included. Please encourage your coaches to take advantage of this service. The information can be copied so everyone has it. So far, we are the only region that they are in partnership with.
- 210 Handbook Revisions / June minutes: The minutes contain several Handbook changes that were passed last June. These will be in effect for the 2011-2012 school year so please take the time to read them and inform your coaches.
- 211 Age Categories – Basketball and Rugby: The basketball and Rugby ages that will be in effect this year will be based on a 1-2-2 model. All other sports (except hockey and Bantam football which remain the same as always) will still follow the 2-2-1 model as in past. **It is important that you check the ages of your players carefully. Someone that is bantam in soccer or volleyball could be midget in basketball and rugby.**
- 212 Two teams at the same level in same Division: A school may enter 2 teams in **Division III only** in the same age group. Details are in the June minutes. SAC Reps are asked to ensure that both teams are Division III caliber before entering them.



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- 301 Score sheets/Sports line: Score sheets are to be sent in as soon as possible and the sports line (the number is on every score sheet) **MUST** be called the night of the game. These are the responsibilities of the **Home Team**. All score sheets are to be signed by the staff member responsible for the team.
- 302 Schedule Changes: Schedule changes that are made as after the 1 week grace period following the posting of the schedule will carry a charge of \$10.00 if they are not because of an emergency. These must be agreed to by **both coaches** before noon of the school day prior to the scheduled start.
- 303 No home field: Schools with no home field could be asked to cover the cost of the additional rental fees.
- 304 SAC Responsibilities: The SAC guideline was distributed. Please refer to it carefully and be sure that you follow the procedures outlined. You are responsible for making sure that all forms are sent on time. All team entries must have your signature as well as that of the Principal. **We need you to make sure that there is one person per team at the scheduling meetings and that everyone has a calendar with all of the necessary information – all games for other teams in you school, Ped. Days, Carnival, parent interviews etc.** You also need to check the posted schedules for **every** team in your school to ensure that there are no conflicts (home volleyball and basketball scheduled on the same day etc.).
- 305 Website update: Please check the website and send us all corrections or changes pertaining to your school – New Principal, Fax numbers, bus routes etc. Also make sure that we have the names and locations of your home facilities.
- 306 Entry into Division 3: The letter regarding guidelines for entry to Division was distributed. This is a problem every year because teams that enter Division III **should not be in Div III**. There have been far too many lop sided scores in past. **You are responsible for making sure that your teams are in the correct division**. Division 3 is for weaker inexperienced teams and should be a participation league. Being competitive, not necessarily winning should be the criteria.
- 307 Derogation procedure: The procedure for requesting a derogation for a student as well as requesting permission to register an outreach student are on page 1 of the governing rules. All requests for the start of the fall season need to be submitted before the Board of Directors meet on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 400 Various
- 401 RSEQ report – Information on the De Facto Anti-smoking campaign and the Gobes-tu ca? program being promoted by the RSEQ was distributed (see June minutes). Schools will be receiving more information, posters etc. in the fall. For more information please call Robin at the office.



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- 402 Bantam football motion: A motion to reduce the minimum number of players required to **15** was sent from the bantam football coaches. The present minimum is 20. The motion was passed at the football meeting 4-0-2.

Motion to accept: Maxine Rupert                      Second: Jeff Bateman                      Unan

- 403 Fall Championships: LCCHS has volunteered to host the Div. I soccer championships again this year at Riverside Park. Anyone willing to host any other championships (during any season) should contact the office. LCC will host the Hockey championships and Bialik has volunteered to host the Girls basketball.
- 404 Div III Indoor soccer: The possibility of extending the Div. III indoor soccer season was raised. Since they are not eligible for the Provincials, it was felt that extending their season into March could cut down on some of the potential conflicts with basketball. This will be discussed at the scheduling meeting and if possible, will be done.
- 405 Ringuette: Any schools interested in ringuette should let us know at the office. If there are 4 or more schools, we will look at the possibility of setting up a league. When the season would run, number of games etc. would all be finalized before anyone would be asked to commit.
- 406 Boys touch football: The boys touch football league will now be offered at all 3 levels – Bantam, Midget and Juvenile. We will need a minimum of 4 teams at a level to run it.