



# **SPORT ÉTUDIANT**

## Greater Montreal - GMAA

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### **COMPULSORY Meeting for All G.M.A.A. High Schools**

#### Meeting: First Secondary Advisory Meeting

**To: SAC Reps**

**From: Don McEwen/Amanda Maks**

**Date: Thursday, December 3, 2009.**

**Time: 1:00 p.m. (Light lunch will be provided)**

**Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave. Lawrence Patterson Room**

**Present: Betty Druzin, Kathleen Cook, Dave Reid, Karen Craigmyle, Sarah Neeff, Kyle Peterdy, Maxine Rupert, Robert Moore, Chris Merritt, Chris Bedic, Rene Horisberger, Jim Pierson, Kyle Van de Graaf, Monica Healey, Tracy Lapierre, Derek Nichols, Louise Bianchini, William Cho, Pat Sullivan, Sam Mendolia, Antonio Farinaccio, Elad Ben-Eli, Steve Forman, Jaime Guy, George Spilitakis, Jeff Bateman, Marco Santillo, Marc Faubert, Rob Reid, Don McEwen, Amanda Maks**

#### **Minutes**

Harry Hus started the meeting with the presentation of a ‘revolutionary’ inflatable soccer goal.

#### **100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda**

Additions:

514 Boys Championship Basketball Venue

515 Cub Reporter Program

516 Olympic Torch Relay – December 9, 2009

Motion to approve: Dave Reid – RIVHS

Seconded: Betty Druzin – BHS

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#### **200 Approval of Minutes of June 2009**

Motion to approve: Betty Druzin – BHS

Seconded: Louise Bianchini – VMC

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#### **300 Business arising**

301 Board of Directors Report – All recommendations from the June SAC Meeting were approved by the Board of Directors. So far this year we have had two requests for Derogation. One from Beaconsfield High School that was approved and the other from Royal Vale School that is in the process of being decided upon. The GMAA ran at a deficit last year (2008-2009) therefore the surplus that was supposed to be re-distributed to the schools, will not be. The GMAA expects to run at a deficit again this year (2009-2010) so that the surplus is reduced to an appropriate level.

302 Website/SAC Rep info - Please check your schools’ website to make sure the information is correct. Make sure you verify the principals’ name, SAC Rep name, Arena for hockey, bus routes, directions to the school, etc. Pictures – if you have photos of your teams in action please send them along to the gmaa by email or send a CD with the pictures on it. We will post them onto that sports’ site. SAC Rep Info – all SAC Reps who were at the August Meeting filled out an Info Sheet. Anyone who was not there can fill one out today. If you aren’t sure, we brought the forms from August.

303 Score sheets & Sports line /Registrations - Please make sure your coaches are sending in their scoresheets on time and filled in properly with game numbers and dates. Please also make sure your coaches are calling the sportsline the night of the game with the score. Once the scores are uploaded for that day, a \$10 fine will be issued for a score not called in. Also make sure you are following the deadlines for Player Registration Forms. You can get your coaches to check the "Form Checklist" on each sport's page to make sure that all the required paperwork is in the office. In the Fall Season this year we had 15 Coaches Commitment Forms not in, 98 Scoresheets not handed in and 63 Sportsline violations.

## 500 **New Business**

501 Indoor Soccer changes - FQSE passed the use of a new ball for the Indoor Soccer Provincials. They are asking that our teams also use it in our leagues. This was mentioned at the June SAC Meeting. It will be discussed at the Pre-Season Meeting for this season, but when ordering soccer balls, it would be wise to order at least 1 FUTSAL ball to make sure you have one on hand. Right now, the rules are not changing, just the type of ball used.

502 Fall Season Summary - Don handed out a sheet with the summary of the Fall Sports as well as the withdrawals and ejections.

503 Invoices - The format of the invoices is the same as year. They should be much easier to read. If you have questions please contact Don or Robin at the office. Please pay any balance as soon as possible. If your school has a credit, please use it for the next sport that you participate in. A letter outlining all the fines that are included in your invoices will be sent to the schools next week.

504 Withdrawals & Ejections – See 502 (Fall Season Summary)

505 Schedule changes - As usual the number of changes on the schedules for the Fall Season was ridiculous. In Soccer alone, we had 177 games changed out of a total of 539 games on the schedule, that's a percentage of 33% of the games having had a change. In touch football there were 15 changes out of 35 games, for 43% of games being changed. Please send your coaches to the scheduling meetings with their conflict reports and calendars of school activities. The changes are becoming so frequent that the referee assignors are becoming frustrated.

If you would like to see how many changes your schools had for the fall season, please see Amanda after the meeting or write her an email in the office. She printed out a list of all the changes and all the numbers of teams for each school. (We didn't want to hand it out, in case it was too embarrassing for certain schools...)

506 Sponsors / MVP's – We have lost all of our major sponsors in terms of money. Puma still gave us product for our MVP's but none of the other companies (Baden, Black Knight, Spalding) have gotten back to us. At this point we can either get rid of Championship MVP awards altogether or we can find an alternative to game balls. A motion was put on the floor by Sarah Neeff to replace the Game Ball award with a commemorative plaque that will be handed out to the game MVP at end of the championship game, the cost of which will be divided among the teams in the league.

Moved: Sarah Neeff – ECS

Seconded: George Spiliotakis – RHS

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507 Post-Season Evaluation Sheet - Form is posted on the GMAA Site under High School – please have coaches fill it out at the end of the season so we can get some feedback and what the coaches think of the leagues. We have yet to receive a Post Season League Eval this year...

508 Handbook Revisions / Motions from Fall Season Sports Committees

- Bantam Football
- Touch Football
- Golf
- Swimming

A motion was put on the floor by Elad Ben Eli that all motions passed in the Sports Committee Meetings be passed.

Moved: Elad Ben-Eli – HZS

Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT

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509 Spring Playoffs – The default starting time for all Spring Sports will be 4:00pm. This is due to the many in-class exams that take place in starting in May. Coaches should be made aware of this when making their schedules. If your field is only available to book at 2:00pm please find another field. We will also look at the starting time of our Division I Showcase Championships to make sure the teams are available to play at the earliest starting time.

510 MVP Dinner - Location, Speaker - Last year a survey was handed out at the MVP dinner regarding Location. Most suggestions made were not large enough to accommodate the number of people we have attending. The two options that Robin found were: Buffet Crystal in St Laurent or Crown Plaza on Cote-de-Liesse. Robin and Don will be going to the Crown Plaza to look around on Monday.

Prices:

The Price at Buffet Antique is around \$35-\$37 per person.

The Price at the Crown Plaza is around \$35-\$37 per person.

The Price at Buffet Crystal is around \$50-\$52 per person.

Don and Robin will report back after seeing the Crown Plaza. A couple of people mentioned that it is a very nice venue with great food.

511 FQSE Report

Indoor Soccer – As discussed, will be using the new FUTSAL ball for their Indoor Soccer Provincials and suggest that all regions use it in their leagues as well.

Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field – have adjusted some of the events for those Provincials. Coaches will be given a list of the new events at the Pre-Season Meetings for those sports.

Basketball – FBBQ has required all leagues to implement man-to-man defence at the Midget level as well as Bantam for this season. Coaches were informed at the Basketball Pre-Season (and scheduling) Meetings.

Strategic Development Plan – FQSE has put out a Strategic Development Plan for the next 5 years. They had it printed in English for our region. Each school can take a copy.

Grant from SLIM – The grant that we receive from the URLS (Urbanite Regional de Loisir et Sports) is up for re-negotiations this April 2010. We are not a protected envelope; therefore it is possible that we lose some of our grant. One thing that may be in our favour is that one of our Board Members, Jason Ferris, is now on the Board of Directors for SLIM.

IsoActive – Pamphlet for the program (in English). More to come about that in the future.

512 Provincials – Travel costs – The GMAA will again be covering the costs of sending teams to provincials. This is the last year that the Board has agreed to pay for transportation. Amanda and Don will discuss other alternatives than charging the schools or individuals who are attending.

513 Concordia-International Olympic Weightlifting Club - For information  
[www.concordia-international.org](http://www.concordia-international.org)

514 Basketball Boys Venue for Championships - We do not have a venue for the Division I Juvenile Boys Basketball Championships in Feb (Thursday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>). Games are scheduled at 4:00 – 6:00 and 8:00pm. If anyone would like to volunteer their school, please contact the office.

515 Cub Reporter Program – The partnership with the Suburban is going very well. We have had one-page in each issue since the beginning of the year. If your school doesn't receive the paper, you can always go online to check out the online copy. Please remember to check the Suburban weekly (Wednesdays). They have a full page of GMAA coverage each week. This week is a JG JRHS vs. MACD basketball game. They also have a column of standings each week as well. Should we schedule another session for GMAA Cub Reporters? Yes, around 10-15 schools raised their hands with interest. As long as the students are available to attend on the day it is scheduled (January) Have any schools articles been published? Bialik definitely had an article published in the paper. Email the office if you would like to get involved.

516 Olympic Torch Relay December 9, 2009 - 4 GMAA schools are participating in the Olympic Torch Relay when it passes through Montreal. Schools were chosen based on the fact that they have helped out the GMAA Office by hosting some of the Championship or Elementary Events. Students from those schools will run behind the official torch-bearers at the Olympic Stadium on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Each sector will be represented (LBPSB, EMSB, Private and Elementary). Schools are: PCHS, LMAC, LCC. And RVALE Elementary.