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

Meeting: Final Secondary Advisory Meeting

To: SAC Reps
From: Don McEwen / Amanda Maks
Date: Wednesday June 9, 2010.
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, Lawrence Patterson Room

AGENDA

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

Add 412 – Basketball Tournaments

Motion to approve: Betty Druzin – BHS Seconded: Ivan Spilak - VMC Unan.

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec 2009

Motion to approve: Marc Faubert – STT Seconded: Dave Reid – RIVHS Unan.

300 Business arising

a. Board of Directors Report

All SAC Motions from the December SAC Meeting were passed at the Board of Directors. One issue that the Board was looking into was Sponsorship on Team Uniforms. Due to the changes in the Educational Act and the restriction of advertising directed at students the Board has decided to implement a new policy regarding sponsorship on team uniforms. The only sponsor that will be permitted on the team uniforms will be the manufacturer's logo (Puma, Nike, Adidas).

b. Cub Reporter / Media coverage / Coach of the Year

Cub Reporter – will have another session in late September for any new cubs who would be interested in covering GMAA events. One or two schools participated this year and some articles were published in the paper copies of the Suburban. The date for the Cub Reporter session will be discussed with the Suburban, and confirmed by the August SAC meeting so that schools can find and send their cubs.

Media Coverage – Example of a GMAA Page was printed for everyone. Each week since September in each edition of the Suburban we had a GMAA page with Articles, Photos and Stats for GMAA events.

Coach of the Year – was proposed by the Suburban this year we had 5 applicants and the winner, chosen by the Suburban was Martin Page from Sacred Heart School. The Suburban will make the official presentation at Sacred Heart later in June.

c. Delinquent payments / June invoice / 2010-2011 pre-payments

Most payments from the Winter invoices are in, thank you for those. The June Invoices are not ready for today, they will be mailed to the Schools before the end of the week. Each Invoice will be accompanied by a fine letter outlining all the fines incurred by the school for the Spring sports. That letter will be addressed to the administration but cc'd to the SAC rep.

List of Pre-Payments – some were increased, some decreased, and some remained the same. All budgeted expenses are based on last year and this years' numbers and all pre-payments are based on a maximum number of games being played. In cases where the maximum number of games is not played, teams will be credited the difference. Some sports increased substantially, like softball (because of the ordering of softballs and the 2 umpire requirement). Juvenile Hockey currently does not include the referee costs and may have to change depending on the motions to be discussed in section 405.

The column that reads Admin Fee will be changed to read Non-Member Fee.

d. Score sheets, sports line, forms

We still have way too many fines being collected for sportsline and scoresheet issues. There were close to 500 fines assessed this year for sportsline calls not being made and for scoresheets not being sent in. This causes problems in the office, especially around playoff time when the stats have to be updated. We also double-check the referee assignments using the scoresheets. Please try to make sure your coaches are sending in the information.

e. MVP

Feedback from the location change was very positive even though the costs were higher. People seemed to appreciate that the location is now a little more central and that there was plenty of parking for everyone. The potential to change the date of the MVP banquet to later in May/Early June was discussed. This would allow the Spring teams to actually choose their MVPs after the season. It would not effect any exam periods since the dinner starts at 5:30pm. A motion was put on the floor to move the date of the MVP Banquet to June 1st for the 2011 season.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Betty Druzin – BHS

Vote: For: 42

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion is passed and the date for the MVP Banquet will be set for Wednesday, June 1st, 2011.

400 **New Business**

401 Competition Committee Report and recommendations – to be presented at the meeting
(Please see Competition Committee report attached) **AND**

402 Calendar/Sports Priority – report to be presented at the meeting

Issue #1 – Number of schedule changes

Recommendations from the Competition Committee:

- 1) **That all changes carry a \$10 fine (excluding emergency situations)**
- 2) **That no change will be accepted unless it has been confirmed by both schools before 4pm at least four school days prior to the scheduled game. A request to make a change within that four-day period will be denied by the office.**

A motion to accept the recommendations was put on the floor

Moved: Laurie Traylen – STUDY

Seconded: Max Rupert – LCC

Discussion: Is \$10 enough? Should we look at a possibility of increasing the fine after a certain number of changes? For example \$10 fine for the first 10 changes, but any change after the 10th be charged a \$20 fine.

There was also a concern with last-minute field trips and activities put on by the school administration forcing the games to be rescheduled. If the Administration does this, they can write the GMAA office a letter explaining the situation and requesting that an exception be made in this particular case.

Vote: For: 39

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 3

Motion is passed.

Issue #2 – Teams entering leagues with no home field

Recommendations from the Competition Committee:

Teams entering a GMAA league with no home field can be held responsible for the extra costs incurred by the hosting school. Examples of these costs include (but are not limited to), rental costs, travel costs, etc.

A motion to accept the recommendations was put on the floor.

Moved: Laurie Traylen – STUDY

Seconded: Sarah Neeff – ECS

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Motion is passed.

Issue #3 – Teams not represented at the scheduling meetings

Recommendations from the Competition Committee:

- 1) **Any school that does not send a representative to the scheduling meeting be fined \$100 per team.**
- 2) **Any coach who does not send a representative to the scheduling meeting be sent to the Coaches Code of Ethics Committee.**

A motion to accept the recommendations was put on the floor.

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Laurie Traylen – STUDY

Discussion: Schools want to find a way to slow down the process so that it's not complete chaos. It is recommended that schools bring senior students to do the scheduling but sometimes these students are 'bullied' by the adult coaches and come back with a schedule that requires a lot of changes. Another suggestion was that the GMAA make up each teams' schedule. One suggestion was that we split the dates of the girls and boys scheduling meetings so that people may be freed up to come to both meetings to represent two teams. Another suggestion was to schedule the different levels at different times in order to reduce the number of coaches and the chaos. Then one coach would be able to schedule teams at 3 levels. Another comment was the 'no-show' coach isn't the biggest problem; the biggest problem is the one coach who shows up to schedule 2-3 different teams.

Vote: For: 0
Opposed: 34
Abstentions: 9

Motion is defeated.

This issue will be tabled until the August SAC meeting. Don and Amanda will try to come up with a new format for the scheduling meetings that may include a time adjustment based on the category. A proposal will be made at the August SAC Meeting to possibly be implemented at the Soccer scheduling meetings.

Issue #5 – MVP Awards

Recommendations from the Competition Committee:

All team sports should have the opportunity to name a game MVP for the Championship Game. In the sports that have a sponsor and thus have gifts, those gifts are to be given to the Game MVP. In the sports that have lost their sponsors, or have never had sponsors, a Game MVP Plaque will be given to the MVP.

A motion to accept the recommendations was put on the floor.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC Seconded: Dan Nathan – PCHS Unan.

Motion is passed.

Issue #6 – Non-Member Off-Island Schools Travel

Recommendation from the Competition Committee:

That all off-island non-member schools will travel to GMAA Member schools in the playoffs regardless of seeds. (Example: 4A at 1B – 4A will host if 1B is an off-island Non-Member school)

A motion to accept the recommendation was put on the floor.

Moved: Betty Druzin – BHS Seconded: Andy D'Allessandro – LMAC

Vote: For: 39

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4

Motion is passed.

Issue #4 – Calendar

A Proposal was made by some Indoor Soccer coaches to adjust the GMAA calendar so that Indoor Soccer starts in mid-November and finishes in mid-March; that Volleyball be adjusted to play from February until April and for Basketball to continue as scheduled.

Recommendations from the Competition Committee:

It is recommended that the proposal to change the format of the GMAA Calendar be rejected.

A motion to accept the recommendation was put on the floor.

Moved: Laurie Traylen – STUDY Seconded: Chris Merritt – WIC

Vote: For: 42

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion is passed (to reject the proposal).

A copy of the Calendar was handed out to all SAC reps. The only adjustments are: the new date for the MVP Banquet and the possible change for the Hockey scheduling meetings (to be discussed in 405). This is also assuming that day-long events are permitted in the spring season due to in-class exams.

Recommendations from the Competition Committee:

This calendar will be presented to SAC to be approved for the 2010-2011 season (with the MVP issue to be voted on at the meeting).

A motion to accept the recommendation was put on the floor.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC Seconded: George Spiliotakis – RHS Unan

Calendar is accepted.

403 Coaches Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee

(See Proposal from Hockey Sub-Committee) It is the feeling of the Hockey coaches that that the coach must take responsibility for the behaviour of his players and coaching staff – both on the ice as well as on the bench. This applies to before, during, and after the game. A procedure for dealing with major incidents was put into place that holds the coach accountable and subject to sanctions.

A motion was put on the floor to accept the proposal from the Hockey Sub-Committee for the GMAA Hockey League.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC Seconded: Peter Govan – SELW Unan

A motion was put on the floor to implement this procedure for all GMAA Team Sports.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT

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404 Winter / Spring Summary

An information sheet was handed out with the defaults, withdrawals, ejection and numbers of schools and teams for the Winter and Spring Sports. Many of the ejections are no longer for violent reasons, but for abuse of the officials. Please remind your coaches to set an example for their teams.

405 Handbook revision proposals

A motion was put on the floor to accept the proposals from the Badminton, Indoor Soccer, Rugby and Tennis Sports Committees.

Moved: Betty Druzin – BHS

Seconded: Andy D'Allessandro – LMAC Unan

Motion is passed.

A motion was put on the floor to accept Hockey Proposals #4-5-6-and7. Concerning defaults, mouth guards, AA rules and sweaters tucked in. This motion was then amended to remove Proposal #4 – defaults.

Moved: George Spiliotakis – RHS

Seconded: Kyle Peterdy – LA

Vote: For: 43

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

After much discussion concerning the time of the default and the reasons for defaulting, a motion was put on the floor to accept the Hockey Proposal #4 – that any team defaulting a game that is not due to an 'emergency' will be penalized one point in the standings in addition to the existing financial penalties.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Jack Archambault – FACE

Vote: For: 38

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 4

Hockey Proposal #1 reads that the girls' teams will be responsible for obtaining their own referees (like the PeeWee teams) for all league games. Playoff games will be assigned by the referee assignor.

This proposal prompted much discussion as to the reason behind the girls teams getting their own referees. Is it because they are girls, or is it because the league is a non-contact league. The PeeWee teams have been finding their own referees since the league started (6-7 years) with no problems whatsoever. There were concerns that this would become a 'Girls vs. Boys' issue since we are talking about Juvenile Girls (16-17 year olds) as opposed to PeeWee boys (and girls) (11-12 year olds). It is also more difficult to find your own certified and 'official' referees.

A motion was put on the floor to accept the Hockey proposal.

Moved: George Spiliotakis – RHS

Seconded: Dan Martin – HSTL

Vote: For: 1

Opposed: 22

Abstentions: 20

Motion is defeated.

The defeat of this motion nullifies Hockey proposal #2 (that reads, 'The scheduling meeting take place over two days, BB and JB on the first day and JG and PW on the second day'.) This no longer applies.

Hockey proposal #3 states that a 3-referee system will be used at the Bantam Boys level as much as possible. This will depend on the number of officials available after all Juvenile games are covered.

A motion was put on the floor to approve Hockey Proposal #3.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Dave Howard – LCC

Vote: For: 42

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion is passed.

406 Basketball ages

Spreadsheet was sent out to all schools – table with overall changes is on the sheet printed. Overall, numbers went down in YR1 and back up in YR2. YR1 lost Midget teams but YR2 team numbers in Midget stayed constant. Lost Bantam teams in YR1 as well, which may have an effect on Midget Teams next year. We have two options; stay with new ages with the rest of the province or we go back to the old ages. Both options are listed.

A motion was put on the floor to accept Option 1 – Maintain the FBBQ ages.

Discussion: At the FQSE provincials, these ages will apply. One of the biggest issue is having teams at the Midget level and then having to cut half of those students since there are two years in the Juvenile Level. So the possibility arises that some students who have played high school basketball for 3 years may not be able to continue playing. One solution to this is to put in two Juvenile teams (One in Division I and one in Division III). Sometimes this is not possible. There is also a huge gap at the Midget Girls Level. The first year these ages were implemented, the GMAA lost 11 teams at the Midget level.

Motion – to accept Option 1- FBBQ Basketball Ages

Vote: For: 25

Opposed: 8

Abstentions: 4

Motion is passed.

407 FQSE Report

Provincials – information on the schools and number of teams that attended the FQSE provincials this year.

There is a rule adjustment for Track and Field next season concerning the hurdle heights and distances. It will be brought up at the Pre-season Track and Field Meeting and implemented if it is passed.

The FQSE is looking at the possibility of offering Online Player Registrations to all the regions at a reduced cost. Amanda will follow this closely and come back to SAC with any information on the costs and logistics of changing our player registrations to an online form. We would have to keep in mind that Principals and SAC reps signature are currently required on all our player registrations.

The FQSE is also looking at a new logo. For the coming year the GMAA will stay with the current logo (the 'little man' with the word Sport Etudiant and Greater Montreal – GMAA underneath.) When the new logo is launched and if the old logo becomes obsolete, we will look at the costs associated with switching to the new logo. (RSEQ – Reseau du Sport Etudiant du Quebec).

408 Non-member school issues (covered in Competition Committee)

409 Volunteers for hosting GMAA championships

If anyone would like to volunteer to host any of the 2010-2011 GMAA Championships, please contact the office. Thank you to all schools who hosted championships this season!

410 Sponsors

We are always looking for sponsorship opportunities. If you know any companies who would be interested in sponsoring a sport or the GMAA website, please give them the office contact information. We have entered into a new partnership with a sponsor called 'Group Sport Inter'. They have been recommended by the Federation. We will post their logo and link on the GMAA website and send out mailings to the SAC reps in case you would like to make some purchases of equipment or materials or uniforms from them.

412 Basketball Tournaments.

Last season two or three schools came to the pre-season basketball meeting offering to run tournaments on the same dates. If any schools know they plan on hosting a basketball tournament, please try to have a tentative date set by the August SAC meeting so that other schools can fill in the gaps and host tournaments on other dates.

Another basketball question was concerning referee issues. Sometimes schools have written in to the GMAA concerning a referee issue. Although the MMBRA assignor and the MMBRA President do write to confirm that the message and issue is being dealt with, the SAC reps would like a little more follow-up on what sanctions were taken against the referee in question.

411 Office issues – none. Thanks to all the schools for your support.

Motion to Adjourn: Sarah Neeff – ECS → Unanimous