



website so that schools can budget for next year. Several officials contracts have to be re-negotiated for the coming season, which we anticipate will increase our costs. The pre-season payments will be significantly higher in most sports, be prepared for that. We would rather charge the schools up front and then give them a credit than have to charge extra at the end of the season.

#### **d. Score sheets, sports line, forms etc.**

We still have way too many fines being collected for sportsline and scoresheet issues. In the 7 team sports that we ran in the winter and spring seasons we had 177 fines assessed for sportsline calls not being made and 167 fines assessed 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.

#### **400 New Business**

#### **401 Handbook revision proposals. Here are the proposals from various Sports committees.**

##### **Badminton**

Substitutions will be permitted at the beginning of each new match in the team championships. Once a match has started, no substitution will be permitted. If the player is unable to complete the match, it will result in a forfeit.

Moved: Chris Bedic – PCHS

Seconded: Betty Druzin – BHS

Carried. (27-1-1)

##### **Tennis**

Provided scheduling and facilities can accommodate, a school will be permitted to enter a second team in an age category. It is understood that all schools will be guaranteed one team before any second is accepted.

Moved: Chris Viau

Sec: Louise Bianchini

7-3-1

Substitutions be permitted during the round robin segment of the tournaments. A player may substitute into ONLY ONE position (singles 1, singles 2, doubles 1 or doubles 2). No substitution will be permitted during the medal round.

Moved: Anna Haller

Sec: Chris Viau

9-6-4

##### **Hockey**

In the PW and Girls leagues, players who wear braces, be exempt from wearing a mouth guard provided a waiver form has been signed by the parents. This form must be presented to the referee before the start of the game.

Moved: Sylvain Gendron

Second: Benoit Marion

Unan

A player may move a category for a maximum of 3 games. Once they play a 4<sup>th</sup> game at the higher level they must remain at the higher level for the remainder of the season.

Moved: Genevieve Cormier Second: Mike Hutchinson Carried 7-1-1

Teams can register an unlimited number of players at the “sec 2” level but may play a maximum of 5 per game. These players must be indicated on the score sheet.

Moved: Benoit Marion

Second: Pat Haney

Carried 8-0-1

#### **The above proposals were voted in block.**

**Moved: Betty Druzin – BHS**

**Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT**

**Unan**

#### **402 Competition Committee Report and recommendations – The following recommendations were voted in block.**

**1) Consequences for not attending scheduling meetings.** The Competition Committee suggests: That any school not represented at the scheduling meetings (with 1 person per team) be automatically fined \$50 per team not represented. They also suggest that there will be no 5-day grace period for those teams, all changes made will be assessed a fee of \$10 per change.

**4) 2 teams in the same age group for tennis and badminton.** In Badminton, we do not have the

space at this time to allow schools to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> team. If 4 schools were interested at a Division III at the same level we would consider opening up a Division III for that level. **See Tennis Motion.**

**5) Division 1 & 3 for swimming.** The competition committee suggests: that the Swimming Sports Committee take a look at the qualifying times next season to perhaps lower certain times in order to allow more students access to the event. It was also suggested that we look into a 'Participation Award' for swimming for the team with the most swimmers.

**7) MMBRA request to go full FIBA rules.** The Competition Committee suggests that the GMAA basketball league follow the FIBA regulations for all rules except the Participation Rule. This would mean our teams would go to a 24-second clock for next season.

**8) Div. 3 – participation rule for outdoor soccer.** The competition committee suggests: That there be no defined participation rule. All Division III coaches will be reminded that their students are expected to play half of the game. This will be mentioned at the soccer pre-season meeting as well as the soccer scheduling meeting for division III. If there is a school that is blatantly ignoring the participation rule, please report them to the GMAA office where further action will be taken.

**9) Div. 3 – criteria for entering.** The Competition Committee suggests: that we maintain the current GMAA rule where no AA or AAA player is permitted in the Division III league.

**10) Reintroducing Div. 2 in basketball.** The competition committee suggested: that next season for GMAA Basketball we maintain the current structure (DI and DIII) since we will potentially be adjusting the age categories to a 1-2-2 format.

Moved: William Cho – MMA

Seconded: Dave Reid

Unan.

**The following recommendations were voted on separately.**

**2) Playoff eligibility and injuries.** The Competition Committee suggests: That any student who is registered on the original team roster but who did not compete in the minimum number of games because of injury or illness can be eligible for the playoffs for that team. The coach may be asked for a written proof of this injury or illness.

There were questions brought up concerning the possibility of coaches abusing this rule. Some schools have an injured player protocol with their schools where coaches have to report all injuries to the administration. When the office is checking into this issue we will contact the SAC reps first in order to check on the validity of the claim. The administration may also be contacted to confirm.

Motion to approve proposal:

Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded:

George Spiliotakis – RHS

Vote: Unan

**3) 2 teams in the same division for team sports.** The Competition Committee suggests: That on a one-year trial basis, in Division III only, schools be permitted to enter a maximum of two teams in the same level. The teams will not be in the same geographical section, (so travel for that team may be increased) and the teams would have to have two distinct rosters with no 'transfers' or 'playing up' all season.

The questions concerning this issue revolved mostly around teams that choose to enter Division III when they should be entering Division I. Most SAC reps had no problem with two teams from the same school entering into Division III if both team are in fact Division III teams. The spirit of the rule is to encourage students to participate at a level that they should be participating at. Especially at the bantam age category, many times a Division III team will carry an enormous roster in order for those students to all have a chance to play. With this new rule, we would be allowing that school to enter another team.

Motion to approve proposal:

Jeff Bateman – ROYAL

**6) Age category review RUGBY:** A proposal was passed at the GMAA Rugby Pre-Season meeting to adjust the GMAA Age Categories for Rugby to be a 1-2-2 system. The proposal is to go to a 1-2-2 structure. This would involve one year of 'Bantam', two years of 'Midget' and two years of 'Juvenile'. It would be similar to the GMAA Hockey Age categories (PeeWee, Bantam and Juvenile). All levels would have a choice to play either 15s rugby or 10s rugby. If 4 teams were interested in 10s (or 15s) at any level, a league would be offered.

Proposed: Steve Lee – LCC

Seconded: Bill Lapierre ROYAL and Alex Karen LCCHS

Vote: For → 12      Opposed → 0

Abstentions → 0

It was mentioned that for the Bantam Girls Rugby league, this might present a problem trying to put together Bantam girls rugby teams. Since there would only be one level to choose girls from, there is a real possibility that there would not be enough Grade 7s (Bantams) to make a team. It was asked that the girls coaches be able to review their ages at the pre-season meeting to make sure they are able to enter as many schools/teams in GMAA rugby. The two main reasons for this change are: 1) it was felt that a league of all first year players would be safer for all those players involved. Instead of having half your bantams with one year of experience and half with no experience, all students would be starting at the same level. 2) This would allow schools to be more in line with the ages of competition from Rugby Quebec.

Motion to approve proposal with the stipulation that the girls coaches have the opportunity to confirm their age categories at the Rugby Pre-Season Meeting.

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Jeff Bateman – ROYAL

Vote: For → 35      Opposed → 0

Abstentions → 1

Motion is passed.

**6) Age category review BASKETBALL:** The Competition Committee also got a request from SAC in December to evaluate the possibility of changing the age categories for the GMAA Basketball leagues. The GMAA is currently in line with the FBBQ using the 2-1-2 approach to ages and has been for the last 2 seasons. Coaches are having trouble fielding a Midget team with only one year of students to choose from. The competition committee suggests that for GMAA Basketball, we use a 1-2-2 approach. This would still mean that GMAA teams would be eligible for RSEQ Provincials (our teams would actually all be younger than the opposition). The competition committee believes that it is easier to field a team of all grade 7s in bantam as opposed to fielding a team of all grade 9s in Midget.

The competition committee suggestion is that the Basketball ages for 2011-2012 be changed to reflect a 1-2-2 system (1 year of Bantam and 2 years of Midget and Juvenile).

Motion to approve: Elad Ben-Eli – HZS

Seconded: George Spiliotakis – RHS

Vote: For → 34      Opposed → 0

Abstentions → 2

Motion is passed

#### **403 Calendar/Sports Priority – report to be presented at the meeting**

A proposal was sent in by a couple of the Indoor Soccer coaches that the calendar be adjusted so that the indoor soccer season begin in late November and end before the RSEQ provincials (usually held in late March). They feel as though the issues of gym availability and player availability are able to be handled at the school level and those two sports could run simultaneously. The proposal states that the schedule will begin on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with the Championships to be held before the spring breaks. If there is no private school in the championships or playoffs, those sections could schedule their playoffs and championships for the week after the public school spring breaks.

Motion to approve proposal: Chris Bedic – PCHS

Seconded: Andy D'Allessandro - LMAC

Vote: For → 16      Opposed → 9

Abstentions → 11

Motion is passed – the calendar will reflect the new dates when it is posted and printed

**Other calendar issues included:**

The possibility of moving the basketball pre-season meeting a little bit later. Unfortunately this is not possible due to the fact that MMBRA asks that we have a confirmed schedule at least two week prior to the opening games.

It was also asked that we add more of the Jewish Holidays and the Jewish School Spring Breaks to the calendar.

We have requested to change the dates of the Indoor Track and Field competitions to Wednesdays (in February). If Claude Robillard does not have those dates available, we will have to use the Fridays again.

The Tennis tournaments were spread out this year so that staff members did not have to be out of school for an entire 6 days in a row. This will be done again next year.

The Track and Field Outdoor meet that is scheduled right now on April 30<sup>th</sup> may have to be moved to the week after.

These will all try to be confirmed before the calendars are printed and posted.

Motion to approve the Calendar: Marc Faubert – STT                      Seconded: Whit Haines – CENT  
Vote: Unan.

**404 Coaches Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee report**

An information sheet was handed out with the defaults, withdrawals, and ejections 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. This year letters of suspension were sent to both coaches and the offending schools' principal. There has definitely been an improvement overall. In terms of defaults, please make sure you have enough players on your roster so that you do not have to end up defaulting games.

**405 Winter / Spring Summary**

An information sheet was handed out with the numbers of schools and teams for the Winter and Spring Sports.

**406 RSEQ Report –** Below is a copy of the RSEQ report that was handed out at the meeting.

**De Facto** - Our region now has the opportunity to get involved in the De Facto program. De Facto is a non-smoking project directed at High School student-athletes. There is a website to refer to with information and statistics. ([www.defacto.ca](http://www.defacto.ca)) It is in French and English. One of the main aspects of the program involves t-Shirts with the De Facto logo on them. Because of a grant, they are able to offer the t-shirts at a very low price (\$2.50 each for black, white or grey and \$3.50 each for any other colour). Schools can order t-shirts for all their student-athletes at this reduced price and are even able to put their school's logo on the shirt. In order to get this low price for the shirts, schools have to sign a 'contract' stating that they will promote the De Facto program in their school, as well as post De Facto posters and banners in their school that are sent from the RSEQ. We will be asking schools if they are interested at the SAC Meeting in August. At that time, schools will be able to go online, place orders for T-Shirts and confirm that they are planning on implementing the program.

**Gobes-tu ca?** - The Gobes-tu ca project was introduced in our region this year. The main focus of this project was directed towards reducing the consumption of soft drinks and energy drinks. All schools received a package with questionnaires to fill out. They also received posters outlining a website that students could visit to develop a new concept for a water bottle. The winner from our region was from West Island College, congrats! Next year, we will continue promoting the project. The new concept will be more in line with students learning how to recognize the various marketing strategies that soft drink and energy drink companies use.

**GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials**

<b>Indoor Soccer</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>
BG - VMC 7 <sup>th</sup>	BG – BHS 12 <sup>th</sup>	MG – VILLA 20 <sup>th</sup>
BB - FACE 10 <sup>th</sup>	BB – JRHS 7 <sup>th</sup>	JG – ROYAL 15 <sup>th</sup>
MG - VMC 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MB – JRHS 6 <sup>th</sup>	JB – ROYAL 15 <sup>th</sup>
MB - LMAC 9 <sup>th</sup>	JG – LPHS 9 <sup>th</sup>	
JG - VMC 9 <sup>th</sup> and PCHS 11 <sup>th</sup>	JB – MMA 9 <sup>th</sup>	
JB - VMC 2 <sup>nd</sup> and PCHS 16 <sup>th</sup>		

**Indoor Track and Field** - 9 girls and 11 boys from 6 different schools

**Indoor Soccer Provincials (Juvenile):** Congratulations to PCHS for hosting the RSEQ Indoor Soccer Provincials. The organizing committee did an amazing job and put on a great show. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped out in any way.

**New Logo:** Next year we will be changing our logo to the new RSEQ logo that was introduced this October. Slowly we will be phasing out the old red/black logo and moving to the RSEQ blue logo. Please be aware that the RSEQ – GMAA is actually us.

407 Volunteers for hosting 2011-2012 championships  
 If any school would like to host any of the Division I GMAA Showcase championships, please contact the office. LCC has already volunteered to host the Hockey Showcase and LCCHS has also already volunteered to host the Soccer Championships at Riverside Park. Thank you to all of our hosts for this season!

Violence in Sport – the True Sport organization contacted the office to see if anyone would be interested in attending workshops on violence in sport. An information sheet was handed out with the dates and locations. Interviewers from True Sport would also like to speak to students regarding their opinions on violence in sport. If any schools are interested in having their students interviewed, please let us know in the office.

Motion to adjourn: Dave Reid – RIVHS                      Seconded: George Spiliotakis                      Unan.