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COMPULSORY Meeting for All G.M.A.A. High Schools
Meeting: First Secondary Advisory Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, Lawrence Patterson Room

MINUTES

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

514 – Coaching levels (Pat)

515 – Indoor soccer (Ivan)

Motion to approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS Unan.

200 Approval of Minutes of June 2014

Motion to approve: Ivan Spilak - VMC

Seconded: Pat Sullivan - JFKHS Unan.

300 Business arising

The only business arising is outlined in section 211 of the August 2014 minutes. It reads:
All hockey proposals to come out of the June SAC meeting were approved by the BoD.

The following motions were amended:

#1 - Fighting/violent behavior a motion was put on the floor that reads,

The aggressor and/or instigator who is named in a fight will be suspended for the remainder of the season (or its equivalent).

If no instigator/aggressor is named, both students who are active and willing participants in a fight will receive a minimum of 6 games of suspension.

If a student is the 'non-aggressor/instigator' but is still a participant in the fight, they will receive a minimum of 2 games of suspension.

After much discussion, this proposal was amended to read:

The aggressor and/or instigator who is named in a fight will be suspended for the season (or its equivalent).

All other participants in the fight will be suspended for either 2 games or 6 games based on the referee report

#2 - Multiple forfeits from the same team a motion was put on the floor that reads,

'Any team who defaults more than one game in the season will incur a fine that is doubled each time. The fine for the first default is \$50, for the second \$100, for the third \$200, etc.'

There was no motion to approve this proposal.

#3 - Multiple forfeits from the same school a motion was put on the floor that reads,

'After 3 forfeits per season for the school the fines will then double for each subsequent forfeit. The total number of forfeits will reset at the beginning of every season (Fall, Winter, Spring).

Example: Forfeit #1 for School A in Bantam Girls Soccer - \$50

Forfeit #2 for School A in Juvenile Boys Soccer - \$50

Forfeit #3 for School A in Midget Boys Volleyball - \$50

Forfeit #4 for School A in Juvenile Girls Softball - \$100

Forfeit #5 for School A in Bantam Boys Touch Football - \$200 etc

After discussion, this motion was amended to read that:

Fines for multiple forfeits from the same school will double right away for each subsequent forfeit. The total number of forfeits will reset to zero at the beginning of every season (Fall, Winter, Spring).

#4 - Multiple withdrawals from the same school a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'If a team pulls out of a league after the schedule has been made and posted on the website, for the first offence, the penalty for the withdrawal for the school will be a fine of \$100. For all subsequent withdrawals of teams from that school, there will be no fine, however, the pre-season payment to the GMAA will be non-refundable.'
There was no motion to approve this proposal.

The following motion was put on the floor:

'If a team pulls out of a league after the schedule has been made and posted on the website, for the first offence, the penalty for the withdrawal for the school will be a fine of \$100. For all subsequent withdrawals of teams from that school, the fine will be doubled.'

The following motions were passed as outlined in the June Minutes.

#5 - Forfeit but game played

#6 - Coach carry-over suspension

7 - Review of ages

#8A – D2 Eligibility - A motion was put on the floor that reads, 'In GMAA Division 2 Basketball each team is permitted to play one AAA player per game. This AAA player must be indicated on the game sheet by writing AAA beside their name. A team can register more than 1 AAA player, but they are only permitted to play 1 per game. AAA players must also be indicated on the GMAA player registration form by writing AAA beside their name.'

#8B – motion was denied and D3 Eligibility rules will stay the same for this year (no AA or AAA players)

#9 - motion to have only one division in Bantam Basketball with a two-tiered playoff was denied, Bantam Basketball will stay the same for this year (D1, D2, D3 with distinct playoffs)

The following motions were passed as outlined in the June Minutes.

#10 - Indoor Soccer minimum to start

#11 - Rugby - Field markings and playoffs

#12 - Playoff eligibility

#13 - Track - 1500s and 3000s

400 **New Business**

401 Board of Directors Report

Jeff mentioned that besides the above motions that were adjusted at the board level, no other issues arose.

402 Score sheets & Sports line / Registration / Commitment forms

Please make sure your coaches are sending in their score sheets on time and filled in properly with game numbers and dates.

Please also make sure your coaches are calling the sports line 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.

You or your coaches can check the "Form Checklist" on each sport's page to make sure that all the required paperwork is in the office. Check the date at the top of the page to make sure the checklist has been recently updated.

Please check to see that all of your winter player registration forms are in. Please get those in asap.

A letter will be sent to the schools next week outlining all the fines that schools received on their fall invoices if those fines were over \$50.

403 Fall & Winter Summary AND

405 Withdrawals & Defaults

A sheet was handed out with the Fall Sports Summary of teams, ejections, defaults and withdrawals. This winter we had 4 teams withdraw from Basketball and 2 from hockey. That is too many. Schools have seen their students for almost 6 weeks before we ask for the entries, please try not to withdraw teams after the schedules have been made. This year we also included lopsided scores from basketball and hockey, in soccer it was outlined by a score differential of >3 and in basketball it was >24. Division 3 had the highest percentage of lopsided scores in both sports – SAC reps are highly encouraged to register their teams in the appropriate

divisions. Division 3 should be considered participation for less experienced players to play teams of a similar caliber. Jayson requested if it could be documented which age categories the lopsided scores were coming from to see if there was a pattern.

404 Invoices

Each school will find their Fall invoice and statement in their package, please check them and let us know if there are any mistakes. Touch Football ended up with 75.58 in extra fees, this was due to there being fewer teams in the league to share the cost of awards, travel and referees this year. Volleyball has 20\$ in additional fees due to referee fees increasing by 1\$ a game as well as Volleyball Quebec fees increasing by 1\$ per team. Other Fall teams have small additional fees or a credit indicated in their statement with the exception of softball who due to having fewer games than estimated will be receiving credits ranging from 62.75\$ to 102.76\$. Jamie asked if there was any way for fees to be adjusted accordingly if you were scheduled for 2 referees and only end up with one. At this point we don't have a solution but will continue think of possible adjustments. Some schools have still not paid their fall payments, or their payments from last year - please get those in immediately. Surcharges are reflected for payments that are not yet in. Fines letters will be sent out to the schools shortly, they are sent to any school who has amassed \$50 or more in fines for the Fall Season. Please use your credit towards your next team registration fee.

406 Schedule changes

To date we have 124 changes on the basketball schedule, not including games to be removed and others to be rescheduled due to teams pulling out of the league. There is still a \$10 charge for all changes after the five day grace period that are not an emergency. Also changes are not accepted after noon the day before the scheduled game.

For the soccer schedule we had 137 changes of 484 total games.

Please try as much as possible to limit the number of changes to the schedule. Every change creates more room for error.

407 Post-Season Evaluation Sheet

We have had an online .pdf form for the last few years as a post-season evaluation. Please make an effort to submit an evaluation so that we can make adjustments accordingly.

408 Handbook Revisions / Motions Sports Committees

The following proposals were put in motion

Division 3 eligibility

Any school that has students enrolled in a Sports Concentration Program, not be eligible to enter a team in Division 3 soccer.

Jamie Guy explained that her team lost in a D3 final to a team with a soccer sports concentration program 6-1. She feel as though player enrolled in a sports concentration should not be eligible to participate in the participation league. Alexander Navarrete showed concern that not all of the students participation in a sports concentration program would be strong enough to play D1. The kids do not have to be experienced soccer player to enroll in the program. Jayson Stiell brought up that even if they weren't experienced at the beginning they would be receiving soccer specific time so their skills would advance at an accelerated rate. Both RJHS LBPHS showed concern that it would be unfair to the kids not registered in a sports concentration program to be forced to play up because their school offered the program.

Phil Moreau – LBPHS suggested amending the motion to read:

Any student who is enrolled in a soccer sports concentration program not be eligible to play on a division 3 soccer team.

Moved: Jamie Guy – MACD

Seconded: Trevor Sinodhinos – RIVHS Unan.

Tie break Procedures

Playoff positioning – Coin Toss

For two teams from the same section that make the playoffs and are tied with identical records and who have split during the year, the higher seed will be determined by goal differential **in the games involving the 2 teams** and not by a coin toss. Since there is already a mercy rule in place, there will still be a cap on the number of goals that can be taken into consideration. Therefore, the following procedure will be used when two teams from the same section are tied for a playoff position and both of those teams make the playoffs.

1 – Defaults, 2 – Head to head competition, 3 – Win %, 4 – Goal differential, 5 – Coin toss

The same motion was passed at the June 2014 meeting and was rejected by the Board of Directors. Trevor Sinodhinos mentioned that some schools would potentially run up scores in case they were to lose against a team the next time they met. Yoni Lehrer suggested that instead of using the goals differential, the tie break could be fewest goals against. That way it would not be beneficial for a team to run up the score. In the end the motion was not amended and the wording stayed as was originally proposed.

Moved: Andy D'Alessandro – LMAC

Seconded: Pat Sullivan - JFKHS

Vote: For – 18

Opposed – 1

Abstentions - 7

Minimum Number of players

The minimum number of player required to start a game will be 10.

For safety reasons Andy D'Alessandro put forth that the minimum number of player required to play a soccer game be raised. Trevor mentioned that a game with 7 player is not fun for the teams involved. Christina said that the number of forfeits would only increase if the minimum number of players went up. Jayson brought up the fact that many schools travel by car and due to unforeseen circumstances the whole team does not always arrive at the same time. Would a game be forfeited if you did not have the 10 players to start but you had players who were on their way? It was then suggested to amend the motion to read that by half time you would need to have at least 10 player. The motion was not amended

Andy D'Alessandro – LMAC

Seconded: Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS

Vote: For – 6

Opposed – 20

Abstentions - 2

409 Spring Activities and Playoffs starting times

The office would like to remind the SAC reps that in the spring starting times for games will be later due to the in-class exams that take place and the fact that early dismissals are very difficult to get. All Spring Playoff games will start at 4:00pm or later.

It was noted that some schools who rent fields receive them at a specific time. NO school can be required to start before 4:00pm. If the host school cannot provide that start time they would have to find a new location or travel.

410 MVP Dinner - Location, Speaker, Date

The MVP Dinner will be held at the Crown Plaza again this year on June 1st, 2015. We have moved it to a Monday night to try and avoid any conflict with other school activities that may be taking place. If anyone has possibilities for a speaker, please send their name and contact information into the office.

411 RSEQ Report The following report was distributed to all SAC Reps.

GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials

The RSEQ did not organize a Golf Provincial Tournament this year.

We did not send anyone to the Provincial Cross Country Championships this year. They were held in Amos, Que. And we did not have staff members willing to attend.

Upcoming Provincials

Indoor Soccer (March 27, 28 and 29, 2015) – Bantam – TBA, Midget – ES Saint Laurent (Lac St Louis), Juvenile – Gatineau.

Indoor Track and Field (March 21st, 2015) – at Claude Robillard, (LSL and MRG)

Basketball (April 10-11-12, 2015) – Bantam Girls and Boys – Chicoutimi (Saguenay Lac St Jean), Midget Girls and Boys – ES Saint Laurent (Lac St Louis), Juvenile Girls and Boys – Gaspé (Est du Quebec)

Volleyball (April 10-11-12, 2015) – Bantam Boys and Girls - TBA (Mauricie?), Midget Boys and Girls – Sherbrooke (Canton de L'Est), Juvenile Boys and Girls – TBA (Mauricie?)

Badminton (April 24-25-26, 2015) – Chhicutimi (Saguenay Lac St Jean)

Outdoor Track and Field (June 5-6-7, 2015) – Monteregje.

SAC was reminded that in order to send students to the outdoor T&F provincials, a staff member **from the school** is required to accompany them.

DeFacto – We have 5 schools participating in the RSEQ DeFacto non-smoking program this year. BHS, HZHS, LPHS, STT and WHS. Over 1000 De Facto t-shirts were ordered from those GMAA schools so far this year.

412 Championship Venues (spring)

Thank you to all schools who hosted Championships in the Fall (LCCHS Soccer and Loyola Volleyball). It is much appreciated.

If anyone is interested in hosting the spring events, please let us know. Flag Football, Touch Football, Rugby, etc. We are going to work with the Competition Committee to come up with a format of selecting a host when more than one school volunteers.

The two Rugby 7s tournaments will be hosted at Concordia University. Tennis will again be held at Cote de Liesse.

514 Coaching levels (Pat)

Pat would like to know if anyone would be interested in attending a basketball level 1 coaching course with the possibility of it being followed with the level 2 course. Pat is going to send the information to the GMAA and we will send it out to all of the SAC reps to distribute.

515 Ivan brought up that the GMAA does not follow the same rules for indoor soccer that are used at provincials, suggesting that we should adapt our rules to follow the Foot Sol rules. It was mentioned that it was too late to implement them for this year's D1 league, but it will be looked at for next year.

413 Office Issues

The June meeting will be held on June 5th – 9:30Am

Please note that there will not be cross country skiing this year, not enough teams have shown interest.

In each package, SAC reps will find a letter from one of the basketball players at Concordia. He helps with a charity and would like donations of sports equipment. For more information, please contact him directly.

Winter playoffs are just around the corner, **please send in all of your school conflicts for the last 3 weeks of February.**

Please check the website under "Find a School" and send us any corrections that apply to your school (bus routes, playing fields, Administrators etc).

Also we want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience this fall as we adjusted to having new staff members in the office.

Motion to adjourn.