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

Meeting: Final Secondary Advisory Meeting

To: SAC Reps
From: Amanda Maks / Don McEwen
Date: Monday, June 10, 2013.
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave. – William Dawson Room

MINUTES

Jeff Bateman was not able to attend the Meeting, Don ran the meeting.

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

410 – Scoresheets (Cheeka)

Motion to Approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC Seconded: Maxine Rupert - LCC
Unan.

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec. 2012

Motion to Approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC Seconded: Patrick Mischook – WWHS
Unan.

300 Business arising

N/A

400 New Business

401 Board of Directors report

Jeff Bateman wrote up a BoD report that Don read at the meeting. All motions from the December SAC meeting were passed at the Board level.

A motion was passed that a suspension (physical/verbal aggression) would carry-over from school to school if that student has transferred as well as from year to year. Repeat offenders will be subject to further review by the Board of Directors and may result in a life-time ban from all GMAA activities.

The Board sent a counter-proposal to the RSEQ regarding the 'entente' that each region is supposed to sign. It involved using our own medals and banner (basically what was discussed at the December SAC Meeting). They are waiting for a response from the RSEQ.

402 Handbook revision proposals:

Rugby: the following proposals were passed at the Pre-Season Rugby Meeting.

New Discipline Protocol

If a team coach abuses, or incites the abuse, of referees during the game, or after it is over, the referee must immediately issue a verbal warning to the coach or coaches. This warning given must be recorded on the game sheet.

This includes but is not limited to shouting disagreement with a referee's call, or not-so-subtle touch-line comments intended to distract or sway the referee's interpretation in a given situation. If this abusive behavior persists the coach should be issued a red card. If a red card is issued to a coach, the coach must immediately leave the playing facility and take no further part in the game. If a coach receives a verbal warning in two games during the season it will result in a minimum 1 game suspension. A third verbal warning during the season will result in a minimum 2 game suspension. A red card will result in a minimum 2 game suspension.

Moved: Stephen Kaplan – ECS Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT Unan.

A new motion was put on the floor that reads, 'Referees will mark on the game sheet when a team does not have properly trained and designated front row players (based on the IRB ratio in Law 3.5 of the IRB laws) and they request to play uncontested scrums at the beginning of the game. The GMAA will then follow up with those schools to see what the issue is. The second



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time a team requests to have uncontested scrums at the beginning of the game, sanctions may apply.'

Moved: Marco Santillo – LOY Seconded: Bill Lapierre Unan.

Motion to approve all Rugby Motions: Marc Faubert STT

Seconded: Marco Santillo – LOY

Unan.

- Hockey: The following motions were passed at the Post-Season Hockey meeting:

"AA" limit - Boys Div 1:

In Juvenile boys division 1, the number of "AA" players shall be unlimited.

Moved: Andrew Miller Second: Rob Reid 5-2-5 Carried

This motion affects the number of AA players only. The maximum number of "Espoir" players remains at 5.

"AA" Limit - Girls Div 3:

In Girls Division 3, teams may dress a maximum of 2 "AA" players per game. (this includes goalies).

Moved: Maureen Brown Second: Sylvain Gendron Unan

The rule for Division 1 remains unchanged - Teams may dress a maximum of 5 "AA" SKATERS from grades 9-11 per game.

"AA" limit - Boys Div 3:

Bantam and Juvenile Boys Division 3 teams may dress a maximum of 2 PW or Girls "AA" players per game.

Moved: Jeff Bateman Second: Andrew Miller 6-0-4 Carried

Shoot out Rule:

The number of players involved in the first stage of the shoot out will be revised to 3 per team.

Moved: Phil Lafave Second: Andrew Miller 8-0-2 Carried

Multiple minors for hitting from behind.

A player who has received a 3rd minor penalty for a hit from behind will be suspended for 4 games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

Moved: Phil Lafave Second: Jeff Bateman Unan

Playoff "Wild Card" It was mentioned that this year, a team that finished 5th and out of the playoffs in one section, actually finished with more points than the 4th place team in the other section that made the playoffs. It was moved that in this situation:

The final playoff spot in one section could be occupied by a team from the other section provided:

a. They had more points (or a better winning percentage if the number of games played were not equal)

b. They must have played and won a cross-over game.

Moved: Andrew Miller Second: Rob Reid 7-0-3 Carried

Video Review

If available, the use of video evidence be permitted to help determine the length of a suspension. This will not change the call of the referee, nor will it remove the minimum suspensions outlined in the handbook.

Moved: Chris Viau Second: Rob Reid 7-1-2 Carried

The understanding of the group was that this is only an option and must be requested by the discipline committee.

Motion to approve all Hockey Motions: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Chris Viau – LCC

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- Tennis: The following motions were proposed to the Tennis Coaches:

Uniform - Participants must wear crested school shirts, and school Phys. Ed. shorts or appropriate tennis shorts/skirts/dresses/outfits. No denim will be permitted.

Team Championship Point System

Only 2 from each section will advance to the medal round, regardless of the number of participants

- The team championship will be determined based on the results of the medal round only.
- All those advancing from the round robin will start the medal round with 2 points toward their team total. (2 points for each singles player and each doubles team).
- 1 additional point will be awarded for each win in the medal round, except for the bronze medal match, where the winner will receive 1/2 point.
- If 2 teams are tied, head to head wins in the medal round will break the tie.
- If still tied, co-champions will be declared.
- If 3 teams are tied for first, the team with the most gold medals will be declared the champion. If still tied, the number of silver medals will be taken into account etc.
- The team silver will then be determined by the head to head results between the other 2 teams.

Breaking of ties in order to advance

The following criteria will be used to break ties:

2 way ties: will be broken based on the head to head results

3 way ties: Once someone has been removed (being declared 1st or 3rd), the remaining 2 way tie will be broken based on their head to head results.

1. Total games lost during the entire round robin.
2. Total games won during the entire round robin.
3. Total games won vs. the top team in the section
4. Total games lost vs. the low team in the section

Late arrivals;

A singles player or doubles team (and therefore the entire team) will not be eligible for playoffs if they have not arrived (and ready to play) once every other singles player or doubles team have completed their first match. *Furthermore, all members of the team shall be required to play their games in the preliminaries.*

Motino to approve all Tennis Motions: Chris Viau - LCC

Seconded: Leon Tzortzis – LAURN

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- Cross Country Skiing: The following motions were sent out to the Cross Country Ski Coaches. Those who replied were in favor of the following.

Based on the fact that our numbers are dropping, making it harder to supply enough spotters, the city of Montreal is becoming more and more difficult to deal with as far as reserving Mount Royal as well as grooming the trails, and the weather and snow(ice) conditions in Montreal have forced us to cancel the last 2 years, our proposal is that:

- We would still offer the workshop with lessons for everyone at the Viking Ski Club for those schools interested in attending. GMAA can organize bussing for this event with the cost based on the number of people using our busses. This would be scheduled in January (with an alternate date set should it be needed).

- We would then schedule 1 championship date for mid February (with 2 alternate dates in the next week). This event would be held at the Base de Plein Air Des Cedres. Westwood High School has offered to host the event and supply many of the spotters needed. There will be an additional cost for the use of this facility so schools will be expected to supply their own transportation.



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AWARDS

Our governing rules state that we need at least 4 teams to run a league (3 if it is the 1st year for a new sport). For the last 3 years, we have not had the 4 schools in any category that had at least 4 skiers competing. So that we don't have to eliminate the team aspect, the proposal is that:

- We will continue to give the individual awards for each of the age groups - medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, and ribbons for 4th, 5th & 6th
- There will be only 2 team championships - one for boys and one for girls. These will be based on the finish position of six skiers per school, but to qualify, **there must be one skier from each age group included in the calculation.** Gold and silver medals would be awarded to all skiers from the 1st and 2nd place teams and a banner will be awarded to the winning school.

Motion to approve all Cross Country Skiing motions: Kathleen Cook – TRAF

Seconded: Julie Pigott – LPHS

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403 Competition Committee report and recommendations

1. Basketball ages review – SAC

The number of teams did not change drastically since the age changes have been in effect. The actual participation overall in the schools at the Bantam level increased. More grade 7s were able to make the Bantam Basketball team. The only issue remains that teams competing at the bantam level provincially are at a disadvantage.

The competition committee recommends that we maintain the current basketball ages which is represented by a 1-2-2 structure.

Moved: Elad Ben Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT

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2. Div 2 for Basketball and Soccer

Unfortunately we still have too many lopsided scores in Division III Basketball games. Many coaches believe that if we introduce a Division II this will help teams find a better level of competition to play in. Some consequences of opening up a Division II include:

- increased travel for all schools
- increased costs for all schools due to a larger number of banners and medals being distributed
- coaches will still get to choose what level they enter and therefore might still choose the wrong level
- coaches might not choose to do Division I since they don't want to play against certain 'historically strong' schools

There will always be a Division I. If less than four (4) teams apply for Division I all Division II teams will be moved up to Division I and there will not be a Division II. If less than four (4) teams apply for Division II they will be given the option to switch to Division I or Division III.

The competition committee discussed many options along with the consequences of these options and has come up with the following recommendation:

The introduction of a Division II in Soccer and Basketball for the 2013-2014 seasons, to be reviewed at the end of the Basketball season in 2014.

Moved: Elad Ben Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Jennifer Lussier - WWHS

Vote: For: 30

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 3

Motion is passed

It was requested that the office make sure the guidelines for entering divisions that is currently written in the GMAA Handbook be revised to include guidelines regarding the new structure (Introduction of Division II).



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Division I – open to everyone (AAA, AA, house league, etc)

Division II – no AAA players, unlimited number of AA players

Division III – a maximum of 5 AA players dressed per game (to be marked on the scoresheet beside the students' names). Teams can register more AA players, but would only be permitted to play a maximum of 5 in each game. All registered AA players must be highlighted on the Player Registration Form.

Moved: Ivan Spilak**Seconded: Any D'Alessandro – LMAC****Vote: For: 28****Opposed: 5****Abstentions: 4****Motion is passed.****Basketball Rules and Eligibility Requirements for Divisions I, II and III**

Division I – open to everyone (AAA, AA, house league, etc) (Participation at Bantam level)

Division II – no AAA players, unlimited number of AA players (Participation at all levels)

Division III – no AA or AAA players permitted (Participation at all levels)

Moved: Sarah Neeff – ECS**Seconded: Marc Faubert - STT****Vote: For: 27****Opposed: 5****Abstentions: 4****Motion is passed.****3. Div 3 - No banners**

There was much discussion regarding banners and medals and who should or should not be receiving them. The competition committee would like to emphasize that teams winning a Division I banner should be slightly more 'recognized' than teams winning a DII or DIII Banner. The competition committee has come up with the following recommendation:

Division I banners be the same size as usual

Division II and III banner be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the size of the DI banners. They would be the exact same format, identical banners, but a few inches smaller on all sides.**Moved: Andy D'Alessandro LMAC****Seconded: Elad Ben Eli - HZHS****Vote: For: 10****Opposed: 18****Abstentions: 5****Motion is defeated. Banners will remain the same size for all three levels.****4. Forfeits:**

1) Any team that forfeits any game during the year automatically loses their right to host any playoff games. They will remain their proper seed for the playoffs, but will be traveling for all of their playoff games.

(Example, TEAM1 ends the season in 1st place but defaulted a game during the year. In the Playoffs, TEAM1 will be traveling to TEAM8 for their quarterfinal game. If they win, TEAM1 will also be traveling for their semi-final game. Etc.)

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT**Seconded: Ivan Spilak – VMC****Vote: For: 9****Opposed: 12****Abstentions: 9****Motion is defeated.**

A second motion was put on the floor by William at MMA. It reads, 'Any team that voluntarily forfeits any game during the year without any attempt to reschedule will automatically lose their right to host any playoff games. They will remain their proper seed for the playoffs, but will be traveling for all of their playoff games. (Example, TEAM1 ends the season in 1st place but defaulted a game during the year. In the Playoffs, TEAM1 will be traveling to TEAM8 for their quarterfinal game. If they win, TEAM1 will also be traveling for their semi-final game. Etc.)

Moved: William Cho - MMA**Seconded: Chris Viau - LCC****Vote: For: 0****Opposed: 22****Abstentions: 8****Motion is defeated.**



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2) Any team that forfeits their last game of their season will automatically be eliminated from the playoffs. The default fine and fees for that game will also be doubled.

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Marie-Claire O’Neill – ROYAL

Vote: For: 4

Opposed: 20

Abstentions: 6

Motion is defeated.

A second motion was put on the floor by Andy from LMAC that, ‘Any team that forfeits their last game of their season will automatically be seeded last in the playoffs.’

Moved: Andy D’Alessandro – LMAC

Seconded: Rene Horisberger – BA

Vote: For: 1

Opposed: 22

Abstentions: 7

Motion is defeated.

A default will have no effect on a teams’ playoff position.

Breaking ties in standings

Before any of the regular GMAA Tie-Breaking procedures are used the first thing the office will look at is whether either of the two teams have defaulted a game during the season.

If two teams are tied and both teams make the playoffs, the team that defaulted will automatically become the lower seed.

If two teams are tied and one team makes the playoffs, the team that defaulted will lose their right to host the tie breaker game.

If two teams are tied and both teams have defaulted games during the season, regular tie-breaking procedures will be followed.

Moved: Andy D’Alessandro – LMAC

Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT

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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 competition committee would like to determine the higher seed by goal differential and not by a coin toss. Keeping in mind that the first tie-breaking rule will always be whether or not one of the tied teams has any defaults, 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 – Point/goal differential, 5 – Coin toss

Moved: Elad Ben Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Andy D’Alessandro – LMAC

Vote: For: 15

Opposed: 6

Abstentions: 11

Motion is passed.

5. Div 1 Showcase no shows

The competition committee recommends that:

The only reasons for a school not to show up for a showcase championship are:

- exams
- school closure (spring break)
- religious holidays

(Grad trips, ski trips, Europe trips, etc are not valid reasons to not show up at the showcase championships).

If a team cannot present itself at the championships, that game will be defaulted.

Moved: Elad Ben Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Chris Merritt – WIC

Vote: For: 9

Opposed: 7

Abstentions: 15

Motion is passed.



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Indoor Soccer Showcase

There is also a recommendation from the competition committee that:

Due to the scheduling issues and school trips during the spring, it is suggested that the indoor soccer championships not be a showcase championship. Championship games will be played at the home of the higher seed and games will be played by a predetermined date on the calendar.

Moved: Andy D'Alessandro – LMAC

Seconded: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Vote: For: 28

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion is passed.

404 2103-2014 Calendar - to be presented at the meeting

The dates are set for next year. We will be confirming them in June with venues so things may have to be adjusted based on the availability of the venues. Also Division II scheduling meetings will be added in Soccer and Basketball.

Motion to approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Leon Tzortzis - LAURN

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405 Year end summary

Two sheets were handed out; one with the summary of Ejections, Withdrawals, Defaults and Numbers of Schools/Teams in each sport.

The other was an outline of the pre-season payments in 2012-2013 and the actual costs of the sports. Budgeted amounts were very close to the actual amounts due. Most teams without fines should have received a credit in most sports.

Costs for next year will increase in those sports that had a payment due (Hockey, Cross Country Run, Flag Football, Wrestling). Costs in some other sports will also increase due to various other reasons (Affiliation fees, Introduction of DII. Those will be in Volleyball, Soccer and Basketball).

406 RSEQ Report

An outline of the teams attending provincials was handed out. JRHS requested that the GMAA post their provincial victory on the GMAA website. Amanda requested that the school send in a photo to post.

De Facto – DeFacto is a non-smoking campaign that centers on inexpensive t-shirts for student-athletes. Contact Robin at the office for more details.

Banners - As a compromise to the RSEQ concerning the medals and banner issues that were discussed in December, the GMAA board has asked that the office come up with a couple of new options to re-vamp our GMAA banners. The new banner template will reflect the colors of the RSEQ, but still put the emphasis on the GMAA and not entirely on the RSEQ. Attached below is a sample of one option. We have asked our banner supplier to come up with a couple of options. More to come...





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The City of Montréal will be sending along a survey to all schools concerning their use of city or private outdoor fields for their activities. What days/times/location etc that schools use. It will be sent to all SAC reps as soon as we receive it in the office.

407 Injury survey

For office purposes we would like to have an outline of the types of injuries sustained in our sports (Sport, Type of injury, assessed by a professional, season ending?). Please fill out the attached survey and send it into the office.

408 Sites for 2013-2014 championships

Soccer: LCCHS (Riverside Park)

Volleyball:

Basketball Girls – HSBHS (BIALIK)

Basketball Boys – JRHS

Badminton Boys – LAURN

Hockey – LCC

If any other schools are interested in hosting, please contact the office.

409 Coaching Clinics

It was requested that the GMAA office try to set up various coaches' clinics for our sports so our coaches can learn about the sports. They wouldn't be official certification clinics, but simply a clinic to help coaches learn how to coach the sport. There seemed to be enough interest that this might be something the GMAA will look into offering.

410 – Scoresheets

It was requested that we accept scoresheets by email. This can definitely be done. The year we accepted scanned scoresheets, or faxed scoresheets, or mailed scoresheets, or even photos of scoresheets emailed into the office. Please just get them in any way possible.

Motion to Adjourn: Ivan Spilak - VMC