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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: Wednesday June 11, 2014.
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, William Dawson Room

MINUTES

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda
408 – Summer Camp
409 – Rugby
Motion to approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC
Seconded: Leon Tzortzis – LAURN
Unanimous

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec. 2013
Motion to approve: Ivan Spilak – VMC
Seconded: Maxine Rupert – LCC
Unanimous

300 Business arising
N/A

400 **New Business**

401 Board of Directors report

Two issues that were brought out of the Board of Directors Meetings were:

- 1) Please be aware as SAC reps that the derogation process has been adjusted slightly. All derogations (for age or girls on boys' teams) will be discussed at BoD meetings. If the requests are not made in time, the discussion will only take place at the next board meeting and not by email in between meetings. Please make sure you get your requests for derogation in on time to avoid unnecessary delays.
- 2) The guidelines for who is considered to be a 'staff member' in private schools will now be outlined in the governing rules in the staff member eligibility section. Please make sure you read and understand who is considered to be a staff member for a private school.

402 Handbook revision proposals:

Hockey – there were 4 motions to come out of the Hockey Post-Season meeting from the hockey coaches.

1. Player Eligibility

A -Bantam BB in Pee Wee: Concern was expressed that players who were AAA players in Sec. 1 could very possibly be considered BB players in Sec 2. Even though they would be a year older and stronger than when in Sec.1, our present rule would make them eligible to play in the Pee Wee league. The proposal that came out of the discussion was that:
Players who were registered as AAA players while in Sec. 1 will be ineligible for the Pee Wee level



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in Sec. 2 regardless of their classification while in Sec. 2.

B - To try to alleviate the problem PW teams are having meeting the required minimum it was proposed that:

At the PW level, the minimum number of skaters required to start a game will be 10.

2. AAA eligibility at all levels: It was suggested that possibly AAA players should be eligible to play up one category (ie. PW AAA be permitted to play Bantam and Ban. AAA be permitted to play Juvenile). After another lengthy discussion it was proposed that:
PW AAA players will be permitted to play Bantam Division 1.

3. Female AA players on Boys teams: It was moved that:

A female AA player is considered AA even if she is playing on a boys team.

4. Juvenile contact Div. 2: There was a request that we offer a Juvenile Boys division 2 league. This would still be contact hockey but for the teams that are unable to be competitive at the present Div. 1 level. (As per the old rule, a maximum of 5"AA" players may dress per game).

A motion was put on the floor to accept the above proposals in block.

Motion to approve: Chris Viau – LCC

Seconded: Marie-Claire O'Neill – ROYAL

Unanimous

403 Competition Committee report and recommendations: The following recommendations were proposed by the Competition Committee. Each proposal will be voted on separately with discussion for each.

#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.

These penalties are slightly higher than what is currently listed in the GMAA handbook for these infractions. The GMAA Board of Directors wanted to impose stricter sanctions for those students displaying these types of behaviors. They argue that these behaviors have no place in the schools, and thus have no place in school sports. It was asked to ensure that the referees are aware of these sanctions and to ask them to write clear game reports so that the discipline committee can make an informed decision. It was also asked that the referees possibly try to have more of a dialogue with the coaches after the incidents and before submitting their reports.

Moved: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Sarah Neeff – ECS

Unanimous

#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.'

This proposal is to try to stop teams from defaulting multiple games in the season. Example: bantam girls' soccer team from school A defaults 1 game, their fine is \$50. Bantam girls' soccer



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team from school A defaults a second game, their fine is \$100. Etc.

Moved: Maxine Rupert – LCC

Seconded: Marc Faubert – STT

Unanimous

#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

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Andy D'Allessandro - LMAC

Unanimous.

#4 - Multiple withdrawals from the same school a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'The pre-season payment to the GMAA is non-refundable. If a team pulls out of a league after the schedule has been made and posted on the website, that team will no longer incur a fine of \$100, however, the GMAA will keep their pre-season payment.'

This motion was amended to read,

'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.'

It was asked that the office be relatively lenient for teams withdrawing in the Fall Season since the time delay for seeing students and getting the teams in is very short.

Moved: William Cho – MMA

Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS

Unanimous

#5 - Forfeit but game played a motion was put on the floor that reads,

'If a game was played but had to be defaulted by one of team teams (for an ineligible player, for a participation violation, etc) that the \$50 fine for the default be waived. The team defaulting the game would still lose the game by default (and lose the points in the standings) but there would be no fine associated with this kind of default.'

There was some discussion regarding teams who show up with not enough players and wanting to play the game, but referees not wanting to stay and referee a game that will be considered a default. At the beginning of the season, it is requested to all Referee Assignors that referees are encouraged to stay and allow the game to take place so that the games can get played.

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS

Unanimous

#6 - Coach carry-over suspension a motion was put on the floor that reads,

'Any coach who is suspended for any reason must serve that suspension in the sport where the infraction occurred. That coach would also be under probation for that sport and any other sport they coach during the year.'

Right now the carry-over suspension rule is the same for coaches as it is for players. If a coach



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is ejected from the last game of the soccer season and must serve a 2-game suspension as a result, that suspension applies to the next sport that person coaches. It was felt that it would send a clearer message to the team and to that coach if their suspension had to be served in the sport in which the ejection incurred.

Moved: Sarah Neeff – ECS

Seconded: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Unanimous

Basketball Issues

7 - Review of ages, A motion was put on the floor to maintain the same age structure for basketball (1-2-2).

Moved: Marc Faubert

Seconded: Ivan Spilak

Unanimous

#8 - D2 & D3 eligibility – it was asked that we vote on the following two motions separately. Both motions would be in effect for a 1-year trial period to be re-evaluated by the competition committee at the end of the season.

A - 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.'

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Kyle Van de Graaf – JRHS

Vote: For – 32 Opposed – 4 Abstentions – 1 → Motion is passed

B - A motion was put on the floor that reads, 'GMAA Division 3 Basketball each team is permitted to play one AA player per game. This AA player must be indicated on the game sheet by writing AA beside their name. A team can register more than 1 AA player, but they are only permitted to play 1 per game. AA players must also be indicated on the GMAA player registration form by writing AA beside their name.'

Moved: Kyle Van de Graaf – JRHS

Seconded: Leon Tzortzis – LAURN

Vote: For – 23 Opposed: 12 Abstentions – 2 → Motion is passed

It is noted that the onus is on the SAC reps to make sure that their schools are choosing the correct category for their teams. It is asked that the SAC reps take a look at the overall team when making a decision on D1, 2 or 3 and not just one player. Example: A team with 11 AA players and 1 AAA player should be playing in the Division 1 league even though, by the rules, they would be eligible for the Division 2 league. It is up to the SAC reps to be aware of what is going on in their schools.

#9 - Bantam only 1 Division a motion was put on the floor that reads,

'For a one-year trial basis, in GMAA Bantam Basketball that only 1 division be offered, all teams will play Division 1. Schools can register up to 2 Bantam basketball teams.'

Since teams are grade 7 only, and since that means no one has a good idea of the players entering their school, it was suggested that all schools enter the same division. That way, schools will be able to play against other schools in their geographic area making sure that those grade 7 students are not playing late games in remote locations. Schools would still be permitted



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to enter up to 2 teams at the bantam level.

The motion was amended to include, 'A two-tiered playoff system will be in place for the Bantam leagues. The top 8 teams will qualify to compete for a Division 1 Banner, the next best teams will qualify to compete for a Division 2 banner. The office will determine the playoff structure prior to the scheduling meetings so that all teams are aware.'

Moved: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Jayson Steill – RHS

Vote: For – 29 Opposed – 8 Abstentions – 0 → Motion is passed

#10 - Indoor Soccer minimum to start a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'The minimum number of players required to start an indoor soccer game is 5 players.' In indoor soccer, the minimum number of players required to start at game is 7 players, even though the game is played with 5 players on the floor. This is the same minimum as an outdoor soccer team (that plays with 11 players).

Moved: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Seconded: Jack Archambault – FACE

Vote: For – 36 Opposed – 0 Abstentions – 1 → Motion is passed

#11 - Rugby - Field markings and playoffs a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'In Rugby if your field is not properly marked with paint (not flags or cones), you cannot host playoff games. If the opposing team and the referee show up, and the field is not properly lined, the home team will default the game.'

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Sarah Neeff – ECS

Unanimous

#12 - Playoff eligibility a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'For team sports where the eligibility requirements are not outlined in the sport handbook that the following rule be followed:
For a season of 4 games or less, a player must have participated in a minimum of 1 game in order to be eligible for the playoffs.
For a season of 5 - 8 games, a player must have participated in a minimum of 2 games in order to be eligible for the playoffs.
For a season of 9 or more games, a player must have participated in a minimum of 3 games in order to be eligible for playoffs.
*Call ups would still have to play a minimum of 2 games in order to be eligible for the playoffs (once they play a second game with that team, they are not permitted to go back down to their original team)'

The only sports that have specific rules for eligibility for playoffs are volleyball and hockey, those would still apply. All other sports have a blanket rule that students must play at least 2 games in order to be eligible for the playoffs. Some sports play a season of 4 games, some 6, some 10, and some 12 so the eligibility requirement is actually very different from sport to sport.

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Maxine Rupert – LCC.

Unanimous

#13 - Track - 1500s and 3000s a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'In order to be eligible for the championship meet, the runners must come top 8 in their respective meets and meet the minimum time requirement.'



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At the Outdoor track and field championship meets the finish line noticed that several of the 1500 and 3000 runners were not very competitive. The top runners were lapping the bottom runners multiple times in the course of the race. This causes problems at the finish line and slows down the championship meet considerably. Don and Amanda will look at the times from those races in the past few years in order to come up with fair minimum qualifying times for each age category.

Moved: Elad Ben Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Andy D'Allessandro

Unanimous

404 2014-2015 Calendar - to be presented at the meeting

The 2014-2015 Calendar was presented at the meeting. It is very similar to the 2013-2013 calendar. We did try to give schools a little bit more time at the beginning of the year to put in their soccer teams. The deadline will be at the end of the first week back and the scheduling meeting will only be held the Monday after. We also had to adjust the Indoor Track and Field Meets to back in February from March since the Provincials were also moved back to mid-March. Those were the only two big adjustments in terms of the calendar.

Moved: Andy D'Allessandro – LMAC

Seconded: Jacques Archambault – FACE

Unanimous

405 Year-end summary

A two-sided sheet was distributed for information on defaults, withdrawals, ejections and numbers of schools and teams in each sport. This was for information.

There was also another sheet distributed with the outline of pre-season payments from 2013-2014 and the actual cost of running the sport. Most sports were left with a credit at the end of the season (if there were no fines). There were only 6 sports that had to pay in their post-season payments. Also attached was a copy of the Pre-Season Payments, Meeting dates and deadlines for 2014-2015. Very few costs were raised overall since the budgeting for this year was good.

406 RSEQ Report – the following report was distributed.

GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials

Volleyball Provincials

MACD Juvenile Boys (12th place)

ROYAL Bantam Girls (18th place)

WWHS Midget Girls (18th place)

Basketball Provincials

BIAL Bantam Boys (14th place)

LAURN Midget Girls (5th place)

RIVHS Midget Boys (8th place)

JRHS Juvenile Girls (12th place)

MMA Juvenile Boys 1 (4th place)

HSBHS Juvenile Boys 2 (5th place)

Indoor Track and Field Provincials

33 students from 12 schools



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Indoor Soccer Provincials

LBPHS Midget Boys (11th place) and Juvenile Boys (12th place)
PCHS Bantam Girls (4th place) and Bantam Boys (14th place)
VMC Bantam Girls (7th place), Bantam Boys (3rd place), Midget Girls (4th place) and Juvenile Girls (15th place)

Badminton Provincials

24 students from 9 schools

Outdoor Track and Field Provincials

5 students from 1 school

Indoor Soccer Provincials at PCHS

Congratulations to PCHS for hosting the RSEQ Indoor Soccer Provincials at the Bantam level (boys and girls). 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.

Provincial Golf 2014

There will not be a provincial golf tournament next fall organized by the RSEQ. One of the regions might organize an invitational golf tournament that schools can attend but there will not be an official Provincial Golf Tournament in the fall of 2014.

DeFacto

We had 9 schools participate in the RSEQ DeFacto non-smoking program this year. Over 1400 De Facto tshirts were ordered from those GMAA schools this year.

Translation of documents

The RSEQ has approved a budget for next year to translate some RSEQ documents into English. We have asked them to start with all the provincial rules so that our teams can read and understand the provincial regulations when they attend the tournaments.

Injury Reports

The following will probably be in effect for the 2014-2015 sports season. The RSEQ is asking all teams to send in their accident reports to the GMAA. Any time an accident report is filled out during a GMAA activity (practice or game) we are asking that you send us a copy of the accident report. The RSEQ will collect all these reports from the various regions in order to come up with data on the most common injuries in each sport and how to prevent these injuries from happening. Since each coach or teacher must fill out an accident report anyway, we are just asking that those reports also be sent here into the office.

407 Sites for 2014-2015 championships

We have already had requests by the following schools to host championships for 2014-2015

- D1 Soccer – LCCHS at Riverside Park
- D1 Soccer – STT/JRHS/LPHS at Terra Cotta Field
- D1 Hockey – LCC at their school arena
- D1 Girls Basketball – HSBHS at their school
- D1 Boys Basketball – WHS, JRHS and RIVHS all offered to host

For the soccer, we will talk to STT and LCCHS to see if they would like to split Girls and Boys championships so that both venues can be used.



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For the boys basketball, we will decide who will host at the Division I Basketball scheduling meeting by putting the venues to a vote. WHS, JRHS, RIVHS.

408 Summer Camp

Pat Sullivan mentioned that there is a summer basketball camp held at Sun Youth. The cost is minimal (\$75 for 5 days from 8am – 4pm) and it includes a hot lunch. For more information, you can contact him directly.

409 Rugby

Kyle Van de Graaff was asked by his principal to mention the possibility of moving the rugby season to the fall instead of the spring. In the fall there is a little bit more time in the calendar and the fields are a little bit more accessible. There is also the issue of playing a high-risk sport (concussions and head injuries) right before the end of year exam period.

The calendar for 2014-2015 was already passed, but it was asked that this be discussed at the pre-season rugby meeting next year by the rugby coaches. If something is passed at that meeting, it will be brought to SAC next June for approval.

Motion to adjourn: Maxine Rupert – LCC

Seconded: Ivan Spilak – VMC

Unanimous