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

To: SAC Reps
From: Amanda Maks & Hughanna Gaw
Date: Monday, December 7th, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, William Dawson Room (Light lunch provided)

MINUTES

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Elad Ben-Eli HZHS Seconded: Phil Moreau LBPHS Unan.

200 Approval of Minutes of June 2015

Motion to approve: Elad Ben-Eli HZHS Seconded: Phil Lafave LOY Unan.

300 Business arising

Sports motions that are in effect from June/August

Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field – new, only have 4 substitutions the day of the events

Swimming & Track - \$100 fine for not having officials

Badminton – at each tournament a player can only play in one position and a sub can only sub in one position (S1, S2, D1, or D2)

Rugby – all teams will be required to supply a therapist for all games (one per team)

Lacrosse – home team will be required to supply a therapist for home games

400 New Business

401 Board of Directors Report – We have two new rules that were voted on and implemented by the BoD this year so far. The first is an adjustment in the Governing Rules regarding Spectators and the second is an adjustment in governing rules regarding teams entering a league in another region.

Governing Rules – Section 9: Spectators

In the event of spectator problems before, during or after a GMAA activity, the following procedure is to be followed: Upon receipt of a written complaint by one of the parties involved (referee, SAC rep or administrator), the Executive Director shall determine whether the incident is dealt with at the school level, or shall refer the incident to the appropriate committee (discipline, coaches code, principals committee, etc).

RULE VI - REGULATIONS GOVERNING ATHLETIC CONTESTS

3. In order for a school to compete in another regional school sports association (RSEQ), the team must receive written permission from the GMAA before registering in the league. This permission form must be signed by the SAC Rep and Principal from the GMAA member school before it is submitted to the GMAA office. (GMAA Authorisation Hors Région Form)

4. The GMAA can accept the entry of non-member schools in GMAA leagues, however, those schools must submit their Team Registration Forms with written permission from their regional school sports association. (Authorisation Hors Région Form)

402 Competition Committee Proposals (Meeting Nov 24)

LEAGUES –

1A) Hockey league

Peewee we cannot accept teams, teams are currently already playing the maximum number of games. We can facilitate teams meeting up for exhibition games, but will not be able to enter teams into the league.

For Juvenile Girls and Bantam Boys D3, if the coaches in the current league unanimously accept teams, and if the strike is over before the Christmas Break and we receive entries and can make up a schedule before the holidays, we will accept teams.

Moved: Jeff Bateman

Seconded: Andy D'Alessandro

Unan.

Motion: For Juvenile Girls and Bantam Boys D3, if the coaches in the current league unanimously accept teams, and if the strike is over before the Christmas Break and we receive entries and can make up a schedule before the holidays, we will accept teams. Also if at least 4 teams are interested in Juvenile Boys D3 non-contact hockey, we would start a league.

Moved: Sarah Neeff ECS

Seconded Kyle Van de Graaf JRHS

Motion is passed

Vote: For 21

Opposed 0

Abstentions 4

1B) Basketball League

If the strike is over before the Christmas Break and all entries and scheduling can be done before December 18th and there is a minimum of 4 teams (in order to create another section) then we will accept new teams.

If there are less than 4 teams we will not add any

There will be a minimum of 6 games and a maximum of 8 (4 teams = 6 games, 5 teams = 8 games, 6 teams = 2 sections 7 games, 7 teams = 6 games, 8 teams = 2 sections 6 games each, etc)

We will not remove any teams from the playoffs, but we will add teams from the new sections

We will not make any changes to the schedules of teams who are currently in the leagues

We will stay in line with GMAA regulations

Division I championships will be played as scheduled on February 24 and 25.

Division III playoffs and championships will be scheduled after all the march breaks and must be completed by March 31st.

Moved: Jeff Bateman

Seconded: Elad Ben-Eli

Unan.

Motion: If the strike is over before the Christmas Break and all entries and scheduling can be done before December 18th and there is a minimum of 4 teams (in order to create another section) then we will accept new teams.

Moved: Sarah Neeff ECS

Seconded: Kathleen Cook TRAF

Motion is passed unanimously

1C) Curling and Wrestling leagues

Coaches at each of the pre-season meetings (for Curling and Wrestling) have agreed to accept any teams who would like to enter at any point before the end of the season if the schedule permits.

No vote required, teams will enter if time permits based on the information from the scheduling meetings.

2) Exhibition Leagues

If four teams are interested in an exhibition league for a sport that is over, or for a sport that is in season, we will offer an exhibition league. The champions will not be permitted to challenge the current league champions. Scheduling principles would be the same as regular GMAA leagues

Teams who had already competed in the regular GMAA leagues would be permitted to play in the exhibition leagues if they were interested.

The GMAA will offer the normal playoff principles and awards for this league (medals, mvp plaque, banner with Exhibition instead of DI or DIII).

Moved: Ivan Spilak

Seconded: Sarah Neeff

Unan.

Motion: If four teams are interested in an exhibition league for a sport that is over, or for a sport that is in season, we will offer an exhibition league. The champions will not be permitted to challenge the current league champions.

Moved: Eric Mechaly MAI

Seconded: Sarah Neeff

Motion is passed

Vote: For 21

Opposed 0

Abstentions 1

3) Provincials

The only two teams eligible to represent the GMAA at Provincial Competitions are the GMAA Champions for that league or the silver medalists. No exhibition team can challenge a GMAA champion for the right to attend provincials. If first or second place does not want to attend, the GMAA will not be represented. (Status quo)

Moved: Ivan Spilak

Seconded: Sarah Neeff

6 For – 1 Opposed

Since this is not a change there was no vote. There was no motion to counter the status quo.

403 Score sheets & Sports line / Registration / Commitment forms

Please make sure coaches are sending in their score sheets on time and filled in properly with game numbers and dates. Please also make sure 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. SAC Reps or coaches can check the "Form Checklist" on each sport's page to make sure that all the required paperwork is in the office. Unless there is a blue star in the box, the office has not received the forms. 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.

404 Fall & Winter Summary

405 Withdrawals & Defaults

406 Schedule changes

A Fall Sports Summary sheet was handed out with the number of teams, ejections, defaults, withdrawals and schedule changes. Last year this also included lopsided scores, but with the uncharacteristic year we have had we have removed that portion. Many of this years lopsided scores would be avoided in years where we are able to offer division 2 in sports like soccer and basketball. It was noted that although the number of schedule changes may seem low the percentage of changes is almost the same as last year – 28% of games on the schedule are changed, 1/3 of the games. We continue to highly encourage SAC reps to ensure that their coaches are attending the scheduling meeting with an up to date school calendar. The number of ejections have gone up in soccer we had 10 ejections compared to last year's 9. With nearly half the number of teams playing, this means that in a standard year we would have had double the number of ejections.

It was asked that the office remind referees to try to use the 5-minute cooling off period for minor issues, before issuing a red card. Some instances call for a red card, but in other cases a cooling off period would suffice.

407 Invoices

Invoices for all fall sports have not yet been sent out. This is due to the many teams who had to pull out from LBPSB schools after the Union vote mid-season. The Board put together a Finance Committee to discuss how team will be charged for games played and the possibility of waiving the withdrawal fines. We hope to have the process approved at the December Board meeting and the invoices ready when schools return from the break. After the bills are sent out, fines letters will also be sent to the schools in January. Letters are sent to any school who has amassed \$50 or more in fines for the Fall Season. If you have a credit on your account, please make sure to use it for your next sport.

408 Evaluation Sheet / Comments Form

Hughanna made a Survey-Monkey league evaluation form for the GMAA fall sports – we had 54 coaches respond representing 5 sports. 35 of the responses were directed at soccer with another 14 for volleyball. This number is a drastic increase from the 4 post-season league evaluation forms that we received all of last year. Overall the league was generously evaluated:

64% of the coaches responded that the length of the season was about right, while 26% found it too short, however, many acknowledged that this was due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding this year. 100% of the coaches responded that all or most of the information was passed along in an efficient and effective manner. Over 80% answered that the hand book was easily accessible, easy to understand and well adapted to the GMAA.

The majority of the responses that mentioned that it could be improved were directed towards the volleyball handbook. In response we have added rule clarifications to the handbook which you will find included in the packages.

96% responded that over all the league was good, very good or excellent.

The only area that a larger % of coaches felt was below average was the quality of the officials, where 27% responded that the officiating was fair or poor. We have read over the comments in this section and are discussing ways to improve this with the referee assignors.

409 Handbook Revisions / Motions Sports Committees

Nothing new was passed at this years' pre-season or scheduling meetings. The only ones added to handbooks for this year were already discussed in 300 – business arising from last years' minutes.

A sheet was handed out with Basketball Rule clarifications on one side and volleyball handbook clarifications on the other side. These are not changes, they are simply clarifying rules that are already in place but that we felt needed to be outlined. They were confirmed by various 'sports experts' in order to ensure their validity.

410 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.

411 MVP Dinner

The MVP Dinner will be held at the Crown Plaza again this year on May 30th, 2016. 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.

412 RSEQ Report

DeFacto – is the non-smoking program from the RSEQ selling inexpensive t-shirts with your school's logo. For more information contact Ali at the office. This year so far we only have one order from one school. The next session for orders is not until the Spring for next year.

PR1MO - PR1MO is a new project launched by the RSEQ. It is a program directed at Elementary students aged 6-12 years old and is designed to teach physical educators how to introduce their students to one, or many, different sports completely free of charge. We had 18 schools register, 8 from the LBPSB and 10 from EMSB. We will start implementing the program in May/June of 2016.

Provincials

We did not attend the Cross Country Provincials this year, we did not have any chaperones volunteer.

Upcoming Provincials

Indoor T&F – March 12 at Claude Robillard

Indoor Soccer – April 1-2-3 (Bantam Laval, Midget & Juvenile Trois Rivieres)

Basketball – April 8-9-10 (Bantam St Laurent, Midget Trois Rivieres, Juvenile Outaouais)

Volleyball – April 8-9-10 (All levels in Sherbrooke)

Badminton – April 22-23-24 (All levels Amqui)

Flag Football – June 10-11-12 (All levels Montreal)

Outdoor T&F – June 10-11-12 (All levels Longueuil)

413 Championship Venues

The GMAA would like to thank all of the schools who have hosted Championships this fall, St Thomas organized for Soccer championships to be held at Terra Cotta and Loyola hosted Volleyball. It is much appreciated.

Upcoming Championships and All-Star Games

The Girls All-Star Hockey Game is being hosted at College Notre-Dame Tuesday, December 9th at 4:45

KSS is hosting both the wrestling all-star meet on Feb.4th and championship meets on Feb. 11th

The Concordia Basketball Programs (men & women) are hosting the Basketball all-star games on Feb 14th (as a note, if some GMAA teams are playing in an exhibition basketball league, any juvenile students playing will be permitted to try out for the GMAA all-star teams.)

LCC is hosting the Girls and Pee Wee hockey championships on Feb. 23rd

We are still looking for someone to host the basketball championships, if anyone is interested in hosting either the boys or girls please let us know at the office as soon as possible. Also if anyone is interested in hosting one of the spring sport championships please let us know.

414 Office Issues

The June SAC meeting will be held on June 15th – 9:30am

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

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

Just FYI any parents contacting the GMAA office will be referred back to be school SAC Rep and/or coach.

The latest legal action against the GMAA has been dropped, the person is however, still pursuing the other parties named in the suit.

We are now posting our schedules online in excel – the feedback from SAC reps is that people seem to be happy with the new format – it is easier to download, the filters make it easier to find games, etc.

Also we have taken the time to re-create our spring team and player registration forms. Most SAC reps have not seen the new forms yet but the ones who have commented that the information is more clear, the forms look cleaner and they are more user-friendly.

Please remember – Indoor Soccer entries are due January 6th, with the scheduling meeting on January 7th.

If we are able to add LBPSB and EMSB teams into the basketball leagues (when the strike is over) we have already scheduled the entry deadline for Wednesday, December 16th. The scheduling meeting will be held the next day on December 17th at 4pm at the EMSB.

If the ECA ban continues into February we will have to cancel the indoor track and field meets for this year. The majority of the schools that participate are public and the cost of Claude Robillard would be too high for the remaining schools to split.

Depending on the status of the LBPSB and EMSB schools the West and East swim meets will be merged and held at Centre sportif Cote des Neiges. If the status of the EMSB and LBPSB schools change we will accept their team and player registrations up until the Thursday before the meets that they wish to attend. Please remember that in order to qualify for the championships a swimmer only need to compete in one meet and swim a qualifying time in their event.

Motion to adjourn: Andy D'Alessandro