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

Meeting: December Secondary Advisory Meeting

To: SAC Reps
From: GMAA Office
Date: Wednesday, December 5th, 2018
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave, William Dawson Room (Light lunch provided)

MINUTES

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

Moved: Holly Durkee - STG

Seconded: Megan Littman - SHSM

Unan.

200 Approval of Minutes of June 2018 Revise June minutes to read June at the top instead of December (typo).

Moved: Jayson Steill - MMA

Seconded: Gino Conforti – WHS

Unan.

300 Business arising

N/A

400 New Business

401 Board of Directors Report

Everything that was passed last June by SAC was approved by the board of directors. The starting times motion was amended to put a limit of 4:30pm as the latest possible forced start.

Derogation: Just a reminder that all derogation requests must be discussed at a Board of Directors Meeting. This includes any gender or age derogation or any transgender requests. The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, December 19th and the following meeting will only be held on Tuesday, February 6th, so please get your requests in as soon as possible.

402 Competition Committee Proposals

Competition committee met for over 3 hours on November 29th to discuss various items from SAC, the sports committees or the office. The minutes were sent out to all of SAC last week. The following motions were passed and are being proposed to SAC for approval. Each will be voted on separately.

GOLF: Tournament format - for all golfers with a 30+ handicap, the tournament format will be best ball (Vegas Style). Students will be divided into their foursomes and the team score of that foursome will be applied to all individuals in that foursome. Although these golfers will not be competing for the individual awards, their score will still count towards the team banner.

Motion was tabled

Cross country:

Within 48 hours prior to and including the race, each school is allowed a maximum of 10 scratches. For every scratch above 10 there will be a \$5.00 charge per student.

Moved: Elad Ben-Eli – HZHS

Seconded: Chris Merritt – WIC

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Motion is passed



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Governing Rules:

Tie Break Procedure- To re-include the win % as a tie break when teams play the same number of games since a game won should be worth more than two games tied.

The tie-breaking procedure as outlined in the governing rules would read:

2) *Breaking ties in standings when all teams involved in the tie make playoffs:*

a) *The higher place will go to the team(s) which defeated the other in the game(s) between the tied teams. (Head-to-head competition)*

b) When teams play the same number of games. Win percentage of the teams involved in the tie. The higher place will go to the team with the higher win %.

c) *The percentage of points available (wins and ties) of the teams involved in the tie. The higher place will go to the team with the higher percentage of points available.*

d) *The higher place will go to the team(s) with the better goal/points differential in the game(s) between the tied teams.*

e) *points against over the entire season. In sections with an uneven number of games, the average points against per game over the entire season.*

Moved: Andy D'Alessandro - LMAC

Seconded: Kathleen Cook –

TRAF

Unan.

Motion is passed

SportsLine:

The SportsLine fine for the last week of the regular season and the playoffs will be doubled. If the home team does not call in the score the night of the game, during the last week of regular season and playoffs, the fine will double from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

Moved: Matt Starr – BIAL

Seconded: Jayson Steill – MMA

Unan.

Motion is passed

Discipline Video Review:

The current rule stipulates that this video would not change the outcome of a game or change a referee's call or missed call. It would only be used to determine if a suspension is merited and the length. We would like to adjust the rule to say: "If there is video evidence that indicates malicious play or intent to injure, the discipline committee is able to assess suspensions based on this video evidence. This will not change the outcome of the game".

Moved: Elad Ben-Eli - HZHS

Seconded: Matt Starr – BIAL

Unan.

Motion is passed

Basketball Participation:

Adjust our current rule, minimum 8 players, to follow the Basketball Quebec participation rule of a minimum of 9 players instead of 8. However, we will continue to use the GMAA participation rule that teams must match the smaller number of players.

Moved: Jaime Guy - MACD

Seconded: Danielle L'Ecuyer – ECS

Vote: For: 17

Against: 23

Motion is defeated

Basketball Age Categories:

Allow three B2 players (Grade 8) on Bantam Boys Division 4 Basketball teams. These players cannot be AA players.

Moved: Elad Ben-Eli - HZHS

Seconded: Patrick Mischook – WWHS

Vote: For: 37

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

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Minimum Court Dimension to Host Basketball Playoffs:

A motion was put on the floor that the minimum Basketball Court Dimensions in order to host playoff games is 14m by 25m.

Moved: Phil Lafave – LOY

Seconded: Danielle L'Ecuyer – ECS

Vote: For: 38

Against: 2

Abstentions: 0

Motion is passed.

Volleyball D.3

For a one-year trial we will open a Division 3 Volleyball league for girls only.

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Megan Littman – SHSM

Unan.

Motion is passed.

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament:

In the spring of 2019 a one-day Jamboree style event will be run. This event will be reevaluated to see if there is enough interest for a league, or one-day tournament for next year.

Moved: Sarah Scanlon - LCC

Seconded: Holly Durkee – STG

Unan.

Motion is passed.

Addition of a badminton D3 league:

Badminton participation (D3) league. Each year, the office gets requests from schools to add a second badminton team to the GMAA leagues in certain levels. As a response, the suggestion is to open a D3 for GMAA Badminton.

The parameters are:

The school must have a team at that level in D2

The school may only enter 1 D3 team per level

The standard call-up rule will apply for D3 to D2

There will be no individual stats

There will only be a team championship tournament (same format as D2 team championship tournament which will include the distribution of team medals and banners)

Moved: Phil Lafave - LOY

Seconded: Gino Conforti – WHS

Vote: For: 39

Against: 1

Abstentions: 0

Motion is passed.

Hockey Ages:

Change the hockey ages for Bantam and Midget to October 1st (from Sept 1st) and for Juvenile to July 1st (from Sept 1st).

Example for 2019-2020

Bantam: Born October 1st, 2006 or later (+5 students born October 1st, 2005 or later – B2)

Midget: Born October 1st, 2004 or later

Juvenile: Born July 1st, 2001 or later

Moved: Marc Faubert – STT

Seconded: Chris Merritt – WIC

Unan.

Motion is passed.

403 Score sheets & Sports line / Registration / Commitment forms Please make sure coaches are sending in their score sheets on time and filled in properly including game numbers and dates. If coaches are taking pictures and sending them, please remind them that we need to be able to see the referees' signatures at the bottom. 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. There are some schools who have not called in any scores since the beginning of the



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season. 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. Forms that are late or missing are subject to a fine, which is now listed at the top of the checklist. Check the date at the top of the page to make sure the checklist has been recently updated. Unless there is a blue star in the box, the office has not received the forms. Please check to see that all your winter player registration as well as coaches’ commitment forms are in and send in any missing forms asap.

D2 Futsal: Just a reminder that for those of you registered in D2 Futsal we are using S1 across the board (schedule, standings and scores/ scoresheets). You are responsible to upload the score the night of the game on S1.

404 Fall & Winter Summary A Fall Sports Summary sheet was handed out with the number of teams and participants listed. Overall our numbers of teams and students registered are around the same as last year. Cross country running is the only sport with a notable decrease in participation going from 688 runners to 526.

Winter sports are well underway, Basketball, Hockey, Futsal D.2, Curling and Wrestling leagues are running. Swimming player forms including their events for meets 1+2 are due next Monday, December 10th and in January we will schedule D3 + 4 Futsal and Badminton. Indoor Track and Field entries are also due in January.

405 Ejections, Withdrawals & Defaults On the Fall summary sheet, we also listed ejections, defaults and withdrawals.

The number of ejections in soccer has increased substantially from 4 in 2017 to 16 in 2018. The disheartening part about the increase is that 10 of the 16 were for verbal abuse of the officials, which is 100% avoidable. In addition to the 16 student ejections we also had 3 coaches’ ejections for the same issues.

The question was asked if the office keeps track of who is handing out the cards, the answer is yes, if a referee notoriously gives out repeated cards, it will be highlighted.

We have had 11 hockey ejections compared to 4 at this point last year. Currently we are on track to have the same number of ejections as when we had 54 teams. Most of the ejections have been for violent conduct.

With the increasing number of ejections, there was a discussion regarding possible ways to hold coaches more accountable for the behavior of their teams. Some of the other regions have sportsmanship and ethical points that each team would receive at the end of each game, as rated by the officials and the opposing teams. Other regions have a 3R workshop that each coach is required to attend prior to coaching in their leagues. With the constant increase in coach ejections, these are some things that the board may have to take a look at to try to get things under control.

It is asked as well, that each school use any ejections or disciplinary measures as a learning experience for their students and their coaches.

The number of defaults and withdrawals are on par with years prior.

406 Schedule changes As in years past the number of schedule changes are high, please keep in mind that with more changes comes an increased possibility for miscommunication between teams and officials. This year, we are having issues with our assignor finding referees when games are being moved or added to certain days. Please remind your coaches that we only have 15 locations a day



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when trying to reschedule games. To avoid the need for scheduling changes we highly encourage SAC reps to ensure that their coaches are attending the scheduling meeting with an up to date school calendar. (or any calendar, and a pen or pencil...)

407 Invoices: Fall invoices were sent to the schools two weeks ago. Budgeted costs were right on or slightly lower this year for all sports. Only one sport had to pay (Cross Country Running \$2.24 per team). For all other sports, if teams didn't incur fines, they would have a credit (Golf \$5.34 per golfer, Boys Flag \$60.03 per team, Soccer (2 refs) \$29.38, Soccer (1 ref) \$28.35 credit, Softball \$190.96 girls, \$10.16 boys, Volleyball \$11.12/team). Almost all payments were sent in promptly and we thank you for that (since we still have not received any of our grant money for this year. The process of sending an actual invoice for pre-season payments seems to have helped most schools pay more promptly, so we will continue to do this in the future.

If you have a credit overall, please call the office to discuss where you would like it to be applied. Also, we already sent out letters to the Principal and SAC rep outlining any fines that totaled over \$50.00 their school incurred during the fall season.

408 Evaluation / Comments Form (Survey Monkey) Surveys were done and sent out for most of the Fall sports, it is very important that you take a couple of minutes and answer these surveys. We analyze your answers and look to improve our leagues based on your comments and answers. For example, we changed our soccer assignor recently because of the comments we received about our old assignor. One thing that surprised us most this past season was that overall people were much happier with the officiating. Often, most of our complaints are about officiating. We were pleased to see this change.

409 Spring Activities and Playoffs starting times The office would like to remind the SAC reps that all spring playoff games will start at 4:00pm or later. This is in response to the in-class exams that take place in May and June and the fact that early dismissals are very difficult to get. We know that some schools rent fields and are only receive them at a specific time. No school can be required to start before 4:00pm, but if both schools agree, start times may be adjusted. If the host school cannot provide a field for a start time between 4:00pm and 4:30pm they would have to find a new location or travel.

410 MVP Format To keep costs low we will keep the MVP format the same as last years, Selwyn House has offered to host. We will offer finger foods again this year before the ceremony.

411 RSEQ Report

RSEQ grants are stable, the cash flow is a little bit off, but we should be getting the first 75% off this years' grant in December, we usually receive it in September.

Sport Federations: The RSEQ is working with the various federations to sign protocols since they are mandated by MEES to do that. We have three days of meetings coming up with the various federations to discuss issues with all the regions.

Esport: is making a move to become an actual sport and take up place in the 'sports'. This may be something that we have to look at adding. If we have 4 'teams' interested, we will look at it.

Code of Ethics: The RSEQ is creating a 'committee de deontologie' – code of ethics committee, to deal with issues that arise. Parameters are still being discussed, but it will be like our Coaches code of ethics committee.

Hockey: Last week, Amanda met with the regions in and surrounding Montreal regarding the ongoing issue of our regional hockey leagues not having enough teams. The meeting went well, we have a lot



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of common ground and are ready to work together to offer the best leagues that we can to our schools. The first thing we all confirmed is that the deadline for team entries for GMAA hockey will be in the Spring of 2019 instead of the Fall. This will give us plenty of time to adjust the leagues in order to be able to offer what we can to our schools.

We sent 26 students to the RSEQ Cross Country Run provincials from 8-9 schools. The event was in the SLSJ region. Students did relatively well, and one of our Juvenile Boys from Westmount HS won the Juvenile Boys race.

412 Championship / All-Star Venues The GMAA would like to thank St Thomas for hosting the Soccer championships at Terra Cotta. As well as MacDonald HS and John Abbott College for hosting the Volleyball championships at John Abbott College.

The juvenile volleyball all-star games were once again hosted by Sunil Ramgulam and John Abbott College on November 23rd. College Notre Dame hosted the Juvenile Girls Hockey All-star game on November 28th.

Upcoming Championships and All-Star Games: Massey Vanier High School will host the wrestling all-star meet on February 7th. Heritage Regional High School will host the championship meet on February 14th. We will be working with the Concordia Basketball Programs (men & women) to run the Basketball all-star games again this year, possibly on February 10th (to be confirmed).

LCC is hosting the girls' basketball championships on February 26th. We are still looking for someone to host the boys' basketball championship. If anyone is interested in hosting, 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.

413 Office Issues

Hockey Goalie Mask rule: Anytime the puck hits the goalie's mask, play will be called by the referees immediately. Request from the Hockey Assignor to implement this rule asap for the safety of the goalies. As this is a safety concern, the rule will be in effect immediately.

Moved: Jayson Stiell - MMA

Seconded: Megan Littman – SHSM

Unan.

Motion is passed.

Choice of Division: You are responsible for making sure that your teams are in the correct division. Divisions 3 and 4 are for weaker inexperienced teams and should be participation leagues. Being competitive, not necessarily winning should be the main criteria for team entry.

Swimming Officials: For all the swimming meets, our main officials are all volunteers from the swimming community. Many of whom started volunteering when their, now adult, kids swam. If you have parents at your school who you know have experience at swim meets, they don't necessarily need to be FNQ certified officials. If they are available to help at the swim meets it would be greatly appreciated by the office as well as our current officials.

SportLife School Services: the office was contacted with an offer for services for our schools. They are a company that allows young athletes to simulate the career of professional athletes. There are also other services that are offered to schools like: weekly video reports, coaches, lunch and after school programs, camps, if you would like information, contact Amanda and she will send you the info.

Motion to adjourn: Elad Ben-Eli - HZHS