

# The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Thursday April 18th, 2024.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: J.L. Isley High School

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## Attendance:

Scott Pellerine	BVHS	Donna Duggan	SSNS
Kris Stach	LVH	Ami Nixon	CIT
Steve Harris	CPA	Susan Beazley	ARM
David Algee	JLI	Tommy Boudreau	SOMM
Mary Coughran	SHS	Angela Dale	MW
Kevin Wheatley	AUB	Peter Moores	SH
Greg Nussey	ES	Venessa Pike	IV
Mona MacNeil	WBHS	Alex Dawe	ESM
Natalie Pelley	DHS	Justine Colley-Leger	HGS
Jerome Sparks	CHHS		

## Sends regrets:

Josh Marshall	HCA	Ross Burns	SHAM
Anthony Williams	WL	Roy Dempsey	WL
		Mike Smeltzer	HWHS

### 1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

### 2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made for the new participants and the meeting was chaired by Sue Beazley.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved: Angela D.

Seconded: Natalie P.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chec.: \$10 133.97

Sav: \$3 024.15

Plan 24: \$30.40

Shares: \$ \$360.37

Donna went over schools that still owe fees to Metro. All present were notified.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Chad Trenholm - Gray Jay - Metro Website for all Sports

Discussion of how the Gray Jay website can possibly service all of our athletics. The site is currently used for Hockey, and Rugby. Chad went over the different aspects of the website and how it might fit into all our sports at different capacities for each sport we have. We need to decide for next season if this is a site we could incorporate into other sports we offer.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

None

**7. REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Donna Duggan gave a verbal report.

Thank you to everyone for all that you are doing. Thank you to all the people who looked after regionals for basketball at all levels. Also thank you for the hockey leagues, snowboarding, curling, skiing, and badminton. Donna mentioned all names involved to thank all individuals, many schools, ADs and volunteers were involved. There is a new person hired for SSNS, this person is hired in the office to support all the duties being done at the office, and is helping some with individual sports, it seems like his role will be a bigger role in relation to Jr. High sports. This person does have a sports background in relation to school sports. Donna went over the sports we will need to host next year for Provincials. Keep those sports in mind in case your school is able to, or wants to, host any of these events. We have 3 slow pitch mats, and Angela will have those. Donna took a list of schools that have unified sports, so she has that information to pass along. Next year Dave Algae will be our new Metro Chair, to take over from Sue Beazley. Congratulations to Dave for taking on this new additional role for you, and to Sue for so many great years as a vital part of the Metro Athletic Association.

**8. COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

**Boys Hockey – AUB:** Kevin Wheatley/ Tim Coombs

All seemed to go well.

**Girls Hockey - BVHS: Scott Pellerine**

Still waiting for the invoices from officials, when I get those sent to me I will send out invoices for each school. When you get those please send them off as soon as possible to my school so I can wrap up the accounts for this season.

For next season CPA earned the right to move up to tier 1 and Auburn will move down to tier 2; discussion between their ADs can happen and they can let me know if this works for them. If any other team feels a move in tiers would be better for them next season please let me know before our last meeting this year. If any teams did pick up extra ice or they have changed their times, please let me know before our last meeting as well, so things can start to be arranged for next season.

**Boys A - Basketball - CPA: Steve Harris**

All star games did happen and invoices were sent out for those. Still waiting on invoices for officials, you will get your entire season at once, please pay that as soon as possible. We can revisit the structure of the league in June.

**Girls A - Basketball - CPA: Steve Harris/Colleen Harris**

See Above from Steve.

**Boys B - Basketball - SH: Peter Moores**

All went well, Peter had to make sure all schools did get the banners they were supposed to, because he did not have all of them to get out. It is being worked on to make sure everyone got a banner that won one.

**Girls B - Basketball - SH: Peter Moores**

See above

**Curling - CPA: Steve Harris/Greg Doyle**

All went well from discussions with Greg. All fees went to Metro so please make sure it gets sent in very soon. Donna discussed that there will be a proposal for curling to go to fewer divisions, due to low numbers. Look for that on the survey being sent out from SSNS after the spring workshops.

**Skiing - BVHS: Scott Pellerine/ Derrek Nicholls**

It all went very smoothly and I would love to have more schools participate next season, invoices were sent out so please have your cheques mailed to Bay View as soon as possible.

**Snowboarding - AUB: Kevin Wheatley/ Dan Ray**

Kevin mentioned all done and went well.

**Badminton (County) - LOCK: Kris Stach**

All went well.

**Badminton (City/Regional)** - CIT: Ami Nixon

All went well. Possibly talking about not awarding the fifth point next year.

**Boys Rugby** - CPA: Steve Harris/ Brad Boudreau

Brad has been sending out information periodically. This year a 10's league has been created, and it seems to be going well with five teams participating. We are still having some issues with the payment method of officials, and it does not seem like there is a solution that will work for both parties (schools and officials). Dave mentioned at his school his administration is not able to write cheques to the coaches or teachers, for rugby or field hockey games to pay officials without an invoice. However, other schools are doing that, and we are wondering why at some schools it can be done with no issues and at other schools it is not able to be done. We are also wondering why we have to pay at the field for these sports, and not be billed like all other sports. Please make sure all invoices are paid as soon as possible, they have been sent out already.

**Girls Rugby** - AUB: Kevin Wheatley

We are also running a tier 1, 15 league and a tier 2, 10's league. Please make sure all invoices are paid as soon as possible, they have been sent out already.

**Wrestling** - SHS: Mary Coughran/ Mike Lidstone

Wrestling was not on the regional list for this year. Mike is willing to host, but we need to know well in advance. If you would like to have wrestlers train with other schools make sure to go to the SSNS website and fill out the proper paperwork for your Principal to sign. There are coaches at schools now who are happy to have wrestlers from other schools train with them.

**Indoor Field Hockey** - ARM: Sue Beazley

Season is almost over with only one game left until playoffs. Invoices for fees to be paid were sent out today at the meeting by Sue.

Motion:

Field Hockey: That 4 masks are mandatory for corners next season in Field Hockey.
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Moved: Krys Stach

Seconded: Scott Pellerine

You will have to have a vote ready for this at our next meeting so make sure to discuss this with your Principal.

**Box Lacrosse:** MILL: Angela Dale/Michael Kennedy

I think it is all going well. I am still missing quite a few cheques, please get them to Millwood as soon as possible.

Mike said that this year there are fewer suspensions. Seems to be going in a better direction. A discussion occurred on why L.N.S was more involved in the league this year. The lacrosse N.S. officials wanted High School Lacrosse more closely linked to Lacrosse NS, that way high schools could use their officials, and suspensions were carried over by both leagues. Possibly next year we should make it more clear that the boys division will be called "Open" not "Co- Ed" and or "Boys". We will have two divisions, "open" and "girls". If we have a third co-ed division there should be some rules in place so all teams are truly a co-ed team, with a minimum set ratio of females and males.

**Table Tennis - IV:** Vanessa Pyke/ Erica Ans

Schedule will be sent out next week.

**Boys and Girls Slo-Pitch - MILL:** Angela Dale

Working on the schedule now. Seems to be a growing sport. It looks like I will be able to get all division 2 schools in one pool. League games have been expanded and we are using four fields, not just two. The dates should be May 14 to 17th and the 21st for round robin games and playoffs will be 22nd, if we have no cancellations. These games will be during school hours.

**Track and Field - HW/ CIT:** Donna Duggan/Jason Murphy

All dates are in place and the coaches meeting happened this week. Emails have been sent out with all information about the meets. Please contact me if you are able to bring any students to help out at the meets.

**9. New Business**

We will need to decide for the next meeting if we are using Gray Jay or not. Leaning more towards all bigger team sports using it and those leagues being billed individually.

Marry mentioned that we should be having a discussion about the recruiting that is happening in sports, without transfer rules being brought back in. Is there something that we can do? Can we get a rule transfer rule back in? The yearly multiple transfers of athletes is really hurting programs at schools, especially basketball.

Angela mentioned that now the transfer rule follows the rule set out by the department of education in which all schools and sports will need to follow that rule. Students are able to transfer and when they are in a new building are able to take part in all activities offered at that school.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at 11: 35 am

Moved: Natalie. P

Seconded: Vanessa P.

**Next meeting** will be TBD.

If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda, please contact Scott Pellerine one week prior to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Pellerine