

Metro High School Athletic Association - Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 31st, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Halifax West

<http://mhsaa.ednet.ns.ca/>

Attendance:

Jarred Griffiths	FOUT	Scott Pellerine	SJA
Chris Rathwell	CHDHS	Susan Beazley	ARM
Ryan Sadler/Kevin Wheatley	AUB	Adam White	MW
David Algee	JLI	Anthony Williams	PA
Jill Jeffrey	SHS	Donna Duggan	NSSAF
John Munro	CIT	Mike Smeltzer	HWHS
Steve Harris	CPA	Jean Francois Valade	CAR
Steve Wilcox	LVH	Nigel Mailman	ES

Sends regrets:

Anton Berry	DART	Matt Bustin	HCA
Shane Joseph	HGS	Ben Cunningham	SOMM

1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at 1 : 10 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for November, 2017**

Moved: Chris R.

Seconded: Nigel M.

Approved

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Savings: \$360.37

Plan 24: \$30.40

Cheque: \$ 21 703.03

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Motion:

Motion was put forward by Dave Algee that the 48 hours required for an appeal will only be counted on school days. Seconded by Mike Smeltzer.

Vote: All in Favor. Motion passed.

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

Thanks for all the help with regional playdowns. Please tell coaches of JV that all need to be completed by next week so B. Basketball will not be played until this is done. Flag football, Scott Elliott was wondering if we are interested in a tournament? This would be before March 20th. A jamboree style, schools could have up to two teams. All members were asked and there is no interest for Metro for this year at all. Please look at the NSSAF bulletin. Check online first for rule changes, this is the most up to date place to look. Travel and cost are two factors being looked at first for regional playdowns. Please get basketball recording sheets to me. Protests will need a \$100 cheque if you plan on doing that. List of winter sports provincials was read out by Donna. Discussion of rugby, Kevin and Chris will run the leagues and move away from rugby NS.

8. **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

Boys Hockey – HW: Mike Smeltzer/Frank Hubley

Coaches meeting happened last week. More will come out from this meeting in the next few weeks. Playoffs start February 18th. Regional tournament is March 2nd. Two or three teams will go to Provincials CPA is hosting. What was the explanation for the girls teams who went to a tournament when schools were cancelled? Scott discussed what happened with this at SJA. Schools made individual decisions.

Dave spoke about what happened at the hockey coaches mid season meeting. He mentioned documents being put forward to NSSAF with most of what is being put forward by Frank and

coaches. Most ADs had no idea of what was being discussed at this meeting. Dave mentioned how little we talked about it at our table, possibly we need to make more time for this discussion? Do we all think this a good process; leagues are speaking without including input from ADs or schools? Can Frank provide this information to us and we will come back with a vote from our school, and what our Principals think, about the issues the boys league are concerned with?

Girls Hockey - SJA: Scott Pellerine

Playoff schedule has been sent out and posted on Goalline, for the most part teams are on home ice but they may need to play a game or two on another team's ice. AD's please take a look it over and do not cancel ice that is booked for playoff games or snow day games. I used the standings as they are now to base who should be in the games but some teams may change places in the standings over the next few weeks. I will need to know how much an hour of ice is for your team, if we used your ice for a playoff game. Both teams will split the cost of the game.

For the "Day of Champions", used to determine places 1 through 6 and who the regional champion will be, all teams that take part will be billed for the ice, officials, timekeepers and sub day. It will be approximately \$130 per team for the game that day. Games are 1.5 hours and will take place at BMO. I am asking that each home team provide two scorekeepers for the game, they will be paid \$20 each for the game.

There will be another officials invoice sent out for the second half of the season, when the season is over. I am still looking for payment from DHS and CPA for the first half season invoice.

Some concerns that were brought up to me are:

1. The number of forfeits by a few teams. It seems like some teams at the bottom of the standings are forfeiting games more often than they should be (up to 6 as of now by one team). We have the rule in that 10 skaters are needed to play a game which follows NSSAF guidelines. If you do not have at least 14 - 17 committed players at the beginning of the season, your school should consider not putting a team in the league. I am wondering if teams who forfeit more than 2 - 3 games be removed from the league for next season?
2. Length of game for next season. Some teams would like to see the games become 3 15 minute stop time periods. They play this length in midget girls hockey and that will be the length of games for high school teams at Regionals and provincials. How many AD's have discussed this with their coaches? What is some feedback from AD's on the possibly implementing this for next season? Game times will have to change in some rinks, is this feasible?

Jill brought up the possibility of tiering the league next season. It will be considered, and hopefully implemented. ADs need to make sure if they have a hockey team they will have 14-17 committed players to enter a team.

Boys Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry

All is well. Please check league schedule when update is sent out to make sure the gym time and date is correct if you are hosting. Playoffs will begin on February 12th. Halifax West, PA, or SJA (will you be willing to host Eastlink for your 1st round playoff game if you are a seed that hosts?)

Playoff format has been sent out in previous updates. Will be sent out again this upcoming Monday.

Discussion of eligibility, the boys league this year, if a player played at a prep school and came back to our schools can they play? 30 day rule is in place, but there are some exceptions, you need to check on this with NSSAF.

Girls Basketball – SHS :Jill Jeffery/Mary Coughran

Message was sent out to coaches. Still some missing scores and Mary is frustrated with this, as soon as games are over she needs to have them in. All Star game is at MSVU and are looking at hosting it more than the week after the Provincials.

Boys J.V. Basketball – ES : Nigel Mailman

I will share standings tomorrow, I am having trouble getting scores in on time as well. B league should not have games next week. We need to get JV done according to Donna. We will look at making the league next year as the metro league and the standings in that will determine who wins the blue banner. Then we will move out into the regional playoffs.

A coach was suspended in the high school league and was still coaching in the Jr High league. What should happen here? Should they not be done from both leagues? NSSAF might like to look into this.

I was surprised by the officials letter I got based on a suspension and I had to determine what the suspension was. Is it only my responsibility to determine the suspension? Then what is the process of the grounds for an appeal? Discussion happened around this piece and was determined that the coordinator does issue suspensions for their leagues. Steve and Nigel noticed some discrepancies on the website of NSSAF when looking at the suspension.

Girls J.V Basketball – FOUT : Jarred Griffiths

No issues. League final will happen on Monday. All worked out well.

Curling -HW: Mike Smeltzer/AG McRae

Greg Doyle from SJA has stepped down as coordinator and AG McRae from HW will take over. Regional dates are Feb 26th and 28th.

Skiing - SJA: Scott Pellerine/ Derrek Nicholls

Dates:

Race 1: Monday, Feb 5th @ Wentworth

Race 2: Monday, Feb 12th @ Wentworth

Race 3: Monday, Feb 26rd @ Wentworth

Metro and Capital Region Banners will be given out after the 3 races have concluded.

Provincials Wednesday, March 7th@ Wentworth

Day Format: All Races

Halifax region starts btw 11:30-12:30 pm sharp, in a two run format.

The Northern Region will be racing before us each day so times could vary...

We should have the course ready for inspection by 12 – 1 pm, so I would like to see the racers gearing up and heading up the mountain to inspect for 12:00 after they have pick up their bib at the bottom of the hill from their coach.

Ski provincials are set for March 7th at Wentworth

Start time 8:30am.

Snowboarding - AUB/CIT: Kevin Wheatley, Dan Ray/John Monroe,Zeno MacDonald

It will happen. Ryan forward an email from Dan.

Badminton (County/Regional) - LOCK: Steve Wilcox

Dates are not set yet. I will send info out. It will be in April

Badminton City - JLI: Dave Algee/Colleen Harris

At citadel, JL will host. April fourth am intermediate. Fifth, senior and junior. Regionals are the eleventh at Citadel.

Boys Rugby - AUB: Kevin Wheatley

League will start up this week for practices. Both coordinators will work together. We will set a schedule, and not change mid season. Physio medical coverage will be provided through the league fees, at least one medical staff at all games. Coordinators are working on getting this in place for the season.

Girls Rugby - CH: Chris Rathwell

Will work with Kevin. Set up will be similar in both leagues.

Field Hockey - ARM: Sue Beazley

Meeting February 22nd at Armbare 6pm. Sue will send out an email.

Wrestling- SHS: Jill Jeffery/Mike Lisdstone

Jill thought they were hosting regionals. But she got information it is in Neil's harbour CB. Can we get clarification?

9. New Business

Remaining meeting dates are: Wednesday Feb 28th, Thursday March 29th, Friday April 27th.
1PM start, next meeting is at JLI.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 2: 50pm

Moved: **Jarred G.**

Seconded: **Steve W.**

Next meeting will be Wednesday Feb 28th, 1pm at JLI.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Pellerine

Secretary