

# Metro High School Athletic Association - Meeting

Date: Thursday January 31st, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Halifax West

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

## Attendance:

Aaron Barrington	FOUT	Scott Pellerine	SJA
Steve Harris	CPA	Susan Beazley	ARM
Ryan Sadler/Kevin Wheatley	AUB	Adam White	MW
David Algee	JLI	Anthony Williams	PA
Jill Jeffrey	SHS	Donna Duggan	NSSAF
Ami Nixon	CIT	Mike Smeltzer	HWHS
Ben Cunningham	SOMM	Jean Francois Valade	CAR
Steve Wilcox	LVH	Nigel Mailman	IV
Sean Kent	ES	Shane Joseph	HGS
Stacy Sloan	RNS	Anton Berry	DART
Cattlin Ward	RNS		

## Sends regrets:

Pat Hatfield	CHDHS	Matt Bustin	HCA

### 1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at **1:14 p.m.**

### 2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

### 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for November 2018**

Moved: Mike S.

Seconded: Ben C.

Approved

#### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Savings: \$360.37

Plan 24: \$30.40

Cheque: \$ 12 882.031

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

**Stacy Sloan** - Ringette Nova Scotia: *Metro High School Ringette Tournament.*

##### Some concerns from November:

- 1) *Does Central Kings have written permission that they are able to combine Sr. and Jr. High for this tournament? If so, can we have a record of that? If they can we assume all schools have this option to combine? Again, can we have written confirmation of that from NSSAF?*
- 2) *Does Cole Harbour High have written permission from NSSAF that they will be able to have a co-ed team? If so, can we have a copy of that? If they are able to we assume the rest of the teams will be co-ed as well? A concern for SJA is if that is the case what is to stop the boy's hockey team from trying out? At that time of year, they may want to do this for fun.*
- 3) *What about insurance? Hockey has to pay more for this.*

Stacy Addressed the concerns:

April 26 - 27, 28th will be the dates of the tournament

The only schools interested are Central Kings and West Kings which are schools of 6 - 12 and 7 - 12. They are not schools combining they are Jr and Sr high they are the same schools.

An idea for teams is to have a signup list first with a deadline, that way you will know what your interests is and if there needs to be a co-ed division or a boy's division, there may be enough ice for that.

The idea of the tournament is more for fun, and like box lacrosse in the metro setting. It is not meant to become a league in high school.

There is a list of coaches that can be provided by RNS to help your school find a coach.

Stacy can be contacted to send names out to you from your area.

Stacy will send information out after this meeting about the tournament, and at that time you can send information back if you will have a team.  
A tentative budget was done, and it looks like around \$1000 a team.

Confirmed Teams from Metro at this point:

- 1) SJA - We are concerned about it being a co-ed sport. We may re-evaluate if it is co-ed.
- 2) HW - Not confirmed, AD has not heard anything about it.
- 3) Citadel - Yes
- 4) Auburn - Yes
- 5) PA - Possible
- 6) SOMM/CARRFOUR - Yes

7. **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Donna Duggan gave a verbal report: Thank you to everyone for helping organize and run school sport. Donna went over the Regional basketball set up for this season. Thank you to everyone coordinating basketball in our divisions. Thank you to Frank Hubley and Scott Pellerine for organizing the boys and girl's hockey regionals. Please read the NSSAF bulletins. Badminton this year you **must** wear protective goggles, for everyone for all play, at all tournaments. Sackville will host Wrestling Regionals on March 1st, and Provincials on the 2nd. Badminton and table tennis declarations are due soon. Please send me information for the Dorothy G. Walker award.

#### 8. **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

**Boys Hockey** – HW: Mike Smeltzer/Frank Hubley  
Playoffs start Feb 12th. He will send out information next week.

**Girls Hockey** - SJA: Scott Pellerine  
Playoff schedule has been sent out and posted on Goalline, all games are at BMO, home team is responsible for minor officials for clock. Round one two game total goal, highest ranked team is home team in game one and visitor in game two.

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 \$140 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 SHS for the first half season invoice.

**Boys Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry**

Playoffs start Feb 11th, be prepared to host based on standings. The final for boys and girls is at Dal Sunday Feb 17th it will be on Eastlink. Steve mentioned that only 4 teams have the potential as going to Provincials. Steve H. went over the numbers and pointed out how many more teams are in Metro and will not be able to go. It seems very unfair and the best teams in the Province are not necessarily be in the Provincials. This model does not seem to fit this sport. It might be good to put in a workshop proposal now for the spring workshop.

Proposal for next year - I feel that division one basketball should be 10 teams. I don't think the league should be tiered. I think if the league should go with 10 teams and the division two schools should not be in the league.

Donna pointed out the difference between divisions, and A and B leagues. Most regions do not do what we do, and just hold regional tournaments. It is different in every other region.

There was a discussion about the tiers by all AD's and most AD's with teams in this league feel that two pools of six teams, based on population and standings, would work well. Teams in tier two would be able to play exhibition games or tournament games with teams in tier one, or there could be one round through the other tier in the season. If teams feel that would work with tournament schedules, every team would play every other team at least once (15 game season).

It was strongly suggested that this league be tiered with two even tiers for next season.

**Girls Basketball – SHS: Jill Jeffery/Mary Coughran**

Going well. Some schools are still not getting scores in, please make sure you do. Playoff information has been sent out by Mary. Eastlink has been a very good experience for the players.

**Boys B. Basketball – IV: Nigel Mailman**

All going well. I did propose a banner games, but I know we said it should be based on standings. Shane sent out information on regional games next week, some changes were made due to standings, I will resend something out.

It was suggested that the winner of the league gets the Metro banner, just like every other sport. Playoffs should be for Regionals.

**Girls B. Basketball – FOUT: Aaron Barrington**

Standings were sent out this week. All going well, teams are aware of games coming up.

**Curling -HW: Mike Smeltzer/AG McRae**

The 2018-2019 MHSAA Curling metro/regional playdowns will take place **Feb 13, 14, and 15 at the Mayflower Curling Club.**

Schools can enter 1 team in each division. Curlers may only participate in one division.

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

These are the ski race dates for the 2019 season.

Race 1 Feb 12, HRCE start at 1pm  
Race 2 Feb 19, HRCE start at 1pm  
Race 3 Feb 26, HRCE start at 1pm

If a makeup date is needed, Wentworth will set the date and advise Derek Nichols. Therefore, make up dates will not be on the next day unless notified by myself and Ski Wentworth.

Provincials March 6th (more information to follow)

Contact

Derek Nichols with any questions.

nicholsd@hrsb.ca

**Snowboarding** - AUB/CIT: Kevin Wheatley, Dan Ray/Ami Nixon, Zeno MacDonald  
Metros Friday 22 Feb 2019 @ Martock

Regionals Tuesday 26 Feb 2019 @ Martock

Provincials Monday 04 Mar 2019 @ Martock

A message will be forwarded by Ryan to everyone about this.

**Badminton (County/Regional)** - LOCK: Steve Wilcox

Dates will be last week of March, I will run it over three days just like last year.

**Badminton City** - CIT: Ami Nixon

Dates are March 27th and 28th. Regionals are April 3rd at Citadel.

**Boys Rugby** - AUB: Kevin Wheatley

Brad Boudreau CPA is going to run the boys this year

**Girls Rugby** - AUB: Kevin Wheatley:

Question was about a 7's tournament, was discussed, our league this year will be like it always is - 15's.

**Field Hockey** - ARM: Sue Beazley

Meeting will be at 6pm February 20th at Armbrae. I will send information out.

**Table Tennis** - AUB: Kevin Wheatley/Erica Ens

Erica will probably not be running it this year. **We will need a co-ordinator**. Individuals may be able to compete this year as well. Regionals need to be done by May 4th, Provincials are 10th of May.

**Wrestling-** :

Hosting both regionals and Provincials on March 1st and 2nd.

## 9. New Business

- **Spectator rules** - Sue Beazley

These were sent out to Principals and AD's.

Vote was taken and we had 14 in favor and 1 opposed. we are going to remove the final sentence where a school may be sanctioned for a spectators repeated poor behavior. Discussion was held on some of the incidents that happened this year, and some concerns form both sides, officials and schools. Ideally what officials want is something in writing to use as a guide, and to know who has what role when things get out of hand in the gym.

Possibly security will need to be at the games, or no fans at some games, depending on how far things go.

Steve Wilcox and Anthony Williams both discussed issues they have had this year. They met with the offending spectators and coaches, however the officials were not satisfied with that. They told Steve that they will not officiate any more basketball games at Lockview unless their coach, who was dealt with by the school, is suspended. This is concerning, the officials should not oversee suspensions, that should be left up to schools and league coordinators who make decisions based on officials reports and other information provided.

We feel it is important to support officials at all times, however we also feel it is not the place for officials to be determining suspensions for players, coaches, or spectators in our league. There are bodies in place who will deal with suspensions in every league we have, and officials are not part of that body in any other league.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at 3: 21 pm

Moved: Shane J.

Seconded: Ben C.

**Next meeting will be Thursday Feb 28th, 1:30pm at HW.**

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