

# Metro High School Athletic Association - Meeting

Date: Thursday January 30th, 2020

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Halifax West

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

## Attendance:

Peter Moore	FOUT	Scott Pellerine	SJA
Steve Harris	CPA	Susan Beazley	ARM
Shane Joseph	HGS	Anggela Dale	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
Natalie Stevens	ES	Jenn Murray (Principal)	ES
Kevin Wheatley	AUB		

## Sends regrets:

Pat Hatfield	CHDHS	Matt Bustin	HCA
Ryan Sadler	AUB	Anton Berry	DART

### 1. OPENING

The meeting opened at **1:38 p.m.**

### 2. INTRODUCTIONS

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for November 2019

Moved: Anthony W.  
Seconded: Natalie S.  
Approved

#### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Savings: \$30.40  
Plan 24: \$30.40  
Cheque: \$ \$5196.45

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Jenn Murray Principal of Eastern Shore, spoke to us about the school hosting the D2 Provincial hockey championship this year. As a Principal and as a parent she wanted to talk about some of the behavior by players on the ice. She is noticing that many times calls are not being made by officials and games seem to be getting to dangerous levels as frustrations rise. When she watches a game she is just waiting for someone to get hurt, she is not sure what the correct answer is, but wants to know where we can go to make improvements? Can we increase the expectations of officials and make things better for everyone? Jenn is willing to do something to be able to get the ball rolling on discussing the standard with officials. Mike Smeltzer mentioned how there are differences at sporting events when an administrator is present at a game, the tone changes. Mike also mentioned that we do not have many officials to replace any that we have, we are not a top league at that level and do not always get top officials. Possibly a letter to Hockey Nova Scotia to remind them of some of our rules we would like tightened up. One in particular would be our rule for profanity, it seems to be getting let go too often in games. It would be good if this rule could be called more consistently so we can reduce the occurrence of profane language in high school sports. However, it was brought up by a number of people that not much gets done at the school level to deal with profanity, it seems to be out of control there as well. It was brought to a general consensus that a letter should be sent to all officiating coordinators to try to tighten up our games, especially at this time of the year and be mindful of some of the different rules we have compared to other leagues like the profanity rule.

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

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

Thank you to everyone for helping out. Donna went over the regional basketball set up for this season all dates have been sent out. Boys D1 basketball in Metro is not able to start on Thursday as of now. They are looking at it, but would like us to try to find other

venues so the tournament could run from Friday to Sunday. It may not be able to be held at SMU this year. A letter was sent to the board of governors by me on what many of our issues are when we have to deal with HRM while booking our gym and field times. I suggested that we put forward this time of year to HRM as to what we are hosting next year. If it does apply to you possibly you could look at bookings now for next year. We should look at the list below, and discuss it again at our next meeting to see who might be interested in hosting. The dates on this list may change, they have not all been approved. Please make sure if you are playing in anything outside of our league that you are sanctioned to do so. Sanction forms can be found on the NSSAF website. Table Tennis declaration is now March 31st. Start up for football is August the 17th.

Capital Provincial Host Next Year:

Baseball D2 - Oct 16/17

Soccer JV Boys - Oct 30/31

Soccer D3 Boys - Nov 6/7

Basketball D1 Girls - Mar 5/7

Basketball D2 Girls - Mar 5/7

Hockey D1 Girls - Feb 26/28

Table Tennis - May 14/15

Slopitch D1 Boys - June 4/5

Slopitch D3 Girls - June 4/5

Track and Field - June 4/5

## 8. COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

**Boys Hockey** – HW: Mike Smeltzer/Frank Hubley

Frank will send out a D2 and D1 playoff schedule this week. Frank is also going to be stepping down as coordinator and Bob is stepping down as the web coordinator. We will need replacements for both positions next year.

**Girls Hockey** - SJA: Scott Pellerine

Playoff schedule has been sent out and posted on our website. The home team is responsible for minor officials for the clock. Please remind coaches to update game results as soon as possible during the playoffs. Round one two out of three series, round two will be a four team tournament at BMO on February 19th and 20th during the day, games are 1.5 hours.

I made a change to the playoff structure a few weeks back where I took the top 8 teams according to standings and included them in this playoff. The league was tiered and Millwood, which declared D2 after the season started, was in the top tier. They had a season where they only won one game and tied one game, they did not beat any teams

in tier two in their round through that tier. They will have an opportunity to play in a regional event to go to D2 Provincials with Sackville High. In keeping with the philosophy of making our leagues have as many meaningful competitions as possible, (that is why we have tiered our leagues), I thought it was best to have meaningful games in our regional playoffs so I allowed Dartmouth High to come into the playoffs for D1 and have a chance to compete for a spot in D1 provincials. That way all four series would be meaningful, where no matter what the outcome was the winner of the series would move on. If Millwood were able to play, the series they would have played in would have been an automatic advancement for their opponent because they are D2 and would have pulled out to play for D2 Provincials.

There will be another officials invoice sent out for the second half of the season, when the season is over. Teams who participate in the regional four team tournament will be billed for that as well. I am still looking for payment from DHS and SHS for the first half season invoice, please send those along as soon as possible. I will send out an email but if you could please ask coaches to think about their two season All - Stars. I have ordered bags and toques for them and they should be ready by next week. Please remember to send in your player data with names and grades to NSSAF.

**Boys Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry**

An email was sent out by Anton.

**1) Boys Basketball** – League is running well. Playoffs dates and info sent to participating Coaches and AD's. ( Seeding has yet to be determined.

Dates:

**Thursday, Feb 13 and/or Friday Feb 14**

**Play-in games**

**Tuesday, Feb 18**

**Quarterfinals**

**Thursday, Feb 20**

**Semi-Finals**

**Friday, Feb 21**

**Third Place**

Semi-Final Losers (For Provincial Seeding)

**Sunday, Feb 23**

**Final @ SMU**

**Girls: 1pm**

**Boys: 3pm**

**Boys Tier 2/J.V. Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry**

An email was sent out by Anton.

**2) Boys Basketball Tier 2-** League is running well. Playoffs dates and info sent to participating Coaches and AD's. Seeding is set

**Thursday, Feb 6**

**Play-in game**

Millwood @ Grammar 6pm

**Monday, Feb 10**

**Quarterfinal**

Winner of MW/HGS @ Auburn 6pm

Lockview @ Citadel 8pm

Halifax West @ DHS 4:30pm

SJA @ CPA 8pm

**Tuesday Feb 11**

**Semifinals**

**Thursday Feb 13**

**Final**

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

All good. If you choose not to play a game it will be a forfeit.

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

Next week the league will be done. All went well and most games are competitive. Final standings will be out at the end of next week.

**Girls J.V Basketball** – CIT : Ami Nixon/ Anthony Bartlett

All is going well.

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

The 2018-2019 MHSAA Curling metro/regional playdowns will take place

**Dates: February 13, 14, 20, 21, and 24, 2020**

**Mayflower Curling Club**

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

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

An email was sent out last week to all Ad's.

Dates:

Race 1: Tuesday, Feb 11th @ Wentworth

Race 2: Tuesday, Feb 18th @ Wentworth

Race 3: Tuesday, Feb 25th @ Wentworth

**Storm dates to be determined.**

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

**Provincials    Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ Wentworth**

Contact:

Derek Nichols with any questions and to register your team.  
nicholsd@hrsb.ca

**Snowboarding** - AUB/CIT: Kevin Wheatley, Dan Ray/Ami Nixon,Zeno MacDonald

An email was sent out this week to all AD's.

Regular Season Thursday 20 Feb 2020 @ Martock

Metros Monday 24 Feb 2020 @ Martock

Regionals Monday 02 Mar 2020 @ Martock

Provincials Monday 09 Mar 2020 @ Martock

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

Same set up as last year, three days. Probably the week after March break. I will send something out. Will probably be done during the last week of March.

**Badminton City** - CIT : Ami Nixon

Wednesday March 25th and 26th is regionals is city and April 1st is regionals.

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

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

Kevin spoke for both leagues. Any players who will play rugby this year will have to attend a tacking clinic during March break. Kevin will send this out when he gets more info. It will be March 14th and 16th. This will be mandatory for all players who want to play. If they can't attend this session there will be another on offered, however there may be a fee to players for the next one.

**Field Hockey** - ARM: Sue Beazley

Meeting at Armbrae on February 25th for coaches.

**Table Tennis** - IV: Nigel Mailman/Robert Hammar

We will most likely send something out later in March for a meet in April.

**Wrestling-** SHS: Jill Jeffery/Mike Lidstone

King's Edghill is hosting. Regionals and Provincials.

**9. New Business**

None

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at **3:14 pm**

Moved: Ami N.

Seconded: Shane J.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26th at 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