

Metro High School Athletic Association - Meeting

Date: Thursday March 29th, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Halifax West

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

Attendance:

Ben Cunningham	SOMM	Scott Pellerine	SJA
Chris Rathwell	CHDHS	Susan Beazley	ARM
Kevin Wheatley	AUB	Steve Harris	CPA
David Algee	JLI	Anthony Williams	PA
Shane Joseph	HGS	Donna Duggan	NSSAF
John Munro	CIT	Mike Smeltzer	HWHS
Jean Francois Valade	CAR	Nigel Mailman	ES
Jarred Griffiths	FOUT		

Sends regrets:

Anton Berry	DART	Matt Bustin	HCA
Adam White	MILL	Steve Wilcox	LVH
Jill Jeffrey	SHS		

1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at 1:05 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February, 2018**

Moved: Nigel M.
Seconded: Shane J.

Approved

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Savings: \$360.37
Plan 24: \$30.40
Cheque: \$ 19234.41

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

Congratulations to Jarred, he is a new Dad!

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

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

Thank you to Frank Hubley and Scott Pellerine for boys and girls hockey. Thanks to AG McRae for Curling. Thanks to Derek Nichols from SJA for Skiing and to Zeno MacDonald Citadel and Dan Rae from Auburn for Snowboarding. Regional badminton will be held at Citadel hosted by Sacred Heart. Track and field will be at Beazley Field, County on May 14th & 15th, City on May 16th & 17th. Regionals are May 23rd & 24th and Provincials are June 1st & 2nd in Cape Breton. Rooms are booking up very quickly, so book for your team now. Thanks to everyone, we are getting close to the end.

8. COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Boys Hockey – HW: Mike Smeltzer/Frank Hubley

Congratulations to CPA for a provincial win. We do need at least 15 weeks to complete the schedule, please be mindful of the dates that were proposed by NSSAF. Proposal is in now to spring workshop. This will be voted on April 5th and 6th.

Girls Hockey - SJA: Scott Pellerine

Congratulations to CPA for winning the Provincials last weekend. All four finalists in the Provincial tournament were from the Metro League. I am still waiting on invoices for officials, as soon as I get them I will send them out to Ad's.

I sent an email out a few weeks ago to discuss the increase in length of game to 1.5 hours for next season. This is to keep it on par with all other leagues for girls at that age

level, as well as boy's hockey. I needed to know if this may be possible for your school to get a half hour more ice. I also need to know if your school is OK with some teams starting games at 3 or 3:30 to fit in the extra ice time, which would increase time missed by student athletes.

School	Possible increase in ice for next season?	Is school OK with start times at 3 or 3:30 for a number of teams next season?
SJA	Working on it. Our current ice time/day can be moved to 3:30. We are looking for other times. Would like to see the games be 1.5 hours.	Want the league to move to 1.5 hour games. We want to limit how much time is missed by players. 1 - 2 teams at 3 - 3:30 we can live with, but more than that we will not be in favour. No to 3:30 or earlier start.
CPA	Not sure of ice time yet. Would like to see the games be 1.5 hours.	Not keen on missing too much school. No to 3:30 or earlier start.
HW	We can get ice time before 4. Would like to see the games be 1.5 hours.	No information on this given.
AUB	4-5:30 is fine to do for next season. Would like to see the games be 1.5 hours.	No information on this given.
LOCK	Not sure about ice times yet but they don't think they are able to secure any times after 5pm.	Most likely not in favour of games before 4pm. No to 3:30 or earlier start
CH	Not sure if they will have a team.	
DHS	Not in Favour of 1.5 hour games. If we had a stronger team, we likely would be in favour.	In Favour of starting games as early as 3pm.
SHS	No information on this issue given.	No information on this given.
CIT	Did not discuss it with coaches yet. No Information on this issue given.	No information on this given.

I am presently trying to secure ice at BMO/Dartmouth/Lebrun for evening or weekend ice. If we get this we may be able to host games outside of school hours like the boys do, on ice allocated to our league at these arenas.

Boys Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry (email to Sue)

Thanks to everyone for helping me with Boys Basketball this year. All-Star gear and Award Winner plaques will be delivered to schools. After hearing from numerous coaches, next year many coaches would prefer not to have a tiered league. I also would be in favour of this. Thoughts or suggestions??

AD's in attendance with teams in the league discussed this for some time. We were under the impression that the league would remain tiered and based on standings this season and some school input the divisions would be set for next year. More discussion may be needed on this as a group after a discussion with coaches and Principals.

Also, will JL be playing in the league next year? and Millwood moving to D2/JV? Can teams let me know?

JL is thinking they will be in the league next year.

Girls Basketball – SHS: Jill Jeffery/Mary Coughran
None

Boys B. Basketball – ES: Nigel Mailman
Congratulations to Citadel and Eastern Shore on winning banners.

Girls B Basketball – SHSH: Jarred Griffiths

Congratulations to Carrefour. All went well.

Curling -HW: Mike Smeltzer/AG McRae
Wondering about adding in a mixed Davison doubles curling. To be in Provincials it would have to go through a workshop. Possibly put in next year.

Skiing - SJA: Scott Pellerine/ Derrek Nicholls
All good. A few schools still owe money Derek will contact them this week.

Snowboarding - AUB/CIT: Kevin Wheatley, Dan Ray/John Monroe, Zeno MacDonald
Numbers were down about 50%. All went well with what we had. Provincials went well. We are wondering about a true boarder cross race next year. How will this get through?
This must get through a workshop, so a proposal will have to be sent in and signed by a Principal.

Badminton (County/Regional) - LOCK: Steve Wilcox
No update.

Badminton City - JLI: Dave Algee/Colleen Harris
Information is on the metro website.

Boys Rugby - AUB: Kevin Wheatley
Seeding tournament will take place next week. We will get schedules out soon.

Girls Rugby - CH: Chris Rathwell
Girls came to agreement which schools are in each tier. Schedule will come out soon.
Invoices will be coming out soon. Maximum two games a week.

Field Hockey - ARM: Sue Beazley
11 team round robin. Championship will be May 9th at Citadel.

Box Lacrosse - HW: Mike Smeltzer
Will have things finalized after Easter break. Proposed April 16-20 then following week will be 23-27th. All will be at Lebrun. Roughly \$400 per team. Hope to have a schedule out on Friday next week. No weekend games.

Table Tennis - AUB: Kevin Wheatley/Erica Ans
10 total teams. Numbers are very low. It had to be a little early this year.

Softball - Mill: Adam White
Proposed May 10th, 11th. Rain date May 22nd, 25th. Tournament usually held at Commons, we assume it will be there again this year.

Track and Field - HW: Donna Duggan
Dates mentioned above. Info about coaches meeting will be sent out next week.

9. New Business

Shane had a question about a survey. Why do independent schools have to be classified as division 1 and then apply to play down? Do people here see it as a problem? It is a lot of teams that will have to apply to play down and typically the Independent schools in Metro are placing their teams in appropriate divisions.

Remaining meeting dates are: Friday April 30th. June...
1PM start, next meeting is at Halifax West.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 2: 10 pm

Moved: Kevin W.

Seconded: Jarred G.

Next meeting will be, **Friday April 30th 1pm** at Halifax West.

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