

# The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Thursday November 23rd, 2023.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: JLI High Rm. 102

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

## Attendance:

Steve Harris	CPA	Scott Pellerine	BVHS
Sean Kent	ES	Alex Dawe	ESM
Kevin Wheatley	AUB	Mary Coughran	SHS
David Algee	JLI	Jerome Sparks	CHHS
Vanessa Pike	IV	Donna Duggan	SSNS
Roy Dempsey	WL	Anthony Williams	WL
Mona MacNeil	WB	Natalie Pelly	DHS

## Sends regrets:

Jean Francois Valade	CARR	Jen Durette	SHAM
Sylvain Dutrey	SOMM	Greg Nassy	ES
Peter Moores	SH	Carmen Bendevis	HCA
Angela Dale	MW	Ami Nixon	CIT
Kris Stach	LVH	Justine Colley - Legere	HGS
Mike Smeltzer	HWHS	Susan Beazley	ARM

### 1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at: 9:48 a.m.

### 2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made for the new participants and the meeting was chaired by Donna Duggan.

### 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved: Dave A.  
Seconded: Mary C.

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

Chec.: \$ 8759.61  
Sav: \$ 3324.15  
Plan 24: \$ 30.40  
Shares: \$360.37

**Metro Fees** are still owed by a number of schools, all were informed by Donna.

**Soccer Fees**: DHS, HG Boys (Regular Season), DHS, LOCK, WL, MILL, MOS. (Playoffs).  
Invoices were already sent out.

#### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Dave talked about the model we should follow for boy's hockey as per our discussion last meeting. There would be no hard game cap, but a model based on how many teams we have and how many times we will go through each team. For example in this model we would play our own tier twice, and the other tier once. This should lead to between 18 and 22 games in a season, which we should not really go above. The expectation is for this to be set for next season.

7. **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Donna Duggan gave a verbal report. Thank you to all for your efforts in volleyball regionals. Citadel JV girls, boys D1 Peter Haley, girls D1 Mary Coughran, girls D3 Sue Beazley, and boys D2 Mona MacNeil. Boy's hockey co-op team will move up to D1 for Provincials. Thanks to everyone for all you do, I know everyone is very busy, your efforts are much appreciated.

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

**Boys Hockey** – AUB: Kevin Wheatley / Tim Coombs  
It looks like there may be a possibility that some games may not get in this year, due to the number of games and lack of suitable ice time. Just keep that in mind as the season goes on.

Dave mentioned that in boy's hockey, there is a liaison for official's complaints. If you are having any issues with officials at your games, email Tim with your issue, and he will send it to Johnny Gallant, who is the liaison for officials. Usually the response from him is timely and helpful.

**Girls Hockey** - BVH: Scott Pellerine

Still waiting for DHS to finalize the few games they did not have scheduled. Can the DHS AD get this done for their team by the end of next week?

All seems to be going well otherwise.

**Girls A Volleyball** – SHS: Mary Coughran

All went well. Two tiers worked well this year. Congratulations to Halifax West who was undefeated all season. When playoffs occur, make sure to have gyms scheduled for those times well before the dates, we had a few issues with that this year. Teams should all be aware well in advance when playoffs will be held.

**Boys A Volleyball** – DHS: Natalie Pelly/Peter Haley

Not present, at time of discussion. No update given.

**Girls B Volleyball** – ARM: Sue Beazley

Not present.

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

Would it be possible to have a coach or player at the beginning of each game say a piece about behavior in the gym? Something to remind everyone that all spectators should be respectful to all players and officials. It is getting to the point now that this should be done around the league.

It appears that transfer rules of the past do not apply now, if a student is registered in a school they are eligible to play? Is this the best practice? We did discuss ethical concerns. Practices being followed now do not seem to be conducive for “school sports”.

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

There have been some issues with fans at certain games. It was brought up that we may need to remember to have your gym set up appropriately for games to happen, ie. fans too close to the baseline.

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

League going well. Still a few games to iron out for Cole Harbour, one double booking for HCA on Jan 31, and a game scheduled during HRCE exams for MOS and DHS on Jan 24. Actively working on getting this sorted.

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

League off to a good start - normal reschedules from time to time - something we may want to address after the season is the strength of Cit JV. They have steamrolled the league so far. Their coach reached out and wondered about playing in the lower tier of Div 1 next year. I could support that. It would be good for their team and the lower league. Not sure how that might look. I know DHS had 2 teams in Boys JV last year, so

perhaps Citadel could have 2 teams up in girls next year. I wanted to address it now and revisit later.

It was discussed that possibly next season there may be 3 tiers in basketball (A,B,C) and teams may be able to enter which tier they feel is most appropriate for their team. Further discussion will happen for this issue so we can have a guide to follow for next season.

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

Mike is up and running at SHS, if any athletes are coming to SHS to train make sure to fill out the proper paperwork through your Principal. Wrestling coaches must have their paper work done for Criminal Recods and Child Abuse Checks, and they need to be current before they participate in any wresting event.

### **9. New Business**

Steve Harris: Discussion at the next meeting of what sports are offered. Example, ringette, ultimate frisbee, lacrosse, all sports that are not part of SSNS. Do we need/want to offer them?

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 am

Moved: Sean K.

Seconded: Kevin W.

**Next meeting** - Donna will provide the information soon for the December meeting. Evening meeting at En Rouge TBA.

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