

The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Monday November 2nd, 2020.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Armbrae Academy

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

Attendance:

Steve Harris	CPA	Scott Pellerine	SJA
Donna Duggan	NSSAF	Susan Beazley	ARM
Sean Kent	ES	David Algee	JLI
Angela Dale	MW	Peter Moore	FOUT
Anthony Williams	PA	Jill Jeffrey	SHS
Ami Nixon	CIT	Steve Wilcox	LVH
Shane Joseph	HGS	Anton Berry	DART
Mike Smeltzer	HWHS	Ryan Sadler	AUB

Sends regrets:

Simon Bouchard-Robert	SOMM	Matt Bustin	HCA
Ben Cunningham	ESM	Pat Hatfield	CHDHS
Nathan Torti	SHAM	Nigel Mailman	IV

1. OPENING

The meeting opened at 6:13 pm.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for October, 2020

Moved: Steve W.

Seconded: Shane J

Approved

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Savings	\$360.37
Plan 24	\$30.40
Cheque	\$ 7786.55

Curling cheques are needed from HW and SHS. SHS and DHS still owe Metro fees from last year.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Motions:

Motion#1. For metro high school exhibition and tournament play in soccer yellow cards do not carry over into the metro league.

Motion #2. Metro Volleyball and basketball leagues can have recorded games by staff on the game sheet. The recording will be linked to parent groups only and no live streaming.

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

Thanks to Steve Harris and Colleen Harris for Cross Country. Thanks to everyone who looked after soccer this year. Check the NSSAF website for sports updates, it seems like things may change soon so check often. Thanks to Tim Coombs for all the work he is doing for boys hockey this year. Please try to be accommodating if your school does make it to a Provincial playoff. We know gym time is an issue and it will affect volleyball play downs. HRM guidelines for arenas have been sent out, hockey teams make sure your personnel are following the protocols put in place at each venue. Please make sure you look over the return to play info sent out by the basketball officials.

8. **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

Boys Hockey – AUB: Ryan Sadler/Tim Coombs

All information has been sent out by Tim already.

Girls Hockey - SJA: Scott Pellerine

Everything seems to be going well so far, teams are reminded of tracking of spectators at each game, it needs to be done. Also, our new website is where all league information will be displayed, so it is important to put scores up as soon as possible after the game, or better yet to use the live scoring option built into the website. Sackville High will be withdrawing from our league; it is possible that Hants East will take their place for the rest of the season.

Boys Division One Soccer – HW: Mike Smeltzer/Andrew Gavas

Most went well, we need to look at the three-card rule. Andrew wants us to come up with a rule so there is no grey area. Most schools had game sheets in on time. Jill spoke about that rule, all rules were followed based on the NSSAF rules, cards do not carry over, only suspensions do. The word exhibition was not in the NSSAF rules. We will have a rule written with a motion; Mike S will put together a motion for our Metro league.

Girls Division One Soccer – HW: Mike Smeltzer/Roy Snook

Went well, Halifax West won the region. Auburn will go up to tier one next year, and Citadel will go down.

Boys/Girls B Soccer – ARM: Sue Beazley

Please get money into me to cover fields and refs.

Girls Volleyball – SHS: Jill Jeffery

Top 9 will make the playoffs, I will send out dates tomorrow for hosting playoff games. We are tight for time. Only received all-star money from a few schools, please send it in.

Boys Volleyball – DHS: Anton Berry/Peter Haley

All went well.

Girls B Volleyball – ARM: Sue Beazley

All good.

Boys Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry

I will send out an email soon, I sent it out what the structure for tiers looks like this year. JV may be an issue this year if gym time does not open up. Monday Wednesday 4pm start times. This will probably be my last year as coordinator. We need to think of someone who will want to take it over.

Boys Basketball Tier 2 - DHS: Anton Berry

We will wait to see what happens with school gym time.

Girls Basketball - SHS: Jill Jeffery/Mary Coughran

Just waiting to hear more about gyms, games will be Tuesday and Thursday.

Boys B Basketball - IV: Nigel Mailman

He sent an email to say he will go Monday and Wednesday

Girls B Basketball - SH: Peter Moores

We will go Tuesday and Thursday, I will send an email out this week.

9. New Business

Banners were discussed by Sue. It was brought up that the banners are not able to be put up in the schools, we will need fibre boards to meet fire regulations. We will investigate ordering fibre boards for this season.

Nigel Mailman - Live Streaming of games.

Email sent out a few weeks ago by Nigel with some concerns on this issue:

Some food for thought regarding live streaming as there are many people pushing for this:

- 1) What does live streaming look like- Are we publicly identifying student athletes in a play by play commentary or, is it just some guy on a phone quietly recording from the stands?
- 2) What is the difference in procedures and protocols if the school assumes care and control of a LS, or a parent/student does so without our knowledge and/or consent?
- 3) Do we have any liability/responsibility to our student's privacy if a parent/student LS's without our knowledge and consent at a school sanctioned event?
- 4) What are the procedures and protocols required for a school to live stream an event. At minimum I would think media release forms from all participants and consent from the officials.
- 5) Are we prepared and able to do this for all sports to avoid the appearance of favoritism, sexism etc..?
- 6) If a student athlete is unwilling or unable to sign a media release for reasons of personal security/safety etc.. do they now have to quit the team?
- 7) What is the access to the live stream? Is it publicly available on YouTube for eternity, or is it a link emailed only to parents that is taken down 48hrs after the game?
- 8) If a student is embarrassed, injured, or rag-dolled in a fight during a live stream-how do we manage this?

We must keep in mind student safety and privacy is of huge concern to HRCE, and schools have changed many procedures in the past decade to ensure the privacy of the students in our schools. Some of whom are escaping violent and abusive backgrounds, harassment, bullying and even witness protection (I have encountered twice in my 10 years in admin). Keeping that in mind, it appears some our traditions and procedures are not in keeping with policy as we have rosters/numbers publicly available of many of our athletes.

Discussion happened among the group. We discussed no live streaming of games and agreed on that. We felt it would be fine to record a game in your gym, recorded by essential personnel, and share a link with parents of both teams. Absolutely no live streaming. Motion is being done by Ryan S.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Moved: Steve W.

Seconded: Mike S.

Next meeting will be at Armbrae on **Monday November 30th 6:00 pm.**

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