

The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Friday October 27th, 2023.

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: JLI High Rm. 102

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

Attendance:

Steve Harris	CPA	Scott Pellerine	BVHS
Natalie Stevens	ES	Susan Beazley	ARM
Kevin Wheatley	AUB	Mary Coughran	SHS
David Algee	JLI	Peter Moores	SH
Natalie Pelly	DHS	Donna Duggan	NSSAF
Ami Nixon	CIT	Kris Stach	LVH
Angela Dale	MW	Alex Dawe	ESM
Vanessa Pike	IV	Mike Smeltzer	HWHS
Justine Colley - Legere	HGS		

Sends regrets:

Jean Francois Valade	CARR	Jen Durette	SHAM
Sylvain Dutrey	SOMM	Greg Nussy	ES
Jerome Sparks	CHHS	Carmen Bendevis	HCA
Anthony Williams	PA	Mona MacNeil	WB

1. OPENING

The meeting opened at: 12:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved: Angela D.

Seconded: Kris S.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chec.: \$ 16 301.81

Sav: \$ 3324.15

Plan 24: \$ 30.40

Shares: \$360.37

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

None

7. **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Donna Duggan gave a verbal report, Thank you to everyone for all regionals. Justine and Darrel for Golf. Steve and Colleen for Cross country, Alex, and Ed for baseball. Thanks to all the folks who stepped up for all our soccer regionals as well. We are now coming close to regionals with volleyball. We are hosting D2 Boys Volleyball. Check the SSNS site to see other Provincials we are hosting throughout this year.

8. **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

Boys Hockey – AUB: Kevin Wheatley / Tim Coombs

Season is off to a good start.

Girls Hockey - BVH: Scott Pellerine

Season is up and running and all seems to be going well. All games are now on the website and that is what we will always use for our schedule. Teams are asked to contact me as soon as possible to move games and they are responsible for finding alternate dates. Dartmouth High still has games to put into their schedule, I would like to have those taken care of by the end of next week. All teams should have their players and coaching staff updated on the website, that is what we use for contact information for each team. It is important for teams to be on time for their games and ready to go when the ice clock starts. That way we can get more games using our full time.

I will send out league fees with our first officials' invoice, I expect that to be done sometime in December.

Boys A Soccer – AUB: Kevin Wheatley /Jeff Zorchyta

Season went well.

Girls A Soccer – HW: Mike Smeltzer/ Roy Snook

This year there were twelve teams in the girl's metro soccer league. They included: Sackville, Millwood, CPA, PA, Dartmouth, Mosiaque, Citadel, Sir John A., Halifax West, JL Ilsley, Auburn, and Lockview.

The league was tiered this season with the top six teams from last year in one division and the remaining in the other division. Teams were happy with the quality of competition in each of the divisions. We had 10 teams make the playoffs, similar to last year. First and second place received a bye and the rest played off 3rd vs. 10th, 4th vs. 9th, 5th vs. 8th, and 6th vs. 7th. The winner of the 6th vs. 7th game either stays or moves up to the top division next year.

Halifax West won the Metro banner. In the semi-final Halifax West (1) played Auburn (4) and C.P. Allen (2) Citadel (3). In the final Halifax West (1) lost to C.P. Allen (2) so C.P. Allen was the regional champion.

C.P. Allen hosts a provincial qualifier. Good Luck C.P. Allen.

Please submit the league fees ASAP!! Dartmouth high owes for both boys and girls. Grammar owes for boys, and Island View owes for Boys. An Invoice for playoffs will be sent out shortly if you have not already received them.

Please have your coaches forward no play dates by the end of June 2024 for scheduling purposes. There will be a coaches meeting the first week of school in September 2024. Exact date and time will be sent out before the end of the school year. I look forward to seeing all coaches or a representative from all schools at this meeting.

I look forward to another great season next year!!

Thank you, Roy Snook

Girls Soccer Coordinator

Boys B Soccer – Armbræ: Sue Beazley

Congratulations to JLI for winning this year. All went well for the season.

Girls B Soccer – Armbræ: Sue Beazley

Still waiting for a few scores, so when I get those, we can determine the banner winner. Invoices for fields and refs will be sent out soon.

Girls A Volleyball – SHS: Mary Coughran

All going well, can you remind your coaches to make sure to get their game scores in as soon as possible after the game. This year only top 2 go to provincials and 3 and 4 will have to go to qualifiers.

Boys A Volleyball – DHS: Natalie Penny/Peter Haley

DHS will host the regionals this year. West Bedford will host D2 boys' regionals.

Girls B Volleyball – ARM: Sue Beazley

We have 12 teams this year, all going well. Can you make sure that you report your score as soon as the game is over to me?

Golf – HGS: Justine Colley - Legere

All went well at Regionals and Provincials went well, we had a great day for golf.

Baseball – ESM: Alex Dawe

Congratulations to Halifax West for winning D1 and Island View for winning D2.

Cross Country Metro and Regional – CPA: Steve Harris/ Colleen Harris

By the next meeting I will make sure banners are all ready. Excellent regional day and banners were given out there. Weather last week at Cheticamp was not as good, but all went well.

Boys A - Basketball - CPA: Steve Harris

League meeting was a few weeks ago. We have 13 teams, and all are in one league. The link I sent out has the schedule and coaches contacts. If you have a game conflict, please contact the other coach and their AD to get everything in place before you let me know, I will then contact the officials. Please make sure to CC all involved in your emails.

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

Same as the boys but this league is in two tiers.

Boys B - Basketball - SH: Peter Moores

Meeting was this Tuesday, and we will have 17 teams. There is a JV league with two tiers, and a D2 and a D3 division. Schedule is set now, most of the games are done with a few conflicts to still work out. JV will start on Nov 6th - 7th, because their Provincials are one week earlier than D1.

Girls B - Basketball - SH: Peter Moores

In girls we have 10 teams, two divisions, please make sure to have any conflicts settled by early next week.

9. New Business

Kris Stach - GrayJay Website:

I will propose that Gray Jay will possibly be used for all league sports. I will contact the owner of Gray Jay about the possibility and get back to everyone at the next meeting about what I find out.

Dave Algee: Boys Hockey Schedule-

Issues to be discussed:

- 25 game regular season schedule-SSNS still officially states there is a game cap of 42 games. Is this being enforced, and what games actually apply to that game cap? if teams have 25 games and play in 4-5 tournaments, and participate in Regionals and Provincials they would be at, or over the game cap.
- Games were scheduled up to 12 hours before English 10 Provincial and English 12 exams. I understand that games have been paused on actual exam days, but should teams be scheduled to play the night before exams begin?
- No ice times available for snow days, or weather cancellations. Ice times do not exist for at least 14 games, and schools were told to schedule these games themselves during instructional time because there was no other time available. Doesn't give any wiggle room for weather this winter.
- Volunteer coaches negotiating and pressuring for more regular season games. How can a league coordinator hold a meeting and defend an educational position despite the pressure? This seems to be the problem here, and likely a problem in other leagues as well. Should decisions be made largely by people not attached to the education system?

I propose that next year we have a Metro League game cap of around 20 games for the season. This limit should be set before our league starts next season.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 pm

Moved: Kevin W.

Seconded: Vanessa P.

Next meeting - November 23rd 9:30 am at JLI.

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