

The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Monday October 5th, 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
Ryan Sadler	AUB	Shane Joseph	HGS
David Algee	JLI	Simon Bouchard-Robert	SOMM
Jill Jeffrey	SHS	Angela Dale	MW
Ami Nixon	CIT	Steve Wilcox	LVH
Nigel Mailman	IV	Sean Kent	ES
Tim Coombs	AUB		

Sends regrets:

Anton Berry	DART	Matt Bustin	HCA
Nathan Torti	SHAM	Pat Hatfield	CHDHS
Ben Cunningham	ESM	Peter Moores	FOUT
Mike Smeltzer	HWHS	Anthony Williams	PA

1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at 6 : 09 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for Second meeting in September, 2020**

Moved: Steve W.

Seconded: Shane J.

Approved

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Savings \$360.37

Plan 24 \$30.40

Cheque \$ 7978.39

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 your flexibility in these times. Thanks to Shane (HGS) for organizing the Regional golf. Thanks to Anthony (PA) for doing baseball. All schedules are on our website and up to date. Thanks to Steve and Colleen for Cross Country. Thanks to Jill and Peter for taking on volleyball and making all the changes they had to. I will be looking for some organizers for division two, three and JV regionals.

8. COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Boys Hockey – AUB: Ryan Sadler/Tim Coombs

Tim spoke about the second coaches meeting he had last week, it was not intended to make any decisions, it was more about how to get up and running with Covid Protocol, and how things are slightly different in each arena. He wanted everyone to be on the same page and do the same thing in every rink. We agreed that each team will need to have a safety rep who will help out getting everyone into the rink in the five minutes prior to the game. The screening pages were handed out and the process was discussed as to what will need to be done for spectators. Both home and away teams will have to have forms filled in before each game. We discussed who is on each list for player personnel and parent spectators. Dave brought up the possibility of last minute changes to the list or personnel who are named as going to the game, we need to consider that all teams may not have enough people involved with the team to take care of this for each game. Overall as a group we agreed this is a good plan and Tim will move forward with it for this season. Possible schedule and division allocation was discussed, Tim presented a few scenarios. As Ad's what most wanted to see was an equal distribution in tiers in terms of number of teams in each tier. Scott proposed the below scenario to address this.

Scott Pellerine - SJA - Proposal:

1. I am proposing this so that year after year we will have something in place that will allow our leagues to provide more consistent and balanced competition throughout the schedule.
2. I don't feel that at coaches meetings all schools' concerns are addressed with competitive play, balanced tiers, and our system changes from year to year.

3. This is a way to evenly split 15 teams, and year after year at least one team will have the ability to move up a tier based on strength of program and prior success.
4. Division one teams (NSSAF) (no matter what your tier is) may have a chance in the Regional Playoffs to advance to a Provincial Championship.

Based on last year's standings from regular season, the tiers would look like this for this season:

Tier 1

1. CPA (64)
2. AUB (60)
3. SJA (49)
4. CIT (43)
5. LV (41)
6. HW (40)
7. DHS (39)
8. MILL (25) * - Sommet from Tier 2 finished ahead of them in points but I think they want to remain in tier 2 -

I think if Sommet wanted to move up over Millwood we would look at the winning percentage each team had based on their games in Tier 1, that may be a more fair comparison rather than points between Millwood and Sommet. Sommet played more tier 2 games than Millwood so they should get more points.

Tier 2

1. SOMM/MOS (29)
2. ES (22)
3. SHS (21)
4. PA (20)
5. JLI (14)
6. CH (13)
7. IV (0)

If this was adopted as the set up, I would propose a home and home series among your own tier (14 games- Tier 1) and you go through the other tier one time for 7/8 games. We are now at 21 or 20 games. I think the last round of games should be through 1/2 of your own tier.

Top four teams play the bottom 4 teams (based on previous year standings) 1 vs 8 ,2 v 7 etc. based on points from the year before. **Total games 25 games** -tier one. If you went through the entire tier for a third time you would be at 28 games. Tier 2 could play 4 teams in their tier again to make 4 games. **Total games 24 games.**

Athletic Directors in attendance and Tim were in agreement that this division allocation looked good for our league, Tim would like to see the third time through the schedule be a full time through the tier, increasing the games by four which will still work.

We are unsure if Cole Harbour will have a team this year, if they do not Millwood will move down to tier two and we will have two divisions of 7. They have until Friday to let Tim know.

Girls Hockey - SJA: Scott Pellerine

Would like to know what teams are in for this season:

SJA T1 - Monday 4:15 - 5:15 and Friday 4:15 - 5:15 - SMC

AUB T1 - Tuesday 4 - 5 Scotia 1 and Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 Scotia 2

CIT T1 - Thursday 4 Forum

CPA T1 - Monday and Wed 4 -5 BMO

LOCK T1 - Wed Sackville Stadium 4

HW T1 - Wed Centennial 4 possible Monday

PA T2 -

DHS T2 -

JLI T2 - Tuesday 4 Spryfield

MILL T2 - Thursday Sackville Arena 4.

Available MW Home Games

Oct 22, 29

Nov 5, 12, 19, 26

Dec 3, 10, 17

Jan 7, 14, 21

Feb 4, 11

SHS T2 - Tuesday 4 Sackville Arena

ES T2 - Tuesday 4 and Thursday 4 ES

Tiers for this season are listed above based on standings from last season.

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

AD's need to be included on all emails sent out. Coordinator should always include all schools as well as coaches in any information he sends out.

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

All info was sent out.

Boys/Girls B Soccer – ARM : Sue Beazley

Schedule is out. I will send out what refs and fields cost this week.

Girls Volleyball – SHS: Jill Jeffery

Teams should show up dressed to each game and it seems they are not, please remind your team. Some schools have sent out information about access. If you want to start a game earlier, you shouldn't. If the game time is 4:30, it should start at 4:30. I was asked

about streaming a game, the problem was “media release”. We should not get into this. It was asked about Eastlink, what do they do? We think the internet and TV are different, but no one really knows if they need them for Eastlink, it seems as if they don't.

Boys Volleyball – DHS: Anton Berry/Peter Haley

All going now, some games were rescheduled recently.

Girls B Volleyball – ARM: Sue Beazley

Some games can happen at Armbrae at 6, they all must sign in and complete a questionnaire at Armbrae.

Golf – HG : Shane Joseph/Darrell McInnis

Individual tee times were used this year, it worked well. Disappointed that we found out on the morning of the tournament that it will only be four individual golfers advancing to Provincials. No teams.

Baseball – PA:Anthony Williams

Citadel were Metro and regional champs, ES won division 2. Please send two names for all stars.

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

Results from the earlier races will be sent out this week. It looks like 45 runners will qualify for regionals, the cost will be like last year but less runners so the fee probably will go up to \$10 per runner.

Boys Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry

Not Here, sent this information out via email last week:

Some information on Boys Basketball. (As of now, I have not discussed this with any of our coaches)

-Please look at the attachments for possible basketball structure for the season and schedule.

-I don't plan on having a coaches meeting until November, unless the gyms start to open up past 6pm.

-League play will begin on December 7th if the status of HRCE gyms remain the same. This will also avoid conflict with Volleyball.

-All League games for Boys will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. I will be reaching out to the ref assignor to see if the 3 schedules attached work with no conflicts/overlaps

-If you do not plan on fielding a varsity team or JV team, please let me know.

Girls Basketball - SHS: Jill Jeffery/Mary Coughran

Nothing needs to be said until we know what is happening with the school evening gym times.

Boys B Basketball - IV: Nigel Mailman
no comment

Girls B Basketball - SH: Peter Moores
no comment

9. New Business

How can we start the basketball league in early December if volleyball is just getting over then? We should just start practicing then, for it to be fair for everyone. We need more information on gym times to move forward with basketball at this point.

Scott Pellerine - SJA - spoke during the hockey update

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 pm

Moved: Angela D.

Seconded: Dave A.

Next meeting will be at Armbrae on **Monday November 2nd - 6pm.**

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