

The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Monday October 29th, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Halifax West

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

Attendance:

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| Steve Harris | CPA | Scott Pellerine | SJA |
| Donna Duggan | NSSAF | Susan Beazley | ARM |
| Ryan Sadler | AUB | Shane Joseph | HGS |
| David Algee | JLI | Ben Cunningham | SOMM |
| Jill Jeffrey | SHS | Mike Smeltzer | HWHS |
| Ami Nixon | CIT | Steve Wilcox | LVH |
| Nigel Mailman | IV | Natalie Stevens | ES |

Sends regrets:

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| Anton Berry | DART | Matt Bustin | HCA |
| Adam White | MW | Aaron Barrington | FOUT |
| Anthony Williams | PA | Pat Hatfield | CHDHS |
| Jean Francois Valade | CARR | | |

1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at 1 : 41 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

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

Moved: Steve W.

Seconded: Jill J.

Approved

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Savings \$360.37

Plan 24 \$30.40

Cheque \$ 14500.57

Donna read out who fees were still outstanding from.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

None

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

Thanks to schools who helped out with all soccer regionals Scott Pellerine and Roy Snook. Cross county, Steve and Colleen Harris, Chris MacDonald at SJA and Anthony Williams PA baseball, and Shane Joseph and Darrell McGinnis golf, and Sue Beazley for B soccer. I know there were some concerns about officials in soccer, make sure that complaints go to ref assignors, not the NSSAF. Information was sent out to all schools about volleyball regionals. Steve Wilcox will take care of girls JV volleyball. Regionals have to be completed by November 24th. Dorothy G Walker Award will be in our region this year, send any nominations my way. Curling Provincials are 7th to 9th of March. Badminton Provincials are April 26th Individual and 27th Team. Provincial championships hosted in our region were mentioned. Soccer fees are still owed by DHS, CH, GRAM boys. Thanks to everyone for all that you are doing.

8. **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

Boys Hockey – HW: Mike Smeltzer/Frank Hubley

Frank wants to mention that the start up date for games needs to be changed back at least 10 days. He is hopeful a proposal can be sent in to allow this to happen for the Metro League at least. He also wanted to mention the problem of teams running up scores, please speak to your coaches about this. There is some imbalance in the teams and we need to keep that in mind as we play each game.

Girls Hockey - SJA: Scott Pellerine

All is going well so far. Everything is up and running and we have two tiers. Unfortunately we are down to only 4 teams in the second tier due to a late drop out by

one team. Invoices will come out in November for officials and league fees, and the playoff set up is similar to last year with a “Day of Champions” to determine the regional champion and rankings for Provincials. Please remind coaches to get their games in to the website in a timely manner, within 24 hours of the game. Other teams are looking for results in your games, so it is only fair if every team adhere to this.

Boys Division One Soccer – SJA: Scott Pellerine

League went well with the tiered structure again. Congratulations to Halifax West for winning the Metro Tier 1 banner and Halifax Grammar for winning the tier 2 banner. We also have a problem with some coaches not reporting their game results in a timely manner. By not doing this it makes it tough to get accurate stats out to all other teams. Please discuss this with your coaches that they should have games reported within 24 hours of the game. It was also mentioned which schools needed to send in their all star picks for the season, shirts will be ordered and handed out at the November meeting. See league report below:

Metro High School Boys Soccer League 2018

Here is a summary of the league for the 2018 two tier season. **Halifax West** won the Tier 1 banner and **Halifax Grammar** won the Tier 2 banner. Total number of cards given out in 2018 was 123, which is up from 100 in 2017. Hope to see this trend down next season. Our league will be tiered again in 2019. **For next season Metro Athletics is going with the two tier break down again, where GRAMMAR may be moving to Tier 1 and LOCKVIEW may be taking their place in Tier 2.** We will discuss this at the end of November at our monthly AD meeting, tiers may be adjusted to 7 and 7 if we can add another team(Sommet) . *As coaches you should communicate any concerns or requests for next season to your AD, so they have team information for next season play and tiers.* I would like to have the structure of the league set up for next season after our November meeting. Playoff format will remain the same as 2018.

Divisions are based on population for the most part, and in some cases the strength of the soccer program is taken into account from previous seasons. Discussion will happen among AD’s for final groupings for 2019 season. AD’s and league coordinator will make the final decision on tiers.**School Breakdown on Population and Final Standings:**

| Population | Tier / Points 2017/Rank |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Halifax West -1,448 | T1 / 25pts (1) |
| C.P.A. - 1,340 | T1 / 13pts (4) |
| Citadel - 1,252 | T1 / 9pts (5) |

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| S.J.A. - 928 | T1 / 21pts (2) |
| Lockview - 847 | T1 / 4pts (6) |
| Dartmouth High - 838 | T1 / 16pts (3) |
| P.A. - 797 | T2 / 24pts (3) |
| Auburn - 754 | T2 / 28pts (2) |
| J.L.I. - 641 | T2 / 7pts (6) |
| Sackville High - 602 | T2 / 12pts (5) |
| Cole Harbour - 559 | T2 / 0 pts (7) |
| Millwood - 533 | T2 / 20pts (4) |
| Halifax Grammar - 146 | T2 / 32pts (1) |

Awards were two t-shirts, for two all-stars, from each team. Cost per team will be about \$50 - \$60 added into league fees again next season. Awards will be picked by coaches from each team. Similar format for awards will be followed next season.

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

Report read from Roy by Mike. See below for Roy's report.

This year there were twelve teams in the girl's metro soccer league. They included: Sackville, Millwood, CPA, PA, Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Citadel, Sir John A., Halifax West, JL Ilsley, Auburn, and Lockview. They were split into two tiers. Halifax West won tier 1 and Dartmouth won the Tier 2. All in all it was a good season; however there were a few glitches. They included scheduling issue, forfeiting games, and turning in game sheets and scores to the co-ordinator.

Passing in game sheets was a bit of a hassle this year. We still did not get them all. It was the winning coaches or home coach in case of a tie that was responsible to forward them to the co-ordinator. This will need to be addressed at the next years coach's meeting.

The metro Semi-finals had Dartmouth (4th place) play Halifax West (1st place) and Sir John A (2nd place) play Citadel (3rd place) with both Halifax West and Citadel advancing to the final. In the final Halifax West defeated Citadel to win the Metro and Regional banners. Halifax West won the right to host the provincial qualifier while Citadel, Sir John A., and Dartmouth qualified to attend a provincial Qualifier.

Both Halifax West and Citadel have made it to provincials, Halifax West defeated Avonview and Citadel defeated Horton to advance to provincials.

Halifax was chosen to host the provincial championships.

Boys/Girls B Soccer – ARM : Sue Beazley

Did not go so well, we had more teams this year. Many games were rained out, and we had problems with refs not showing up for some games. \$231 per team for fee. We are almost done with finals, happening this week. I will work on booking turf for next year especially for the playoffs.

Girls Volleyball – SHS: Jill Jeffery

Final week for games, playoffs for next week. I am still having an issue with scores, even after emails to coaches and AD's. This seems to be happening in many leagues. Possibly next season a team might get a loss if they do not have scores in on time? Standings are not correct because of this, and teams do need to know. It makes the end of the season very difficult to organise because of the missing information. We will think about something for next year, we have to have something in place to make this better.

Boys Volleyball – DHS: Anton Berry/Peter Haley

Anton was absent.

Girls B Volleyball – ARM: Sue Beazley

All going well, I am having a problem with scores being reported as well. Again please speak to your coaches about this.

Golf – HG : Shane Joseph/Darrell McInnis

It was all good until we had to take the banners we gave out from Newbridge. The course was concerned with the time it took, but for us we feel it was going well and schools have made a difference with only bringing golfers for the day. We hope to have it back there again next year.

Baseball – SJA: Scott Pellerine/Chris MacDonald

All went well. I will look for a report from Chris to send out.

Report from Chris: Metro Regional High School Baseball Report 2018

The Metro Regional High School Baseball Tournament was held over three weekends (with many rainy days in between) at the end of September. The tournament format was consistent with previous years with two divisions of six teams, each teams playing two ranking games, then playing knockout games, till teams two teams in each division remained. Semi-finals and finals saw CP Allen and Halifax West Advancing to the Provincial Championship in Division 1.

Issues:

The weather was very uncooperative this fall. The many days of rain caused delays in the tournament from weekend to weekend. This continued through the provincial tournament which was also delayed. This is not uncommon for baseball in Nova Scotia.

One game that was scheduled for Dennis Naugle was stopped because the lights did not work. This caused the remainder of the tournament for that division to be further delayed because of the ranking system.

The delays and rescheduling caused made it difficult for some teams to field a team because of schedule conflicts with other sports.

Two of the scheduled games were forfeits.

Two players and a coach were ejected from a game because of a conflict with the umpire.

Many of the games were not competitive. The larger schools have a greater pool of high level baseball players to choose from. Auburn High had to wait until the semi-finals to play a team that could compete with them.

Proposal

To remedy some of these issues I propose a complete change to the way metro baseball has been scheduled/played.

Instead of a weekend tournament, where teams only play two games and then get ranked, I propose creating two divisions of 6 teams. These divisions will be balanced with stronger and weaker teams (based on results from the previous year's tournament and school population). Each division will play a full round robin (5 games each), These games will be scheduled as evening doubleheaders. This is a total of 30 games. The top two teams in each division will advance to the semi-finals with a final to determine first and second and a second final to determine 3rd and 4th. If a division 2 team finishes in the top 4 then another playoff game may need to be played. I would plan on booking the double headers on weeknights from Monday to Friday. Using Beazley,

Mainland and Weir, I could book 6 games in one night. This would mean a minimum of 5 nights of baseball. If I plan for 3-4 weeks to complete the round robin there should be enough time to adjust for any rainouts. The semis and finals could be held on one day when the round robin is finished.

Coaching staff for each team will be responsible to get the field lined for the game. HRM should take care of the grooming. Scores and pitch counts will be reported to me after each game. I can create a website to post these scores.

I will do the booking of the fields and the umpire.

Positives:

The players get to play more games.

Conflicts should be reduced because there is no day long commitment. (Except for the one day final.)

Fields are generally available on weekdays.

Adjusting for rain delays will be easier. The order of the round robin is not important.

The best teams should advance to the one day final.

This also allows for ranking of the division 2 teams.

Negatives:

This will require a larger fee to play because of the increased field and umpire costs.

I would appreciate any input.

Chris

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

Registration for the regional event was a bit of a problem for high schools this year. Remind coaches that they need to be diligent when registering. Please contact us with any issues before you submit your teams on line, or if you can't do it.

Boys Basketball - DHS: Anton Berry

Discussion among ADs who were present about tiers, and where they came from this year? Many schools were surprised with the 8 - 4 split for tiers. We need to figure out

how to make it fair for all teams in the league. How can we do this? We feel that in the end it should be the ADs, with input from coaches and a discussion with their Principal, who determine what the tiers are and how the league is structured. It should be in place long before the next season starts, and not presented at a coaches meeting. We have to have further discussion on this topic to come up with a way to fairly tier the leagues before the coaches meeting. It was mentioned again that population is a good guideline to follow. Each season teams will be moved up or down from a tier, based on previous standings and strength of program. Teams in each tier will also have an opportunity to participate in regional playoffs, and possibly make it to provincials (even if they were a tier 2 team).

Girls Basketball - SHS: Jill Jeffery/Mary Coughran

All is going well.

Boys B Basketball - IV: Nigel Mailman

Meeting this Thursday night. Make sure coaches are prepared to schedule games. We have 16 teams, I personally do not want to run a home and away schedule. Possibly two divisions of 8 with four home games and four away games.

Girls B Basketball - SH: Aaron Barrington

Schedule is done. There may need to be a bit of a change. Read by Sue B.

Wrestling Metro - :

Is this happening?

9. New Business

Ringette Update: Stacey Sloan: Date Tentative: April 27th and 28th

The 7 schools that want to participate (so far) are:

SJA

CPA

Citadel

Auburn

Cole Harbour

JL

Valley (this team would consist of players from the 3 regional high schools because no school has enough for a team - I hope this will be ok?)

I have heard from a few other schools, but they have not committed. I think we would accept 8 teams this year and re-evaluate next year.

We will have to put out this information to all metro schools and they need to be aware of what is happening to form this league.

Not all AD's have officially heard from members at their school about this tournament, from the above list. We need to get this information from Stacy directly and then discuss it with our Principal if we first agree we will have a team. Second we need to agree that there can be an additional league in the already busy Metro sports season.

Before our next meeting we would like to have some formal information from the Ringette co-ordinator that we can meet with our Principal about to see if this tournament can happen. What about co-op teams between schools? Is this going to be fine? Is it fine to have a co - op team between a high school and a Jr. High team?

Scott will find out some information from Stacey and share it with all AD's before the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 3:08 pm

Moved: Mike S.

Seconded: Ben C.

Next meeting will be at Halifax West **Tuesday November 27th 1:30 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