

The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Friday June 21st, 2024.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: LeRouge Restaurant

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

Attendance:

David Algee	JLI	Scott Pellerine	BV
Steve Harris	CPA	Susan Beazley	ARM
Alex Dawe	ESM	Kris Stach	LVH
Mary Coughran	SHS	Ami Nixon	CIT
Angela Dale	MW	Donna Duggan	SSNS
Sean Kent	ESDH	Jessi Pothier	DHS
John Gallant	ESDH	Mike Smeltzer	HWHS
Gerome Sparks	CHDHS	Kevin Wheatley	AUB
Justine Colley	HGS	Venessa Pike	IV
Tommy Boudreau	SOMM	Peter Moores	SH

Sends regrets:

Jean Francois Valade	CARR	Carmen Bendevis	HCA
Jen Durette	SHAM	Mona MacNeil	WBHS
Natalie Pelley	DHS	Roy Dempsey	WL
Anthony Williams	WL		

1. **OPENING**

Meeting opened at 2:10 pm.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was chaired by Sue Beazley.

Welcome everyone. Round table introductions were made.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 2024**

Moved: Ami N.

Seconded: Kris S.

Approved

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Donna reported: Copies of the yearly financial were distributed.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Kris Stach - LVHS - Gray Jay Website pricing and options for next year.

As discussed, the proposal below is a price per team proposal, which allows the costs to be determined per league, per team, per school, or however you'd like to spin it. The price will include:

- *A new MHSAA website including easy navigation to team sport schedules across all sports, and easy self-serve content management.*
- *Centralized scheduling workspace for the coordinators of each sport.*
- *Live "simple" scoring capabilities via web interface and/or the GrayJay Teams mobile app.*
 - *Team admins can easily update the scores of the games as they happen!*
- *Ability to assign sport/league admin permissions to the coordinators of each sport and team admin permissions to individual coaches.*
- *Each school will also have their own admin workspace, which will allow the AD's to have admin permissions for all teams in the school.*
- *Game schedules will be fully integrated between the MHSAA "Federation" workspace and the individual school workspaces.*
- *Individual teams can have practices or other team events added to their team schedule by AD's and/or team admins.*
- *Covers all team sports except ice hockey, which will remain separate at their existing pricing (with links from the new MHSAA website for ease of navigation).*
- *Automated integration with the GrayJay Teams mobile app. Access to the features included in the free tier at no additional cost, while paid tiers will be offered at a deeply discounted rate (see below).*
 - *Students can simply login to the app with their GrayJay ID to see their schedules, receive messages in the team chat, etc. Coaches can send messages to their teams via the team chat or bulk emails.*

Annual pricing would be as follows:

- *\$20 per team per sport*
- *\$5 per team for the "Basic" paid features of the mobile app*
- *\$7 per team for the "Premium" paid features of the mobile app*
- *\$8 per team for the "Ultra" paid features of the mobile app*

- *\$500 per school for their own centralized sports portal and dedicated website, fully integrated with the MHSAA website, schedules, etc.*

Individual Coordinators will be made aware of this and they will be the ones to decide how it may be used in their sport. It was encouraged that it should be used in each sport if possible; to have all information consistent and easily accessible for all Metro sports.

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

None

7. **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Donna Duggan gave a verbal report: Thank you to everyone for all you have done during another very busy school year. Thanks to all who hosted the spring sports, your work is very much appreciated. Sites and Dates were sent out by SSNS, Donna covered some of the sports we will host next year. Please make sure to check that out on the SSNS document. Donna went over the possibility of some support from the Department of Education for Jr. High sports that are also being run in conjunction with our high school sports, ie. cross country and badminton.

8. **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS:**

Boys Rugby - CPA - Steve Harris/ Brad Boudreau

There seemed to be some issues that came up with the qualifying process through SSNS to qualify for provincials. The Metro league went well over all and Brad always keeps everyone up to date all season.

Girls Rugby - AUB: Kevin Wheatley

The event for Provincials was hosted at Graves Oakley and it went very well. I would suggest that this be the venue where all of our regional events be hosted.

Tier 1 and tier 2 leagues ran this year, we are hoping that possibly in the future there could be a 15's and a 10's provincial championship.

Indoor Field Hockey - ARM: Sue Beazley.

Lockview defeated Armbrae in the finals. DHS does want to host the finals event next year, thank you to Ami at Citadel for hosting this year.

Motion:

Kris from Lockview motioned that 4 masks are mandatory for corners next season. Scott seconded that motion.

Over 10 in favor - this motion has passed.

Table Tennis - IV: Vanessa Pyke

It went well, Erica at Auburn really does run it all and does a great job.

Box Lacrosse - MILL: Angela Dale/ Mike Kennedy

Season went well, there seemed to be a few less suspensions this year. Dave mentioned that if it is the same coordinator next year, he should be aware that the list of

suspensions and any carry over suspensions need to be followed up with the schools involved, from season to season.

Slo - Pitch Boys and Girls - MILL: Angela Dale

All went well on four fields; it would be nice to get it done in the evenings, but it was too difficult to get the field time then. I will be away this time next year on a school trip, so I will need some help in running the event while it is on.

Track and Field - HW/ CIT: Donna Duggan and Jason Murphy

All went well, the weather was amazingly good, and we were very lucky. If you have supported athletes, you will need to have sufficient help for them there. The number of supported athletes has gone way up and supports need to be in place for them and their events. This year was a struggle to have enough people in place.

9. New Business

Sean Kent brought up the concerns about schools recruiting athletes and how it is really affecting schools in a negative way. That was supported by many schools, however as it was stated before this process now falls under the Department of Education, and it is tied to the transfer of students between school policies. They are different from what we used to have in place through NSSAF. Most in attendance are hopeful that something at that level can and will be done to address the issues of athletes transferring schools and being recruited to do so.

Donna went over what schools still owe fees for sports this year.

Cross Country: CPA Steve Harris

- 1)Thursday, Sept.19- Hemlock Ravine (Metro Series- afterschool)
- 2)Thursday, Sept.26-Point Pleasant (Metro Series- afterschool)
- 3)Thursday, Oct.3-Dingle (Metro Series- afterschool)
- 4)Thursday, Oct.10-Point Pleasant (Regionals during day)
- 5) Monday, Oct.28- Provincials (Northumberland during day)

Sue handed out gifts to those who were leaving. Thank you to all who worked with us this year and thank you all for all you have done for Metro Athletics.

Thank you to Sue Beazley for over 40 years (46) dedicated to Athletics in the Capital Region! You truly are a legend and will be missed!

Adjourned 3:25 pm

Moved: Peter M.

Seconded: Sean K.