

The Metro High School Athletic Association

Date: Friday October 25th, 2024

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: JLI High Rm. 102

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

Attendance:

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| Steve Harris | CPA | Scott Pellerine | BVHS |
| John Gallant | ES | Emily Bell | WB |
| Roy Dempsey | PA | Mary Coughran | SHS |
| David Algee | JLI | Peter Moores | SH |
| Jessie Pothier | DHS | Donna Duggan | SSNS |
| Ami Nixon | CIT | Kris Stach | LVH |
| Angela Dale | MW | Alex Dawe | ESM |
| Vanessa Pike | IV | Ben Ur | ARM |
| Jerome Sparks | CHHS | Tommy Boudreau | SOMM |

Sends regrets:

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| Mike Smeltzer | HWHS | Josh Marshall | HCA |
| Justine Colley - Legere | HGS | Kevin Wheatley | AUB |
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1. **OPENING**

The meeting opened at: 12:15 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made for the new participants, and the meeting was chaired by Dave Algee.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved: Angela D.

Seconded: Kris S.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chec.: \$ 26 413.45

Sav: \$ 3024

Plan 24: \$ 30.40

Shares: \$10

Donna listed schools who still owe fees for soccer.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Dave Algee - Discussion around league coordinators checking with AD's of the school they are associated with (and AD's checking in on them) to ensure SSNS policies are being met in their tournament or season of play ie: (baseball issue).

It is very important for the AD who is connected to the people who are outside of our organization, you should make sure you are working with that outside person closely. Keeping them up to date and connected to the SSNS rules and regulations for things like suspensions, regional process, appeals, eligibility, protests etc. We need to make sure that the outside person is following the rules already in place. No matter what the sport is, new rules do not need to (nor should) be followed, SSNS has rules in place that could be followed in all sports. When you are not sure of a rule that could be applied make sure to reach out to a member of the executive of the Metro Athletic Association, then if needed a SSNS representative to find out what to do.

Dave Algee - Discussion about inquiries for flag football/rugby and the addition of other non-SSNS leagues.

At this point we are four leagues above what is offered by SSNS (Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Ultimate, and Ringette). Most ADs have expressed some issues they are having with these leagues; from extra time (especially since the implementation of 7 of 8 for HRCE), extra cost, loss of uniforms, rules not being followed properly for school regulations and SSNS regulations, etc. We did discuss the possibility of not offering some, or all of these "extra sports". No conclusion was made on that, more discussion would need to happen. However, all agreed the climate is not good to add anything extra at this point. So please keep this in mind when you at your school are being approached by an outside group, or a group of students/parents, about the addition of another sport, (ie flag football). It is very unlikely that we would be able to take on more leagues.

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, I am still looking for someone to be involved in D2 boys' volleyball. Check the SSNS site to see other Provincials we are hosting throughout this year. Donna went over a list of sports we will be hosting this winter season.

8. COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Boys Hockey – AUB: Kevin Wheatley / Tim Coombs

Not here. Some discussion with John about suspensions.

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. 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

Not Here.

Girls A Soccer – HW: Mike Smeltzer/ Roy Snook

Not Here.

Boys B Soccer – ARM - Ben Ur

Same as the girls for fees.

Girls B Soccer – IV - Venessa Pike

Congratulations to Citadel and West Bedford for winning both divisions. I will send out some invoices soon, when I get the final costs.

Girls A Volleyball – SHS: Mary Coughran

Going well, some very close games. Make sure to have gym time if you are a higher seeded team. Games for playoffs start soon. Check out the live doc for the schedule and season standings. It may be possible for Auburn doing an all star game, so any ideas please let me know. Invoices will come out soon and there are some travel fees added on this year, so be aware that the invoices will be more this year.

Boys A Volleyball – DHS: Jessie Pothier/Peter Haley

Jessie went over the dates for play in games and Regionals. Donna mentioned that, on the Metro website, the volleyball games are listed there.

Girls B Volleyball – JLI: Dave Algee

This year I did have to add in an extra day of the week because so many Mondays were lost due to holidays. This year we have 8 JV teams, so that works well for the playoffs. Check out the live Doc for schedule for standings and game times. I will get all playoff schedules up soon on that document, so keep up to date there. Keep in mind that because of gym time and that now basketball is going, not all of our games will always be at a consistent time or day. Many factors are involved in this, please be patient.

Golf – HGS: Justine Colley - Legere/ Darrell MacInnis
Not here.

Baseball – ESM: Alex Dawe / Ed Longaphy

Congratulations to Island View and to CPA for winning both divisions. Jessie - DHS brought up the division allocation, her school seems to be in the wrong division, is this something that could be looked at for next season?

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

We are at Provincials this Monday. All went well at both the Metro races and the regional event. Tell coaches to make sure you register all of your athletes even if they are not able to take part. That way they are in the system.

Boys A - Basketball - CPA: Steve Harris

League meeting this week. All schools had a representative. I would ask any revisions to be sent to me by today. We want this confirmed so the B league can create their schedule based on this information and have your boys B team before or after the A league. When our schedule is set, please make sure to involve both schools and both AD's and include me in on that. Communication needs to happen with all involved and I will communicate the information to the referee assignor. Each team has an Eastlink game, if you are hosting one, Eastlink will be there right around 3:30 and will need to have access to your Technology room. Please have someone at your school available to work with them on this.

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

Same as above.

Boys B - Basketball - SH: Peter Moores

Meeting Tuesday 29th at 7pm, Sacred Heart, please have a representative there. Please send coaches to the meeting with your gym schedule. One ongoing issue each season is the communication of game changes. Please involve both coaches and ADs in the email as well as me, with the proposed change. Any communication to officials will go through me.

Girls B - Basketball - CHHS: Jerome Sparks

Monday October 28th at CHHS, at 6:30. We will set the schedule up there as well, and our games will be Monday and Wednesdays. I am hoping that we will have a website (Gray jay) for the league. There will be a fee for this so be aware of that.

9. New Business

Scott Pellerine: Discussion of appeals and protests, and the possibility of updating our Metro website regarding this. Is this possible to have our policy updated, and some clarification and distinction between protests and appeals?

Scott put forward a motion to change the appeals process; we will break it into two documents, a Protest Procedure Guideline, and an Appeals Process.

Moved: Angela D.

Seconded: Tommy B.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 2: 00 pm

Moved: Vanessa P.

Seconded: Kris S.

Next meeting - Thursday December 5th at 9:30 at JLI.

We have a dinner booked at LeRouge on December 19th at 4pm. Please let Donna know if you can attend.

If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda, please contact Dave Algee or Scott Pellerine one week prior to the next meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Pellerine
Secretary