

# **The Metro High School Athletic Association**

**Date: Thursday December 4th, 2025.**

**Time: 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: J.L.Ilsley High School**

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

## **Attendance:**

Scott Pellerine	BVHS	Donna Duggan	SSNS
Cristen Young Keeney	LVH	Roy Dempsey	WL
Steve Harris	CPA	Tim Coombs	AUB
David Algee	JLI	Angela Dale	MW
Kiera Hewitt	SHS	Mike Smeltzer	HWHS
Justine Colley - Legere	HGS	Peter Moores	SH
John Gallant	ES	Alex Dawe	ESM
Ami Nixon	CIT	Jerome Sparks	CHHS
Jessie Pothier	DHS	Emily Bell	WB
Dan MacDonald	WL	Ben Ur	ARM

## **Sends regrets:**

Jen Durette	SHAM	Josh Marshall	HCA
Venessa Pike	IV	Tommy Boudreau	SOMM

### **1. OPENING**

The meeting opened at 9:40 a.m.

### **2. INTRODUCTIONS**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved: Cristen Y.

Seconded: Angela D.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cheq.: \$ 27461.82

Sav: \$ 360.37

Shares: \$ 3025.49

Equity: \$ 10.00

Donna read out a list of schools who still owe fees for soccer and Metro fees.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Keith Andrews SSNS certification requirements-Specifically the NCCP Development 1 Trained- Contact Hockey Nova Scotia

Dave discussed the process of SSNS certification, and that there is no way presently that a hockey coach can register to complete the above-mentioned course. There seemed to be quite a few roadblocks to get this course done. SSNS needs to find a way to have our organization registered with HNS in order to get these courses done.

- B. Capital Region schools hosting hockey or basketball tournaments-protocols for communicating suspensions.

If you are hosting a tournament, what are the protocols of communicating and enforcing the suspensions that might happen in that tournament. Should it be the metro coordinator, on call for a tournament on the weekend not at their school? If you must have a sanction filled out for a tournament, should all suspensions come out from SSNS? SSNS is the organization that sanctions the tournament.

A tournament should have an organizing committee, and a head of that committee, that will look after suspensions as one of their roles. The rules we follow through SSNS always need to be followed. If a suspension is given out, the number of games and what was served should always be shared with the league coordinator, especially in hockey where an accumulation of certain infractions increases the length of future suspensions by the same player. Coaches are ultimately responsible to make sure a suspended player only plays when they are eligible. If they do not do that they will be suspended.

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

- A. Motion to change the current Metro Appeals policy

## Motion:

### **Appeals and Protests Procedure: Metro High School Athletic Association**

Schools wishing to challenge a suspension or league decision must demonstrate valid grounds for appeal, based on the following criteria:

#### **Section 1: Initial Review by School Athletic Director**

The school's Athletic Director will first assess whether there are sufficient grounds for appeal in accordance with SSNS regulations.

**Note: Per SSNS Regulation 11.3.1, decisions made by game officials are not grounds for appeal.**

#### **Section 2: Grounds for Appeal**

To proceed with the appeal, the school must provide evidence that SSNS rules were either misinterpreted or incorrectly applied in the original decision.

· **Note:** Video evidence will **not** be considered as part of the appeal.

#### **Section 3: Appeal Procedure**

If the Athletic Director determines that the appeal has a valid basis, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Athletic Director will send a formal letter to the Vice-Chair of the Metro Athletic Association outlining the grounds for appeal.
  2. The Vice-Chair will then consult with the relevant league coordinator.
  3. A ruling will be issued based on this consultation
7. **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Donna Duggan gave a verbal report.

Thank you to all coordinators of all fall sports in the successful regional completion, all names of our coordinators were mentioned. We still will need a coordinator for snowboarding who will be able to work with Dan Ray this year. Make sure all coaches have completed the safe sport module. Donna went over the seeding meetings, for volleyball and basketball, and the importance of passing in the results sheets for your season, especially if you are playing other teams from outside of our region. Donna went over what is happening in our region in terms of Provincials. Our next meeting will be January 29th at 1:30, the next few meetings are during the school day. February 23rd and March 31st are the following dates.

## 8. COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

### **Boys Hockey – WL:** Roy Dempsey/ Dan MacDonald

Seems like boys' hockey suspensions are down this year. Dan discussed the agreement of affiliate players between HNS and SSNS.

### **Girls Hockey - BVHS:** Scott Pellerine

All going well. I hope to get an invoice this month from the officials. Just a reminder to all ADs if you are as a school cancelling a game due to weather when school is still on, both school Principals and both ADs, need to be included in the decision. After that is finalized from both schools an email can be sent to me letting me know so I can change it on the schedule, a text message as well to me would be a good idea. Before noon on a game day is best to have this decision made.

### **Boys A - Volleyball – DHS:** Jesse Pothier / Peter Haley

All went well. Peter has sent out emails to all.

### **Girls A - Volleyball – SHS:** Mary Coughran

Mary sent a message to thank all involved and congratulated all who won regionals and metro championships and qualified for provincials.

### **Girls B Volleyball – JLI:** Dave Algee

All went well, thanks to all teams for getting scores in on time. Looking forward to using Gray Jay next year to move things along.

### **Boys A - Basketball - CPA:** Steve Harris

All going well. The spectator guide being sent out was helpful.

### **Girls A - Basketball - WB:** Emily Bell

Going well, quite a few close games. If teams are in the top of the league, they might want to have on their radar to have a gym booked to host Provincials.

### **Boys B - Basketball - SH:** Peter Moores

All going well.

### **Girls B - Basketball - CH:** Jerome Sparks

Going well. All scores and games are on Gray Jay. I am wondering if there is any way for our schools to be able to maintain their gyms. i.e., floors waxed properly, shot clocks and scoreboards working properly etc. We should make sure the gyms are safe to play in. It seems like the only avenue to go through is a school Principal, and it is up to the school to arrange and pay for any ongoing maintenance.

**Wrestling** - SHS: Mary Coughran/ Mike Lidstone

Wrestlers can practice at other schools and still compete for their own school, SHS is hosting an event on February 7th, Mary will send out more information closer to the date.

**Curling - CPA:** Steve Harris/Greg Doyle

Greg sent an email out in November with some information for this year:

Hello athletic directors,

As early as this sounds, it's time to start planning for the 2026 MHSAA Regional Curling Championships.

This year, curling ice is tight as one club did not open this year, putting some strain on the other clubs.

I did manage to procure ice for the following times at CFB Halifax Curling Club:

Tuesday, February 24 from 9AM - 12PM

Thursday, February 26 from 9AM - 4PM

Friday, February 27 from 9AM - 4PM

So, based upon this, we will have a guarantee of three games per team, with playoffs happening on Friday, the 27th.

Guidelines are the same as last year, mixed entries only, consisting of 2 males and 2 females. Schools may have multiple entries.

Each team entered will be an entry fee of \$160. Therefore, if your school sends two teams, the cost would be \$320, and so on!

For you planning purposes, we will make the declaration date of Friday, January 30. I will send a few follow up messages to you to remind you of entry.

Also, for further planning purposes, our zone will be hosting the Provincial Championships this year as well, which will be scheduled for March 28-29 at Lakeshore Curling Club in Lower Sackville.

## **9. New Business**

**None**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am

Moved: John G.

Seconded: Roy D.

**Next meeting** will be Thursday January 29th at J.L.I High School 1:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Pellerine