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To: SAC Reps
From: Don McEwen/Amanda Maks
Date: Friday, August 27th, 2010
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Place: Royal Vale High School Auditorium
5851 Somerled Ave. NDG (Draper entrance)

Minutes

100 Additions to and approval of Agenda:

The following items were added.

- 401 Fall championships
- 402 Elementary activities
- 403 Basketball tournaments
- 404 Basketball ages

- 200 2010-11:** The information packages that were distributed included a clip board with the GMAA logo. All member schools will receive one per team over the course of the year. These are to be given to your coaches as a thank-you from GMAA for their time and effort. There is also a form that needs to be filled out and signed by the Principal indicating the name of this year's SAC rep. Even if you were at the meeting, please be sure that this form is signed by the Principal and sent to the office. We need to have it on file in the office.
- 201 Calendar :** Copies of the calendar for 2010-2011 were distributed. There is a correction to the Printed version. **Indoor Track & Field** will now be on Jan. **Jan. 21st, Jan. 28th, and Feb. 4th.** This has been corrected on the Web site.
- 202 Starting times/early dismissals:** Please make sure that your coaches understand that schools are not **required to start** before 3:30 pm. It is getting more and more difficult to get kids out of school early (especially in the spring). We may again be required to start all spring games at 4:00pm.
- 203 Pre Payments:** A list of all sports with the entry deadline and pre-payment was distributed. Please send the entry fee as soon as possible. A 15% surcharge will be applied if the payment is not received within a reasonable amount of time.
- 204 Non Member Schools & travel & playoffs:** GMAA members are not required to travel to off-island non-member schools. For regular season games, you may choose to do so if you wish. **All playoff games will be scheduled at the**



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home of the member school regardless of standings. This will avoid the complications in making last minute travel arrangements we experienced last spring. Please be sure that your coaches are aware of this before their scheduling meetings.

- 205 Invoices:** We have had several problems with our accounting firm (3 different people over 2 years and many errors on our June invoices). As a result, we have reviewed last spring's participation and an updated statement as of August 31st will be sent to the schools. We have also changed companies.
- 206 Coaches Commitment Forms:** Please be sure to get these in as soon as possible. We only want **one per person** – even if they coach several sports. Simply list the sports they will be coaching on the same form. (The exception is rugby where we need a second form with the NCCP number.)
- 207 Media coverage / Championship Photos / Cub Reporters:** The Suburban will once again cover our events. Michael Sochaczewski made a presentation on the Cub reporter program that was started last year and will be continued. A training/information session is scheduled for **4:00pm on Sept. 21st at the EMSB.** Please encourage some of your senior students to get involved.
- 208 Handbook Revisions / June minutes:** Please check the minutes from the June meeting. All proposed changes to the handbook were approved by the Board of Directors, so they will be in effect this year.

We were asked to look at ways of trying to improve the system used at the scheduling meetings. After looking at several suggestions (different starting times for each category, announcing the sections in advance etc), we feel that, even though it is not perfect, the system that is in place is still the best option, **provided everyone sends 1 person per team.** The problems occur because someone is trying to schedule 2 or 3 teams by themselves.

This year, any school that does not have a separate representative for each team entered, will have that schedule made for them by the coaches in the section. It will then be their responsibility to arrange for any corrections necessary.

- 209 Sportsmanship / carry over suspensions:** A list of students that, by our records, did not complete their suspensions from last year, will be sent to the schools shortly. Please verify if this information is correct. If we made an error and the suspension was completed, please inform the office. If not, the remaining games must be served in the first team sport for which they register this year.
- We also need to know if the student has graduated, since we now have to send those names to the FQSE and the suspensions will be applied to the CEGEP leagues if applicable. Please let us know as soon as possible.



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- 210 Post-Season Sports Evaluations:** Please use these forms. We would like some feedback.
- 211 Concussion Package:** The MCH is again offering the GMAA coaches their post concussion program. This involves follow up and evaluation for all students who have suffered a concussion. They will then inform the coaches and parents when the student is clear to return to competition, taking all responsibility away from our coaches. The concussion kits that were distributed last year are now available on their website at: www.thechildren.com/trauma .

300 Procedures

- 301 Score sheets/Sports line:** Again, please remind your coaches of the following:

The home team must phone the Sportsline (482-3055) **the night of the game** to let us know of the score. If the score is not called in the night of the game the team will be subject to a \$10 fine, indicated on the schedule by a **red star** in the “off” column.

The home team is also responsible for faxing in a copy of the score sheet (487-0121) **the day after the game** so that we can verify the score. If the score sheet is not faxed in to the office within 5 working days, the team is subject to a \$10 fine. If the office has received your score sheet it will be indicated on the schedule with a **blue star** beside the game number column.

Blue Stars are good - Red Stars are bad

- 302 Schedule Changes:** Amanda & Don have asked that the deadline passed by SAC in June for changes to the schedule, be changed from 4 days to noon of the day before scheduled game. It is felt that this would eliminate many anticipated phone calls and hassles in the office. After discussion, the majority of people in attendance agreed to the change. No change will be accepted after this deadline – the game must be played or forfeited. The \$10 charge will still apply.
- 303 No home field:** Schools entering leagues without a home field could be asked to cover any extra costs incurred by the host school. This includes (but is not limited to) costs for renting the field in a “home & home” situation, etc.
- 304 SAC Responsibilities:** A package of SAC responsibilities was distributed. Please take special note of the “**Seven simple reminders for SAC Reps to remember...**” on the 2nd and 3rd pages. Many of our coaches are not aware of the forms that need to be completed or the procedures to be followed. We need our SAC Reps to coordinate all of the teams in their school. **We also need you to ensure that all coaches going to the scheduling meetings have a calendar that is updated with all possible conflicts (Div. 1 and home games for other sports already scheduled, class trips, parents nights,**



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carnival etc. etc.) This is the only way we can avoid the numerous conflicts we have had in the past.

- 305 Website update:** Please check the website under “Member Schools” and send all corrections that apply to your school immediately. Bus lines, addresses of fields etc. are important.
- 306 Entry into Division 3:** A letter outlining the guidelines for entering Div. 3 has been sent to every school. Division 3 is meant for weaker, inexperienced teams. Please refer to these guidelines before entering Div. 3.
- 307 Derogation procedure:** This is outlined on pages 1 & 2 of the governing rules. Any request for the fall season needs to be submitted by before the Board of Directors meeting on Sept. 7th.

400 Various

- 401 Fall Championships:** Please let us know if you are willing to host our Division 1 championships for soccer and volleyball. (We also will need locations for the Boy's and Girl's Basketball Championships.)
- 402 Elementary Activities:** Anyone interested in hosting one of our Elementary “play days”, please contact Robin for details.
- 403 Tournaments:** Information for the HSBHS Basketball tournament as well as an invitation from McGill to their home games was distributed. Both can be found on the Basketball page of our website.
- 404 Basketball Ages:** A discussion about the ages adopted by the FQSE for basketball and their implications on our schools occurred. It is understood that we have agreed to follow these ages for the 2010-2011 basketball season, but it seems that some of our schools are being affected more than anticipated. Some of the problems that are arising include the lack of numbers at the Midget level to be able to field a team and the overflow into the Juvenile level meaning that players that may have played at Bantam and Midget would not have a spot at Juvenile. The discussion centered around possible solutions (allowing bantams to move up for more that 1 game, going back to our regular age groups and holding separate Provincial qualifying tournaments etc. This topic will be sent to the competition committee and will be discussed at the Dec. SAC meeting. Please send us any ideas or suggestions you ma have.