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To: SAC Reps

From: GMAA Office

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Zoom – information below

Present: Laura BA, Evan BHS, Matt BIAL, Malcolm CENT, Kate ECS, Jaime EMCS, Bryan HSBHS, Cassandra JFKHS, Chris JRHS, Michael KELLS, Brandon KSS, Cullen KUPER, Gil LA, Maxine LCC, Andy LMAC, Jaime MACD, Eric MAI, Jayson MMA, Angela PCHS, MC ROYAL, Tallow RVALE, Clara SELW, Megan SHSM, Roy STG, Marc STT, Erica STUDY, Marina TRAF, Olyvia VILLA, Liam WHS, Glenn WIC, Ali GMAA, Hughanna GMAA, Amanda GMAA

### MINUTES

#### **100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve: Maxine Rupert - LCC

Seconded: Megan Littman – SHSM

#### **200 Approval of Minutes of June 2023**

Motion to approve: Matt Star - BIAL

Seconded: Angela Crosbie - PCHS

#### **300 Business arising**

Nothing specifically.

#### **400 New Business**

##### **401 Board of Directors Report**

There was only one motions that came directly from the BoD without going through SAC: Motion to remove the withdrawal fee from the handbook and replace it with a non-refundable administrative fee that is incurred once a team has registered and scheduled games. The fee will be set at \$200 per team. If the team has played any games, they will also pay their portion of the referee fees for the games played.

##### **402 Competition Committee Proposals (motions from meeting Nov 29)**

The competition committee met on November 29<sup>th</sup> and discussed all proposals that were sent into the office. The minutes were sent out on Monday to all of SAC. Here are the motions that came out of that meeting that we will vote on separately.

##### **402.1 - GOLF REGISTRATION PROPOSAL**

GMAA member schools may enter a maximum of one foursome per category, four golfers will be guaranteed. All GMAA member entries will be accepted before any non-members. Additional golfers will be added in even increments, based on space.

Motion to approve: Chris Bedic - JRHS

Seconded: Angela Crosbie – PCHS

For: 25

Opp: 0

Abs: 2

##### **402.2 GOLF BEST BALL FORMAT**

Proposal to allow schools to compete as their school for the best ball.

Motion to approve: Matt Starr - BIAL

Seconded: Kate Walford – ECS

For: 22

Opp: 0

Abs: 3



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#### 402.3 CROSS COUNTRY ADDITIONS

Late additions to cross country – Any student added after the deadline for Cross Country Entries will be charged an additional \$25 for registration.

Motion to approve: Marina Erfle - TRAF Seconded: Malcolm Aquino – CENT

For: 23 Opp: 0 Abs: 4

#### 402.4 RUGBY AGES

Rugby – a motion was put on the floor to extend the juvenile age category to include July, August & September of 2005 to be in line with all the other regions offering rugby.

Motion to approve: Jaime Guy - MACD Seconded: Mark Faubert – STT

For: 19 Opp: 0 Abs: 9

#### 402.5 FALL SPORT TIE BREAKERS

Proposal for Fall Sports to eliminate tiebreaker games and use the Spring Sports Tiebreaker rules for all Fall Sports.

*Section 3 – Breaking Ties the Spring Season (add and Fall Season)*

*Ties shall be broken in the following manner (Unless otherwise stipulated in that sports handbook):*

*If teams are tied in the standings, the following tie-breaking procedure shall apply:*

- a) The higher place will go to the team which defeated the other in the game(s) between the tied teams.
- b) The win % of the teams involved in the tie shall be calculated. The higher place will go to the team with the better win %.
- c) Point differential in the games between the tied teams.
- d) Total points against over the entire season. (In the result of win by forfeit, an average of points scored by the forfeiting team over the season will be added to that team's forfeit win when breaking spring ties.)
- f) The team which wins a coin toss shall advance.

A forfeit cannot be used to break a tie and eliminate a team from the playoffs.

Motion to approve: Megan Littman – SHSM Seconded: Matt Starr – BIAL

For: 23 Opp: 2 Abs: 3

#### 402.6 FLAG FOOTBALL FIELDS

Field: The Canadian Flag Football Rulebook Minimum field width & length will be followed. For the regular season **and Bantam playoffs only**, the 90-yard minimum field length can include the 10-yard end zones. **For the Cadet and Juvenile playoffs**, there must be 90-yards of playing field goal line to goal line, plus two 10-yard end zones.

Motion to approve: Matt Starr - BIAL Seconded: Kate Walford – ECS

For: 11 Opp: 10 Abs: 8

#### 403 Scoresheets, Scores & S1

Please make sure coaches are uploading the scores and scoresheets onto S1 on time. There have been quite a few late score entries so far in the basketball season, a \$10 fine will be issued for a score or scoresheet not uploaded on time. SAC Reps or coaches can check the "Form Checklist" on each sport's page to make sure that all the required correspondence have been done on S1 (basketball has been posted, the rest will be done shortly). Player registrations that are late or missing are subject to a fine,



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which is now listed at the top of the checklist. Check the date at the top of the page to make sure the checklist has been recently updated. Please check to see that all your winter player registration as well as coaches' commitment forms are in and send in any missing forms asap.

#### **404 Fall & Winter Summary**

A Fall/Winter Sports Summary sheet was shared with the number of teams and participants listed. In almost all sports, participation numbers are higher than they were pre-pandemic. We'd like to say a big thank you to all of you for everything you do at your schools to make this possible.

All winter sports leagues are underway.

Swim meets start the 1<sup>st</sup> week back from the break; Jan 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Team and player registrations including events for meets 1 and 2 are due on S1 by Monday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

Indoor Track and Field Meet dates are confirmed with Claude Robillard, Feb 13 for the girls and Feb 14 for the boys. All entries are due Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

Badminton team entries are due on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The ultimate frisbee tournament is scheduled for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Team registrations are due early, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, as we need to confirm dome space with Concordia.

New this year – we are offering water polo; Amanda has been working with water polo Qc and the interested school to get this underway. If all goes as planned, we will be the 1<sup>st</sup> high school water polo league in the country. Team entries are due Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **405 Withdrawals, Defaults & Discipline**

On the Fall summary sheet, ejections, defaults, and withdrawals are also listed.

With more teams, we did have an increased number of ejections, defaults and withdrawals.

#### **406 Schedule changes**

Unfortunately, as we all know schedule changes are a little crazy right now.

Unfortunately, the basketball assignor is not accepting any changes from the strikes at the moment, I hope he will start accepting them soon.

We understand that re-scheduling games is very difficult this year with the lack of referees. For basketball specifically, any rescheduled game is not guaranteed referees. We highly recommend making any rescheduled game part of a double header (not guaranteed) or an "own" ref game. If a game does not get rescheduled due to the lack of referees it will be a non-game.

Unless a game in the current week needs to be rescheduled, please only include the office in the email with the confirmed new date, I take care of basketball and curling, Hughanna takes care of Futsal, Chess & wrestling and Amanda takes care of Hockey. Also, if you are looking for contacts to reschedule games, you can find all the SAC Reps listed under member schools on our homepage. A friendly reminder that any change to the schedule, excluding the strike days is now a \$25.00 charge.

#### **407 Invoices**

Fall post-season invoices were sent out yesterday to all schools. Most schools who paid their pre-season bills would have received credits for team sports since we billed teams based on the number of games played. Included in the bills are the payments due for the golf, pickleball and cross-country events that weren't previously billed.



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Member fees were sent out at the beginning of November, we have payments from 11 private schools and one school board, we're missing 10 more private schools and the other school board.

Invoices for the pre-payments for basketball, hockey, curling, chess, and futsal are ready. They will be sent by the end of this week. If you have a credit on the statements you just received from the fall, please apply the credit to the amount owed and send payment for the difference. Payments can be made by check or by e-transfer. If your accounting department needs our banking information, please contact Amanda. A request was made to get the invoices out prior to the Strike starting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Amanda will do her best to get them out to the schools by Thursday.

#### **408 RSEQ Report**

GMAA at the RSEQ Provincials - The GMAA sent a team of 25 runners from 9 schools to the Cross-Country Provincials in late October in Baie Comeau.

There will be some major shifts in the governance of the RSEQ Scolaire regions that we spoke about last spring. We really have no extra information than what we already had in June. We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes in.

Grants from the RSEQ – We received our full grant last year, plus an amount that was carried over from the year before. Despite this, the recommendation from the RSEQ is to still budget government grants at \$0 which is what is being done again this year.

We are helping to host the Indoor T&F Provincials again at Claude Robillard in April (April 19-20). Selwyn also put a bid in to host the Juvenile Boys D3 Basketball Provincials after their successful Cadet event in 2023.

#### **409 STRIKE DAY GAMES**

As the strike continues, we may have games that are not able to take place due to the inability to reschedule or not having enough referees available to reschedule the games. As much as we were hoping to get away from them, these games will be considered 'non-games' and in those sections we will have to look at the total points percentage for the season (total points accumulated / total points possible). In theory with this kind of uneven schedule, some teams may have a better record because they haven't played against every other team. One thing that we will consider rectifying this is to potentially add more teams into the playoffs. Right now, we plan to reschedule the games, but depending on the number of non-games on the schedule in each league and section, we will look at the possibility of adding one more team per section into the playoffs in order to ensure that the right teams make the playoffs.

In the case of strike days on specific dates, we will announce the cancellation of those games as soon as possible (about a week prior to the scheduled games). In the case of an ongoing strike, we will announce the cancelled games the Friday of the week prior.

IF the strike ends any game that has been cancelled will remain cancelled on the schedule unless both teams confirm that they are able to play the game as originally scheduled. In that case, we will ask that the teams send an email into the office as soon as possible to confirm that they are both available to play on the originally scheduled date. We will try to cover the game with referees but given the time frame that may be difficult. We would then ask that the teams cover the game with their own referees.



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For Basketball in particular, given the number of games that will have to be rescheduled (with the potential of more) we have very specific (and limiting) instructions from our assignor. Ali will send an email this afternoon with those instructions. We have asked our assignor to prioritize higher level (D3) and older age categories (Juv & Cadet) when assigning games. This means that bantam D4 games will be the lowest in the order of priority. It might be a good idea to tag a few grade 10-11 students who may be interested and available to cover those games for your school. We can offer a mini-clinic early in January if we have 15-20 people interested (same as last year).

Hockey, Futsal, Wrestling, Chess & Curling have a little more leeway since those sports don't have as many games, either Ali, Hughanna or Amanda will send information out to the teams for rescheduling those games, depending on who oversees those leagues.

410      Varia  
Motion to adjourn.