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Meeting for All GMAA High Schools

Meeting: Final Secondary Advisory Meeting

To: SAC Reps
From: Hughanna Gaw / Alexandra Eldon / Amanda Maks
Date: Tuesday, June 11^h, 2024
Time: 3:00pm
Place: Loyola HS Auditorium

Minutes

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

Moved: Megan Littman SHSM Seconded: Matt Starr BIAL

Vote: For:22

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec 2023

Moved: Max Rupert LCC

Seconded: Angela Crosbie PCHS

Vote: For:22

Opposed:

Abstentions: 1

300 Business arising

The one motion that was pulled out of the December SAC meeting was concerning the Flag Football Field length motion. The motion did not pass (50% +1) given that the vote was 11-10-8.

Unfortunately, what is currently in the handbook, status quo, is not actually used so it's not an option either. We had a meeting with the flag referee assignor, explaining the field length rule and the main issues of using the 18-yard box as the goal line instead of using a floating goal line and the limitations that this places on the use of fields. We have proposed to meet with a committee, that includes the referees, prior to the start of next season, to come up with a solution to use the soccer fields (with soccer lines) that does not change the nature of our current rule – the idea of fixed lines becoming the goal lines, or a semi-floating goal line was discussed. We will work with the referees to see how we can put this in effect for the 2024-2025 season and use the solution for one year (2024-2025). After that we will examine the results at the May Competition Committee meeting in 2025 to see if we can improve or adjust it.

400 New Business

401 Board of Directors Report

There were two things that came out of the Board Meetings that didn't pass through SAC first. They are both concerning fees.

Membership Fees Adjustment: The member fees in 2024-2025 will be analyzed at the Board Meeting in September, as they are set to increase by 2%. After reviewing the first draft of the financial statements, the Board will decide on the possible increase.



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Adding HR Costs into the per team fees: We are in year 3 of the financial plan to wrap HR fees into the team fee costs. This means there will be a categoric increase in all team fees again next year. The amount of the increase will be confirmed on Friday at the final Board of Directors Meeting.

402 Competition Committee Recommendations

The competition committee met for over 3 hours at the end of May to examine the recommendations that came from the coaches, SAC reps and the office. The Minutes were sent out to SAC reps. The recommendations coming from that meeting will be voted on here.

402-1 Ejection Guidelines

When a coach gets ejected from a GMAA Competition, they must leave the game premises immediately. The Coach must either leave the venue entirely, or wait in an area where they cannot watch, or interact with any of the participants in the game (players, referees, spectators, etc). They are not permitted to return to the game premises until their subsequent suspension has been served.

Moved: Matt Starr Bial

Seconded: Evan McCurdy BHS

Vote: For: 23

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

402-2 Adding teams and games after scheduling

For games to be added to the schedule because a team was added to a section after a scheduling meeting. If the teams are unable to agree on a date, the game could count as a default for the team who needed to add the game.

Moved: Megan Littman SHSM

Seconded: Chris Bedic JRHS

Vote: For: 24

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

402-3 Mercy Rule

In sports that have a mercy rule with an option to end the game, once a team hits the mercy rule score, play may continue (at the discretion of the losing coach), but the final score will stand at the point the game was officially ended due to the mercy rule.

Moved: Chris Bedic JRHS

Seconded: Angela Crosbie PCHS

Vote: For: 25

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

402-4 Futsal Mercy Rule

Because of this new mercy rule format, it was proposed that the Futsal Mercy Rule be adjusted to a 10-goal differential (previously 7).

Moved: Andy D'Alessandro LMAC

Seconded: Nino Cavallaro VMC

Vote: For: 18

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 5



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402-5 Addition of Division 4.3

On a 1-year trial, in Juvenile Boys D4.2 Basketball only, if the D4.2 league has more than 12 teams registered, that the GMAA office will evaluate the possibility of opening a D4.3 league. The teams invited to participate in the 4.3 league will be contacted by the office directly.

Moved: Malcolm Aquino CENT

Seconded: Brandon Bordeau KSS

Vote: For: 22

Opposed:

Abstentions: 3

402-6 Minimum requirements for chaperones

For individual sport provincials, any additional chaperones who are not staff members must provide a letter from the principal of the school confirming their involvement and a valid background check within 2 years.

Moved: Megan Littman SHSM

Seconded: Max Rupar LCC

Vote: For: 25

Opposed:

Abstentions:

402-7 Rewording of playoff and callup eligibility

In any season that plays up to 8 games, call ups would have to play a minimum of 2 games to be eligible for playoffs. In a 9 or more-game season, call ups would have to meet the minimum required number of games to be eligible for the playoffs.

Moved: Roy Aoun STG

Seconded: Marina Erfle TRAF

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 3

402-8 All Star Basketball

A motion was put on the floor to open the all-star basketball tryouts to students registered on your Juvenile teams who are in grade 10 or grade 11.

It was also suggested that the All-Star tryout dates be set at the beginning of the season and indicated on the charts when scheduling so that Juvenile teams can avoid the date.

Moved: Megan Littman SHSM

Seconded: Matt Starr BIAL

Vote: For: 25

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

402-9 Rugby age categories – playing up

In GMAA Rugby, we will implement a 'simple surclassment' rule. Allowing a player to move up a maximum of one age category.

Moved: Mark Faubert STT

Seconded: Kate Walford ECS

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Opposed:

Abstentions: 10



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402-10 Bantam Rugby Weight

The handbook would read, " 3.3) The Bantam player registration form must also include the weight of the player. The bantam weight limit is 152 lbs."

It was also suggested that we add weight to additional information on S1 for bantams, no more weight sheet.

Moved: Jeff Bateman

Seconded: Matt Addona SELW

Vote: For: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 14

402-11 Rugby Overtime

Proposal: To follow World Cup Rugby, when the game moves to kicks, instead of having start on center 22 if both make it 22 and the 15 right-side if they both make it 22 and 15 left side. **(The actual wording of this proposal will reflect the World Cup Rugby rules).**

Moved: Marc Faubert STT

Seconded: Phil Lafave LOY

Vote: For: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 11

402-12 Field Lacrosse Ages

That the age category for Field Lacrosse be adjusted to be the same as the other juvenile contact sports (rugby & hockey). The cutoff for the category would be October 1st of that year and not January 1st.

Moved: Brandon Bordeau KSS

Seconded: Evan McCurdy BHS

Vote: For: 11

Opposed:

Abstentions: 14

402-13 Track & Field Team Awards

A proposal was put on the floor that for a school to qualify for the team banner in Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field, that the school must have at least 4 students registered at that level at the championship meet.

Motion to amend the proposal to read, 'that the school must have at least 4 students **competing** at that level at the championship meet.'

Moved: Jeff Bateman ROYAL

Seconded: Phil Lafave LOY

Vote: For: 22

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 1

402-14 Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Officials Payments

A proposal was put on the floor that, like swimming preliminary meets, the starter, clerk of course and the head finish judge all be compensated for officiating at the preliminary track and field meets. The rate would be the regular \$75 per official, per meet.

Moved: Andy LMAC

Seconded: Chris Bedic JRHS

Vote: For: 25

Opposed:

Abstentions: 2



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402-15 New Sports: Polls will be set up for the following new sports to gauge interest: Ringette, Bowling, Cheer, Competitive Dance, Archery

Number of schools who expressed interest in the following sports

Ringette – 12

Bowling – 11

Cheer – 7

Archery - 9

KSS has access to an archery range and would be willing to host jamboree.

Competitive Dance - 9

403 Invoices / Spring Statements

The bills have been sent to the bookkeeper. Once they come back to the office, they will be sent by email to the SAC reps. Please send payments in as soon as possible since our books close on June 30th and things need to be sorted out by then.

Again, the process for next year is that you will only be invoiced a pre-season amount for leagues. This amount is sent by email to the SAC Rep from Amanda about 1-2 weeks after the scheduling meetings for that season (Fall – September/October, Winter – November/December, Spring – April). For all day-long events, you will be invoiced only on the invoice at the end of the season. (Fall – December, Winter – April, Spring – June)

Please note, if we do not receive your payments for leagues by the time the seasonal bills are processed, a 15% surcharge is added to those costs.

404 Year-end Summary 2023-2024

The number of teams in 2023-2024 increased again by 106 total teams from last season. This is a 152 team jump from our last pre-covid year (2018-2019) which is almost a 12% increase. The two new sports for this year were Pickleball and Water Polo with 14 and 13 teams respectively.

As you know, with the increase in teams, comes at times an increase in ejections, withdrawals and discipline issues, this year we had a 22% increase in ejections, 23% increase in defaults, and we had almost double the withdrawals from last year. In the office we discussed the possibility of adjusting the Coaches Commitment Program for a re-vamp. We thought it would be a good idea to adjust the program slightly, to add new information, suggestions and possible resources to the list. This would mean that all coaches would have to do the program again and perhaps would allow us to put more of a focus on sportsmanship. Many of the ejections in the leagues were due to abuse of officials, it is imperative that we continue to treat the officials with respect, without them we don't have sport.

With an increase in the number of teams, there is obviously also an increase in games as well. As you all know, it is becoming harder and harder to find referees. For basketball specifically we are planning a meeting with MMBRA to see what can be done for our teams. One of the solutions is the possibility of Bantam D4 teams to provide their own referees for games. Teams would know this in advance (prior to registration) and



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we would set up a few mini clinics with schools to train individuals to referee those games. The suggestion is to train grade 10-11 students who would be around and able to cover those games in your school. This will be announced at the August SAC meeting, so all schools are aware prior to their registration.

The amount paid out to the in-house referees was inquired about, the referees felt they should be receiving more money when refereeing in-house as there are no administrative fees.

It was requested to share access to the coach's commitment program with the SAC reps.

405 Calendar 2024-2025

Please look at the calendar and let the office know if anything drastically stands out and should be changed.

Some things to note are when the fall season team entries are due, given that those happen relatively quickly. Soccer team entries will be due September 4th at noon.

As of right now there are two options for outdoor track & field, ideally, we use option 1, but the factors are: photo finish availability, track availability, and exam schedule in May. Please let us know ASAP if there are any exams on HALO.

Proposal to move volleyball registration to September 12th and scheduling to the 16th. We would keep the finals as scheduled.

Moved: Phil Lafave LOY

Seconded: Evan McCurdy BHS

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 3

Abstentions:

406 SAC Meeting Schedule 2024-2025

Next year follow the same procedure and have the August and December SAC meeting on zoom and the June meeting in person.

407 Pre-Payments 2024-2025

A sheet with the pre-payment amounts will be posted and shared once the spring bills are completed and the HR amounts are approved by the Board (after the final Board meeting on Friday, June 14). The first draft was shared on the screen.

All costs have increased over the last few years and the pre-season payments must consider all these increases. We have budgeted for a 4.5% increase in referee fees, officials' fees and rentals, this is based on the Consumer Price Index of this past year. The office administration fees for the teams have also increased to accommodate the possible HR fees of the office staff. (Again, this will only be confirmed Friday).

This year we will separate the two types of payments on the sheet so that schools can visualize where their payments are going. For example, the Admin HR category includes Awards, Equipment, First Aid, Provincial Transportation, Office Costs, HR Fees, etc. And the Refs/Rentals category includes referee costs (for a maximum possible number of games), rental costs for facilities, officials' fees, federation affiliation fees, etc.



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Keep in mind that this is a budgeted or pre-season amount. For the leagues, if the amount exceeds the pre-season amount, the school will receive an invoice for the difference at the end of the season. Conversely, if the amount is less than the pre-season amount (or the team plays fewer games than budgeted), the school will be credited with the difference at the end of the season. For day-long events or tournaments, the school will only be billed after the fact, so these amounts are an educated estimate of what the costs will be.

408 Age Categories 2024-2025

The age category sheet has been updated and shared, there have been some adjustments to certain sports (Rugby & Lacrosse). Prior to registering your teams next year, please make sure to confirm the age categories for the specific sport as they do vary from sport to sport.

409 RSEQ Report

RSEQ Financial information: There will be some adjustments to our financing coming from the Government through the RSEQ in the next year. Here is the main information that you need to know about this.

All 14 Regional associations will be unifying under the RSEQ banner, this unification is a step that all regions are taking to be in line with the Law – LCOP.

The RSEQ has received written confirmation by the Minister of Education and the Treasury Board that we will be officially recognized as the organization in charge of school sport. This is the first time ever that the RSEQs will be recognized for their mission of education through sport.

Over the next year, all regions are working together on unification, we are a part of the process at each step and will continue to prioritize our region.

The objective is that our end-users (member schools) do not see a difference in our services, our calendar, our language and our price point, in theory if our members experience a change, it will be for the better.

More information will be released through June and in October after the AGM of the RSEQ. Schools, SAC Reps and principals will be kept informed of the developments.

Provincial Hosts

This past year, the RSEQ GMAA helped to host two provincial championships along with two of our member schools. Thank you so much to Andy and the staff at Laurier MacDonald for their help with the lodging at the Indoor Track & Field Provincials in April. Also, congratulations to Selwyn House School for successfully organizing the Juvenile boys' level of RSEQ D3 Basketball Provincials. The weekend was a huge success. If anyone is interested in hosting a Provincial in 2024-2025, please let us know.

Provincials Success

We had our best showing ever across the board in Provincials this year. 6 team medals, 3 bronze, 1 silver and 2 provincial championships. (LCC, SELW & VMC).



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Basketball:

BG LCCHS 14th

BB LCC 15th

CG LCC 3rd

CB SELW 1st

JG LCC 1st

JB SELW 2nd, LOY 5th, WIC 10th

Futsal:

BG – VMC 3rd

BB – JRHS 14th

CG – VMC 3rd

JF – LBPHS 9th

JM – VMC 11th & JRHS 14th

Volleyball:

BG VILLA 16th

CG ROYAL 11th

CB LMAC 16th

JG VILLA 16th

JB MACD 9th

We also came home with a couple of medals from the Indoor T&F Provincial Championships at Claude Robillard with our 38 athletes.

We also had few more (3 gold and 2 silver) this past weekend at the Outdoor T&F Provincials in Chicoutimi from our 32 athletes who attended. The Bantam Girls category finished 5th overall out of 14 regions.

410 Varia

410-1 MVP & Sportsmanship

Now our Sportsmanship program does not include most (or all) of the spring season sports. The timing of the banner order is that it must be placed prior to the end of the spring season, so if there are incidents at the end of the spring, they are not considered. For the program to include all sports, the only option is to have the sportsmanship banners be given out in the fall of the next year. SAC Reps felt as though this is too far removed, and schools want to continue to receive the sportsmanship banners at the end of the current year, even if some of the incidents may not be considered.

410-2 - Basketball Ages: 1-2-2 vs 2-1-2

It was decided to develop a subcommittee to analyze the age categories moving forward to best identify the needs of the membership. Volunteers can contact the office. The following individuals volunteered so far: Robert Gibbs, Matt Addona, Roy Aoun.

Motion to adjourn – Angela Crosbie – PCHS