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Meeting: June Secondary Advisory Meeting

To: SAC Reps
From: Hughanna Gaw / Alexandra Eldon / Amanda Maks
Date: Wednesday, June 8th, 2022
Time: 9:30am
Place: Zoom Meeting (information below)
Present: BA Samantha Di Pietrantonio, BHS Evan McCurdy, BIAL Matt Starr, CENT Chris Rodi, ECS Kate Walford, HA Yoni Lehrer, HSBHS Bryan Pitts, HZHS Gabriel Riche, JFKHS Pat Sullivan, JLHS Mark Pfleeger, JRHS Shawn Jarvis, KUPER Cullen Thiessen, LA Gil Manon-Og, LAURN Leon Tzortzis, LCC Maxine Rupert, LMAC Andy D'Alessandro, MACD Jaime Guy, MAI Jonathan Amar, MMA Jayson Stiell, PCHS Angela Crosbie, RHS George Spiliotakis, ROYAL Jeff Bateman, SHSM Megan Littman, STG Roy Ayoun, STT Marc Faubert, STUDY Chantale Lewis, TRAF Marah Even, WIC Chris Merritt, WWHS-Jr Jennifer Lussier-Price, BoD Scott Taylor, GMAA Amanda Maks, GMAA Hughanna Gaw, GMAA Ali Eldon

Minutes

If a school is interested in the Montreal Alliance tickets, they can contact Pat Sullivan at JFKHS.

100 Additions to and Approval of Agenda

410 – Fee Clarification

Motion to Approve: Jeff ROYAL

Seconded: Matt BIAL

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

200 Approval of Minutes of Dec 2021

Motion to Approve: Chris WIC

Seconded: Jaime MACD

Vote: For: 23

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

300 Business arising

402 The competition committee recommendations from December will be added to the various sport handbooks for this year coming (Flag Field, Vball participation and removal of D3 500 student suggestions).

400 New Business

401 Board of Directors Report: The following motions were passed at the Board of Directors this year and will be in place for the 2022-2023 school year.

Membership Fees Adjustment: The member fees in 2022-2023 will be increased by 6% to account for the last three years where the fees remained untouched.

This would be:

Elementary Student: Increase from \$0.75 per student to \$0.80 per student

High School Student: Increase from \$2.50 per student to \$2.65 per student

After this 6% increase, the association will increase the fees by 2% every year. This is to be examined at the June Board meeting annually.



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Adding HR Costs into the per team fees: Right now, teams playing in the GMAA are not contributing to any HR fees. HR fees for the office come from membership fees and from Government Grants. It was suggested that we do not rely on Government Grants in our budgets given that they are not always renewed and not always the same amounts.

The association will incrementally increase the per team fee over three years to cover the coordinators' salaries in the team fees. The fees would follow the schedule below in year 1 and year 2 and then we would re-examine for year 3 based on income and possible surplus values*. If this seems to be going well, a portion of the Director's salary could also potentially be included in the per team admin/HR fee moving forward. In year 1 (2022-2023) we would increase the per team admin/HR fee by \$40 to \$65 per team.

In year 2 (2023-2024) we would increase the per team admin/HR fee by an extra \$40 to \$105 per team.

*In year 3 (2024-2024) we would increase the per team admin/HR fee by an extra \$35 to \$140 per team.

Elementary Leagues: At the June meeting, the Board will be examining the creation of Elementary Basketball & Hockey leagues after polling the elementary schools for their interest.

Rugby Age Category adjustment: A motion was passed to change the age category for Rugby in 2023 to include the October, November, December birthdays (of 2003 for next season).

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.

Soccer

3.3) AA and AAA Requirements currently Soccer

D3: Unlimited AA and AAA players are permitted per game

D4.1: No (0) AAA players and an unlimited number of AA players per game

D4.2: No (0) AAA players and a maximum of five (5) AA players per game

~~Exception: Bantam~~

~~D3 – Unlimited AA players~~

~~D4.1 – A maximum of three (3) AA players per game~~

~~D4.2 – A maximum of one (1) AA players per game~~

Motion to remove the Bantam exception from the eligibility requirements since there is now a AAA U13 league.

Moved: Maxine LCC

Seconded: Samantha – BA

Vote: For: 21

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 3



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3.3) AA and AAA Requirements Girls & Boys:

D3: Unlimited AA and AAA players are permitted per game

D4.1: Unlimited AA and one (1) AAA players are permitted per game

D4.2: A maximum of one (1) AA and no (0) AAA players are permitted

~~Exception: Bantam D4.2: No (0) AA or AAA players are permitted~~

Motion to remove the Bantam exception from the eligibility requirements since there is now a AAA U13 league.

Moved: George RHS

Seconded: Jaime MACD

Vote: For: 19

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 7

Volleyball

In our handbook we do not have an eligibility rule for Volleyball, any player can play in D3 or D4.

Motion: Any player who is registered as of January 1st, of that calendar year, for a team listed on the Volleyball Quebec website under the 'Affiliated Clubs' Section would not be eligible for any level of Division 4 GMAA Volleyball in that same calendar year.

Moved: Jeff ROYAL

Seconded: Max LCC

Vote: For: 20

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 5

Basketball - ELIGIBILITY

Current eligibility requirements for GMAA Basketball:

Girls: D3: Unlimited Circuit players are permitted per game

D4.1: A maximum of 1 Circuit player is permitted per game

D4.2: No (0) Circuit players are permitted

Boys: If the team has a ranking of AA or AAA that will be used to determine player eligibility. If the team participates only in the Circuit league, that will be used.

D3: Unlimited AA, AAA or Circuit players are permitted per game

D4.1: 1 AAA or Circuit player + unlimited AA players are permitted per game

D4.2: 1 AA player is permitted (no AAA or Circuit players) per game

Boys: status quo no motion.

Girls: On a one-year trial basis, to be revisited at the end of the 2022-2023 basketball season, that in Division 4.1 Girls, the maximum number of Circuit players be increased to two (2) players permitted per game.

Moved: Jaime MACD

Seconded: Marc STT

Vote: For: 19

Opposed: 4

Abstentions: 4



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Virtual Chess

The current rule is: “A school must enter a complete team in a classification. Teams not fielding a full team, of 4 players, will default the tournament.”

A motion was put on the floor to revise the rule to read,
“A school must enter a complete team, of 4 players, in a classification. Teams who are missing one (1) player, will forfeit the matches that player is scheduled for but will be permitted to play the remainder of the games. Teams not fielding at least 3 players will forfeit the entire tournament.”

Moved: Matt BIAL

Seconded: Chris WIC

Vote: For: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 9

Badminton:

Current Rule in the Handbook: A school must enter a complete team in a classification. Teams not fielding a full team, or 6 players, will default the match. Teams not fielding a complete team (6 players) will default the match in the team standings however, individual results will count for the individual standings.

Motion was put on the floor to adjust:

A school must enter a complete team in a classification. Teams not fielding a full team (two singles players and two doubles teams) will default the matches scheduled for the missing individual (or doubles team) but will be permitted to play the remainder of the games. Teams not fielding at least 2 singles players + 1 doubles team, or 1 singles player + 2 doubles teams, will forfeit the entire tournament.

Moved: Megan SHSM

Seconded: Chris CENT

Vote: For: 23

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 0

Track & Field Officials

Motion was put on the floor to increase the payment to Track and Field Championship Officials and Track & Field Meet Directors, from \$50 per day, to \$75 per day.

The comment from the floor was that this is still a very small amount of payment for a full day of work.

Moved: Angela PCHS

Seconded: Max LCC

Vote: For: 25

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

There was a suggestion from the floor that the office also examine the possibility of paying the Championship swimming officials as well, since it is getting more and more difficult to secure officials. The office will examine this option and re-calculate the pre-season amounts due if officials payments are added.



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Curling:

Motion was put on the floor that in GMAA Curling, coaches, as well as the players on the ice, be permitted to call a time-out during an end.

Moved: Jeff ROYAL

Seconded: George RHS

Vote: For: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 8

Governing Rules

Section 8 - Postponing of Games

2) All changes to any schedule will carry a \$10 fine (excluding emergency situations). No change will be accepted unless it has been confirmed by both schools before 12:00 noon the school day before. Any request for a change (other than for an emergency) after that time will be denied by the office.

A motion was put on the floor to add: If the two teams cannot agree to a new date, the teams must make themselves available to play on the original date, or the team having requested the change will lose the game by default.

Moved: Max LCC

Seconded: Chris WIC

Vote: For: 25

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 1

OFFICE – RULE XI - CHAMPIONSHIPS & PLAYOFFS – Section 1

3) Playoff games will be played on the scheduled date. The only accepted reasons for changing a game are:

- 1) Spring Break
- 2) Ped Days
- 3) Religious Holidays
- 4) A school-sanctioned, grade-wide, overnight, or out of town activity
- 5) Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 6) When the coach has a conflict with another GMAA playoff game on the same date

No other conflicts will be accepted. Game times may be adjusted if they are agreed upon by both schools. If a time cannot be agreed upon, the original time stands. Time changes, proposed or confirmed by the office, will be made to accommodate double headers. Playoff dates will be set as soon as possible after the schedule is posted. Teams must make themselves available to play or the games will be defaulted.

A motion was put on the floor to add:

7) In spring juvenile leagues only, Graduation Convocation, or Graduation Dance/Prom

8) In spring leagues only, an end-of-year, school wide event.

Moved: Matt BIAL

Seconded: Jeff ROYAL

Vote: For: 24

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1



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403 Invoices / Spring Statements

With the spring season just having finished on Friday, the bills are still being processed. They should be ready by the end of the week or early next week. They will be sent by email, please send payments in as soon as possible since our books close on June 30th and things need to be sorted out by then.

Moving forward – You will be invoiced a pre-season amount for all 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, Winter – November, Spring – April). For all day-long events, you will be invoiced only on the invoice at the end of the season. (Fall – December, Winter – March, Spring – June)

Please note, that 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 2021-2022

Our first year back from almost a 2-year, covid mandated, hiatus did see a decrease in team registrations. On average we saw between a 15% - 30% drop in registrations. As expected, some sports were affected more than others, but overall registrations were positive considering the number of unknowns at the beginning of and throughout the year. The covid shut down in Jan forced the cancelation of swimming and indoor track while also affecting teams winter registrations, most notably futsal which had 12 teams withdraw before our re-scheduling.

With the change in registration numbers, the % of ejections stayed stable. While the number of defaults was equal to if we had a full complement of registrations. It is a hard year to judge, schools did their best to get their student athletes active and involved, September saw almost no game changes, ejections or withdrawals as the year progressed and more things came back so did the game changes and defaults.

Coaches mentioned that ethical points helped keep ejections down. It was also brought up that in basketball the ethical points may be too harsh. Coaches would appreciate not losing an ethical point for 1 technical foul. Some of these technical fouls are 'technical' errors and thus have nothing to do with Ethics.

405 Calendar 2022-2023

Calendar was sent out with the meeting agenda so people could check it out. The calendar is back to a 'normal' year. The spring breaks in March make it difficult to schedule things but we are going back to finishing the winter season prior to the spring breaks. There is not enough time in March to wait for the 4-weeks of Spring breaks to be finished. Dates in September will come up quickly so please make sure you get ready for those.

Moved: Max LCC

Seconded: Marah TRAF

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The plan is to do all the scheduling meetings over Zoom like we did this year. This format was more relaxed for most people and resulted in fewer changes across the board in all sports. SAC reps will be asked to log in to make all schedules again next years.



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Do SAC reps want printed copies of the calendar for next year?

Yes – 8 votes No – 18 votes

For next year the calendar will be posted on the GMAA website and adjusted as the need arises.

406 SAC Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

Next year SAC meetings are scheduled in August, December, and June as usual. The suggestion from the office is to meet in person for the August SAC meeting and then have the December and June Meetings on zoom. This was well received by the group.

407 Pre-Payments 2022-2023

A sheet with the pre-payment amounts will be shared once the spring bills are completed. This sheet will be distributed with the meeting minutes. Most team fees are going up substantially, referee costs, travel fees, equipment, rental fees, etc, etc, all costs have increased over the last few years and the pre-season payments must consider all these increases. The \$40 per team fee that was passed by the Board of Directors to help cover the HR Costs of the office was also added to all team fees. The sheet also outlines the Team entry and Player entry deadlines throughout the year.

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, the school will be credited 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 2022-2023

Everyone will receive a copy of the 2022-2023 age categories with the meeting minutes. The only change to the categories appears in rugby where the cutoff moved from Jan 1st, 2004, to October 1st, 2003, for Juvenile. This allows most of the grade 11s to play.

409 RSEQ Report

RSEQ Grants and Financial information: Unfortunately, this year we received only 70% of our normal grant from MELS. The rest is supposed to be transferred at some point over the next three years but the recommendation from the RSEQ is to try to budget the Government Grant at \$0 for the future given that it's not a guarantee.

Provincials

New next year, regions who do not host an RSEQ Provincial Championship, will have pay slightly more in membership fees to the RSEQ. Of the 14 regions, only about 6-7 host provincials annually, and that puts a financial strain on those regions. The goal is the help alleviate the financial strain on those regions who host provincials and to try to encourage all the regions to host at least one provincial. If anyone interested in hosting a Provincial Championship at their school or in partnership with a few other schools in the area, please let us know.

Update on 4 Chantiers

The final report from the external company who did the consultations on the 4 chantiers



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is coming out in October at the RSEQ AGM. If you remember, the 4-chantiers are: The place of Women in Sport, the inclusion of LGBTQ+ Communities, Racism, and the participation of individuals with a functional limitation. At this time, we plan to implement the recommendations at a regional level and adjust to fit our needs as a region.

Transgender Athletes

It was requested by the regions to the Provincial RSEQ that they try to examine and develop a policy on transgender athletes. Right now, the rule is that Sport Federations have the final say on whether transgender athletes can participate. For each request that we receive as a region, we are supposed to send the request to the Sport Federation in question to get permission for that individual to play. Please make sure that for next year, all requests for transgender athletes are sent to the office in a timely manner. If we have to get permission from a sport federation for that individual to play, we would like to make sure that happens prior to the individual missing too many games in the season.

It was requested that the office try to send each sport federation's policy to the schools in advance to make it easier to plan the timeline of these types of requests.

410 Varia

Fee Clarification” Shawn from JRHS was wondering why the competition committee was uncomfortable asking schools to pay more for visible shot clocks, but they are not uncomfortable increasing the team fees for HR and other factors.

The competition committee felt as though a shot clock was an 'extra' not something necessarily mandatory in the running of the league. Conversely, having staff, paying referees, renting equipment and locations are all things that must happen for the association to offer services, so if those costs increase, they are transferred to the schools and students.

Scott Taylor (LBPSB Physical Education consultant) will set up a call with the LBPSB SAC reps to go to over the Government grants that are available for schools to use. 15028 for 'parascolaire' activities, 18014 for equipment for these activities, etc. The office will transfer the emails of the SAC reps to Scott to set that up. Amanda will also contact Katherine Baker to see if she is also interested in providing the same information to the EMSB schools.

Ethical Points: It was requested that the office look at the ethical points distribution in some sports (Curling, Badminton, Basketball). There are also some questions regarding 'technical' technical fouls in basketball that have nothing to do with ethics and why should a team lose an ethical point in the standings because of that. We will add the issue to competition committee for next fall and perhaps create a committee of SAC reps/coaches to examine the ethical points standards in each sport.

Thank you: The office took a moment to thank the SAC reps for all their time and patience this year. There was still a lot of uncertainty, but at the end of the year we can look back having succeeded in our goal to offer a safe, enjoyable, and competitive playing environment to as many student-athletes as possible.