

**S.O.S.A. Executive Meeting**  
**Monday, April 20, 2009**

Meeting Commenced at 7:05 a.m.

Minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - Accepted

Agenda of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Accepted

In Attendance

Bobbie Woodcroft

Jill Stiefelmeyer

Cindy Crosbie

Rina Rode

Brian Fuller

Greg Woodcroft

Christine Baillie

Jamie Coull

Kristen Tamburrino

Cheryl Mancuso

Greg Henhawk

Mike Narancic

Bob Krouse

1. Business Arising from February 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes

(a) Junior Eligibility

The NRHSAA has put forth a motion to address accelerated under aged junior players. The motions intent is to allow athletes to play only 2 years, as the present junior eligibility rule, but over 3 years because of their young age due to acceleration.

The present wording of the rule, allows the athlete open to play senior his/her second year. The motion will be reworded and presented at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting.

(b) Volleyball

The tables Motion: that Volleyball have a single elimination tournament; the teams shall play a best of three match (games one/two to 25, game three if necessary to 15).

A point of clarification: some coaches believed it would be only a single game. No, each team will play a match best two of three games. This is aligned with OFSAA, OUAA and CIS Championship Tournaments.

(c) The Niagara Catholic District Board was to have some type of qualifying math quiz on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Girls' SOSSA Rugby Championships. The NCDSB changed the quiz to May 14<sup>th</sup>.

2. Correspondence

(a) The Niagara Boards are cancelling "courtesy busing" as of September 2009. A request has been made to SOSSA and OFSAA by the Niagara Region High School Athletic Association for a one time exemption for students who will have to transfer back to their "home school". September 2009 is "the one time" transfer without penalty.

SOSSA Executive approved the “one time exemption” and supported NRHSAA with a letter to OFSAA Transfer Committee.

(b) Ash Wednesday

Principal Tony Bozza of Denis Morris requested that Ash Wednesday be considered as a day to avoid for hosting SOSSA Tournaments. Next year, Ash Wednesday is a week earlier and all considerations will be made to avoid that date.

3. Administration

(a) Constitutional Updates

At times schools attend SOSSA Championships with more than the allotted number of players as per the SOSSA playing regulations. It is suggested the coach shall list only the number of regulated players on the ‘game sheet’; the eligibility sheet can have x number of players listed.

The SOSSA Executive will make a motion regarding the numbers of players in activities to be in alignment with OFSAA.

**NOTE:** the medallion count shall not be changed; extras may be purchased.

(b) A Junior playing Senior Playoffs

The Constitution states a junior “shall be listed on the eligibility sheet of one regularly scheduled senior league game’ to be eligible for play-offs.

**Clarification:** a motion “that a game sheet shall be considered an eligibility sheet.

**Rationale:** Zone associations submit eligibility sheets to convenors/co-ordinators at the start of the season.

**Note:** That a junior shall be denoted as such and is playing in a senior game. That the said game sheet shall be submitted to the SOSSA convenor prior to competition.

#### 4. Zone Concerns

##### Zone I

- (a) Are convenors substituting the vacancy in an appropriate manner?

It is the responsibility of the convenor to substitute the vacant draw as per constitution 'rotation'. The teams/coaches should be aware of the rotation prior to attending the tournament – Constitution Appendix 3 - 2009 – 2010 Rotation - 1-3 / 2-4

- (b) Should police attend SOSSA Events for Fan Control?

The Executive states that SOSSA schools, who chose to bring fans to SOSSA Championships, shall do so with the permission of the convenor, shall be expected to pay an entrance fee, the students shall be escorted with the appropriate supervision (board policy re supervision of trips) and that an administrator shall be present if there is more than one bus (40 students) of fans.

A motion is to be submitted for clarification

There is no need to pre order police, they may be called via 911 if there is any extreme control situations.

- (c) SOSSA "AAA" Boys' Hockey Championship

A letter was submitted by the Highland coach regarding fan and team behaviour (sportsmanship). The two schools involved Highland and St. Michael will discuss the situation. Administrators, athletic designates and coaches will resolve the issues and submit a report for the next Executive Meeting.

**Note:** St. Michaels' will be sent a letter from the SOSSA Executive denoting that gambling (50/50 draw) requires a license. SOSSA and OFSAA shall not be affiliated with any gambling. It is the sole responsibility of the school. There shall not be any gambling at SOSSA events.

- (d) Boys' Rugby AAA/AAAA OFSAA representation.

The Executive voted and decided that since there is only one (1) team from Zone III and all other teams (6) are from Zone I, that a 'special playoff' be formatted to select two teams to go to OFSAA (1<sup>st</sup> place and host entry).

Thus Zone III will play Zone I winner for SOSSA Champion. If Zone III wins they will be going to OFSAA. If Zone III loses, they will play the second best team from Zone I. The winner to attend OFSAA Tournament.

**NOTE:** There shall be a suitable time for recovery as agreed upon by Zone III coaches and convenors before 2<sup>nd</sup> game.

## Zone II

### (a) Volleyball official at SOSSA

A letter is to be drafted to Niagara Volleyball officials stating the SOSSA shall only require one official per game for all Champion competition – **Not Two!**

### (b) Boys' AA Basketball

There were ejections and double technicals for both teams (Parkside and Eden) in the Championship game. This information should have been passed on to the OFSAA Convenor and both players should **NOT** have played their first game at OFSAA Tournament. The OFSAA representative will check to see what happened at OFSAA.

### (c) Home Team – colour of shirts.

The home team is chosen by a flip of a coin. The colour of shirt is per playing regulations for home team ie hockey: home team is responsible for arranging solution.

### (d) SOSSA Girls' Field Lacrosse?

**NO** such official or unofficial activity!!

### (e) Supply Budget Constraints

The Grand Erie Board is requiring supply monies for teachers going to sport activities and suggesting that all activities take place after school hours.

Firstly, buses will not be available, buses will still take athletes to competition prior to school closure and pick up after doing bus routes.

Secondly, SOSSA Championship affects 60 secondary schools. Thus a large number of athletes. There are numerous ramifications to having Championship at non-school hours;

transportation, supervision, referees, student work and student out to all hours of the night, just to sight a few. SOSSA will continue to schedule events as in previous years.

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#### Zone III

Bob Waite the Track & Field Co-ordinator for Zone III, is requesting the contact persons for Robert Land, McKinnon Park and Dunnville.

#### Zone IV

Could midget/junior Badminton be moved to a later date next year? Yes, the convenor will be asked to have Tournament one week later.

### 5. Convenors

#### (a) Winter

Reminder, that the Seniors Badminton was changed to alternate date, so the event could be hosted at the Niagara Badminton Academy.

#### (b) Spring

There was one change. Aldo Seca and Anthony Tropea at St Paul will be hosting the Boys' AAA Soccer – **NOT** Lakeshore.

#### (c) The allocation of 2009/2010 SOSSA Championships.

See attached for Zone by Zone allocation. No Zone has come forward to take Girs' A/AA Hockey, so it is open.

#### Championships by Zone

Zone I – 15

Zone II – 11

Zone III – 12

Zone IV – 17

### 6. Finances

There is over \$30,000 to date of meeting. This should see SOSSA through to end of year. A more detailed forecast will be prepared for May Executive Meeting.

7. Awards

All convenors should have received their Convenorship packages by April 25<sup>th</sup> and all medallions have been distributed to Zone Representatives.

The Pete Beach Award was discussed and candidate selected.

8. OFSAA Highlights

See attached.

Next Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.