

**SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**Monday, February 9, 2004**

In Attendance: Christine Baillie-Boland  
Cheryl Mancuso  
Brian Fuller  
Rick Mooradian  
Harvie Haggerty  
Rick Willis  
Chris Newman  
Dana Djukic  
Marg McGill  
Greg Woodcroft

Regrets: Flora Smith  
Cindy Crosbie

Meeting Commenced a 7:14 p.m.

Minutes of November 24, 2003 were approved  
Agenda for Meeting was approved.

1. Business Arising from November 24, 2003 Executive Meeting
  - (a) Declaration Level Update: OOPS! Left off list of schools who declared before November 15, 2003

A.N. Meyer	Boys' Basketball	AAAA
St. Michaels	Girls' Soccer	AAA
  - (b) Eligibility Motion to be analogous with OFSAA Police By-law 5 Eligibility for Competition Section 4 – Individuals (c) Course Requirements Policy Tabled to April 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - (c) Delta Secondary played an ineligible player in the Zone play-offs and SOSSA Tournament. The player was discovered by the Principal. Zone medallions were returned and Delta's play did not affect SOSSA play downs. The school has reviewed the process of removing students from the school register, so this incident does not happen again.

The SOSSA Executive motion (November 24, 2003) may be the solution.
  - (d) Dates of Winter and Spring Championship has been Updated – please check your event(s).

(e) OFSAA Track & Field Committee Report 2003  
Monies were allocated by SOSSA.

(i) OFSAA Share

(ii) ROPSSAA Share

(iii) SOSSA/GHAC Share

1. Dan Clark to upgrade his timing equipment for use by SOSSA, GHAC and South Regional Meet.
2. Niagara Olympic Club to improve facilities which would benefit SOSSA and South Regional Meet 2004.
3. Deposited remaining funds in SOSSA account to pay for future Regional Meet(s).

## 2. Zone Concerns

### Zone I

(a) Highland is again appealing their classification. They originally applied June 23, 2003 and the SOSSA cut off date was May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The Executive did not want to set a precedent by reclassifying after May 15<sup>th</sup>, especially in the double cohort year where the average drop in enrolment across the province is over 5% per school.

(b) Parkside swim team cited lack of recovery time as the reason the team did not qualify at SOSSA meet (made standard the next day at McMaster).

The Executive vetoed the appeal, but recommended that a committee of knowledgeable swim coaches be struck to structure a suitable qualifying meet, with OFSAA recommended recovery times, for SOSSA.

Note: The SOSSA Swim Meet was well organized and the meet had to be finished in two hours as Brock charged \$300/hour approximately. Many of the competitors were forced to perform their best with a short recovery time.

Special thanks to Angelo Zeffiro, Westlane and Janice Makepeace, parent volunteer, for convening the meet.

## Zone II

- (a) The executive addressed a letter sent by Smithville District Christian High School. They voiced two concerns for Zone II: first, the lack of opportunity for athletes to develop and mature “because of weak regular season schedules”. Second, that Zone II sends “representatives to SOSSA with little competition, sometimes none, while other zone have a tough road just to qualify to SOSSA”.

The Executive noted that Zone II is comprised only of A and AA schools and should be able to run a good league competition.

The absorption of Zone II by other Zones on paper seems easy, but it would require travel (busing monies and time) which is not likely.

The Executive though noted the inequity of SOSSA entries in track & field based on the number of students in each zone.

Zone II is looking at the concerns and will present the SOSSA Executive with their thoughts at the April Executive meeting.

- (c) Boy’s Hockey – there is a concern that Dunnville Boys’ Hockey team are or have played players who played “Junior” after December 1, 2003. The Zone representative will talk with the coach and/or school sport representative to clarify.

Zone III – no issues

Zone IV

- (a) Pat Woodburn at Govenor Simcoe wanted to know why it was not Zone IV’s turn for rotation of AAAA Boys’ Basketball.

Since there are only 7 AAAA schools involved, 5 of which are in Zone I, to be equitable to the schools, Zone I will host every other year with Zone III & IV.

Note: The allocation of Championships to Zones is done at the April Executive Meeting and the Zones attempt to fill their commitments for the May meeting. The AGM assures there is a convenor or no activity. See your Zone representative to volunteer to convene.

- (b) Greg Eckert felt it was Zone IV's turn to host baseball, based on fact that Zone I did not participate in 2003. No, it is Zone I's turn to convene.

3. Championships

- (a) Curling – New date March 4<sup>th</sup> at Dundas Golf & Curling Club. Snow date March 5, 2004. Contact Wilf Reed at Ancaster High School for more information.
- (b) Girls' Sr A Volleyball is at Guido deBres High School. Contact Bob Lindhout and Mike Noot.
- (c) Girls' AAA Hockey start time is 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Championship is at 1:30 p.m. Contact Dino Germano, Lakeshore Catholic for more information.
- (d) Golf – Wednesday, \*May 19<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine at Whirpool Golf Club at a cost of \$35 each entry.

\*Be alert, May 19<sup>th</sup> is also the date of SOSSA Track & Field.

4. Finances

- (a) SOSSA fees: only two schools remain unpaid. Both are small independent schools with novice persons at the helm. Both have been contacted and monies will be forwarded a.s.a.p.
- (b) New Expense – Swimming 2003. Sports Coordinator Harvie Haggerty earned his money by finding the OFSAA Swim entry expense for 2003 which the DSBN paid for it. The Executive voted to pay the entry fee.

5. Constitution

If you wish to change the constitution please complete a Notice of Motions form (see SOSSA website under "forms") and submit form to Bob Krouse by Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

6. Awards

- (a) New: Six trophies (old midget and closed school trophies) were refurbished. There are new trophies for all the AAAA activities and both boys'/girls' soccer's A/AA.

- (b) Ribbons were made available to swim and gymnastic athletes.
- (c) Medallions for all Winter Activities were distributed to Zone convenors.

7. OFSAA Update

- (a) Ontario Olympic Academy, March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>  
For applications check OFSAA website (ofsaa.on.ca) or the January bulletin.
- (b) Independent Schools  
A vote will be taken at OFSAA AGM whether to have the Independent Schools in their own association at OFSAA or status quo.  
SOSSA has four votes, so if you have feelings about this, check with your SOSSA President or OFSAA Representatives to voice your opinion.
- (c) Women's Sports School  
See January Bulletin for information.
- (d) New Governance Structure starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004  
See January Bulletin.
- (e) OFSAA Scholarship Fund  
OFSAA Alumni will be establishing a Male & Female Scholarship Fund.
- (f) Health Card  
Health card numbers should be optional and not required for members of school teams due to legal and privacy regulations. Having the proper name of your student athletes and their date of birth will be enough to be admitted into hospitals.
- (g) Sport Leadership Conference – see attached message from Steve Sevor.

8. A.O.B.

Coaching In Ontario Schools program was found to place emphasis on OFSAA structure ie transfer rule. Better suited for Administrators of Sports programs but it is not for grassroots coaching.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 (please note change)

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004 AGM

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

## Sport Leadership Conference - Reminder

Just a reminder that I am still looking for interested individuals to sit on a panel at the upcoming Sport Leadership Conference being organized by the Sport Alliance of Ontario, May 7, 2004.

To date I have received feedback from one person.

The suggested topics for the panel are:

1. How we can better harmonize rules and officiating in school and club sport
  - Are rules confusing to youth who participate in school and community programs?
  - How can we assist officials in respecting the differences of both systems?
2. How the club and school systems could be better integrated to support the development of young athletes

If you know of anyone who would be interested in any of these topics please contact me immediately.

Thank you for your continued assistance!!

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