

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MINUTES  
February 10, 2003

Convened 7:20pm

Minutes of November 25, 2002 were approved  
Agenda of meeting was approved

1. Business arising from November 25, 2002 executive meeting

- (i) Issue of visitors at meeting.  
SOSSA non-executive members shall request approval of the secretary-treasurer to attend Executive meetings.
- (ii) Equity in Sports
  - a) Question: Why should girls be allowed to play on boys teams when there are girls teams?  
Answer comes from OFSAA and the Human Rights Commission. Women shall be allowed to play at the higher level of competition if they are capable of making the team.
  - b) Question: Why should a girl be allowed to play on boys team when they are not eligible for the girls team?  
Answer is as above. SOSSA has to accept the legal rulings, but the feeling of the Executive is one of disapproval. SOSSA does not like two set of standards for our student-athletes.
- (iii) SOSSA SR Boys AA Volleyball Championship.  
The behaviour of some fans at the semi-final was brought to question. The convenor's report and the referee's report indicate a boisterous crowd, but there was no observed throwing of objects after the crowd was warned of inappropriate behaviour.  
  
The convenor, plus two teacher aids carried out their responsibilities to the fullest and the tournament was a success.  
  
Recommendation: Schools in SOSSA Championships should note that fans will attend from their respective schools and that a staff person(s) should attend the game.  
  
If busload of fans come to the games(s) the convenor shall be assured that staff are in attendance.

- (iv) George P Vanier  
A letter was sent to George P Vanier, stating that a two week notice is required to withdraw from a SOSSA Championship.

A discussion with Raymond Therrien revealed some communication problems which hopefully are being resolved.

- (v) SOSSA Website  
[www.sossa.on.ca](http://www.sossa.on.ca) - started January 1, 2003 and has had approximately 150 hits to date. Any suggestions are welcomed – email Bob Krouse at [sec-treas@soffa.on.ca](mailto:sec-treas@soffa.on.ca)

## 2. Zone Concerns

### Zone I

- (i) Alpine Skiing – Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Paul Daignault inquiring about interested schools.
- (ii) Volleyball Girls AAAA – convenor wanted assurance that all zones except II have representatives.
- (iii) OFSAA SR A Volleyball – Hamilton Christian and West Park wanted SOSSA to pre-order flight tickets. The executive felt ticket purchase best handled by schools with potential to attend. A conference call was recommended.
- (iv) Hamilton-Wentworth District Board has changed the catchment areas of schools and student athletes caught within the new catchment will be given an ‘administrative transfer’ and not be required to fill out transfer forms.

### Zone II

Chris Fraser wants reassurance that SOSSA’s eligibility of wrestlers not attending a school with a bonafide program is the same as OFSAA’s. SOSSA validated his concerns, but reminded him that each school team requires a staff representative at the SOSSA meet.

### Zone III

- (i) Swimming Qualification. A concern about having six (6) student athletes per school to form a bonafide team. Brian Fuller, our OFSAA representative stated OFSAA is reviewing the issue of what constitutes a bonafide team in all individual sports.
- (ii) A.N.Meyer coach requested a change of date for SOSSA Championship for personal reasons. The executive vetoed his request as it would be too precedent setting.

#### Zone IV

Eligibility – If a student has all but two (2) credits needed to graduate and one course is at night school will he/she be eligible? **NO**, the constitution states the student athlete must be registered in “day” classes.

#### 3. Convenorships

(i) Wrestling convenor has been the only change to date.

New Convenor – Brian Kilroy, Thorold High School, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> (alt Feb. 21)

**Note:** Rule – the double leglock has been restricted to one (1) time use for safety concerns.

(ii) Golf – date should be posted ASAP. Date or Convenor changes should be approved by Administrative Secretary/Treasurer.

#### 4. Finances

(i) SOSSA fees – all but three (3) school have paid.

(ii) Website – will be paid through SOSSA administrative expenses monies.  
Web creation cost was \$150 (six bottles of good wine) very inexpensive for the quality of work.

#### 5. Constitution

Constitution was updated for the website. Please review for any omissions or oversights.

Please note that the website format allows for copying individual sports.

#### 6. Awards

The medallions were distributed to Zone representatives to be passed on to Convenors ASAP.

The executive voted to use old trophies for new sports on an equitable basis.

#### 7. OFSAA Update

(i) Football

The growth of the OFSAA bowl games has led to the need to reorganize. SOSSA was given two options and voted for the proposal - Golden Horseshoe Bowl, ROPSSAA, GHAC and SOSSA with the host region getting a second entry on a rotational basis. Since the Skydome can only host 3 games, the bowl games will be accommodated on a rotational basis. This season, the Skydome games will be played November 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a return to the last Friday in November in 2004.

- (ii) Track & Field vs Girls Soccer AAA  
Brian Fuller is liasoning between Dave Walker (soccer), Bob Waite & Dan Clark (track & field) and Colin Hood to assure that both venues are top notch and any facility conflicts are overcome.  
The SOSSA Executive is supportive of both sets of convenors.  
Good Luck!
- (iii) Independent Schools  
The independent schools (CISAA) are exploring having their own association entry into OFSAA.  
Question: What happens at the SOSSA & Zone level re competition with CISAA schools?
- (iv) Golf  
There is **NO** OFSAA Golf Invitational, boys or girls.
- (v) Coaching In Ontario Schools  
Check the OFSAA website if interested, the closest clinic is in Peel, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (vi) Spring Sports  
OFSAA may have additional entries into some spring activities. SOSSA Executive voted that additional entries may be offered to SOSSA, but schools eligible are reminded that the second entry will be at the expense of the school.
- (vii) Baseball – following email received February 12, 2003

## **OFSAA BASEBALL FESTIVAL 2003**

Finally the Blue Jays have confirmed our dates in the Skydome for this year's festival. A new format is in place this year that will see 8 teams playing in the Skydome over a 3 day period.

The festival schedule is as follows:

June 10<sup>th</sup> quarterfinals 9.00 am and 11.30 am  
June 11<sup>th</sup> quarterfinals 10.00 am and 12.30 pm  
June 12<sup>th</sup> semifinals 9.00am and 11.30 am  
Final 2.30 pm

In order to minimize travel and cut expenses, the following arrangement has been agreed upon by the Ofsaa Baseball Sport Advisory Committee.

The Eastern Ontario winner from Ottawa and the western Ontario winner from Windsor area, will have an automatic entry to the Skydome quarterfinals. There will be 3 Southern Ontario regional tournaments to decide the other 6 entries to the Skydome. These tournaments will be held on June 4&5 with a rain date on June 6, at locations to be decided.(All within easy driving distance.) Each regional tournament will have 2 divisions of 4 teams each. They will play a round robin and the winners of each division will advance to the Skydome. Some seeding will be required both for the regional tournaments and for the Skydome. The Windsor and Ottawa teams will play their quarterfinal games on June 11<sup>th</sup> in order to limit the time away for them.

The entries to the regional tournaments will be granted to participating associations on the basis of the number of teams they have playing in 2003. This new format provides an opportunity for more teams to participate both in the regional tournaments and at the Skydome. In order to determine the entries to the regional tournaments, I would request that the Association contacts forward to me via e-mail before the March break, the number of teams playing in their Association. I am also looking for convenors to host the 3 regional tournaments at locations in the Golden Horseshoe (Niagara to Oshawa & Guelph to Newmarket) Potential convenors should also contact me prior to the March break. Further information regarding the regional tournaments will be provided at a later date.

I can be contacted by telephone at 905 820-5953, or email me at michael.thorpe@sympatico.ca

Michael Thorpe  
Coordinator of baseball for OFSAA

P.S. Sorry, I neglected to tell you something else in my previous e-mail. Worth is the official sponsor of OFSAA baseball, and as such we are obligated to use the Worth MLH ball for all High School games. They can be purchased for about \$60 a dozen at most suppliers. Please pass this information on to all of your High Schools playing baseball.

Thanks. Mike

8. A.O.B.

- (i) The AGM morning meeting will be Monday, June 23 at the Beacon
- (ii) Next Meeting will be Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The major issue is distribution of convenorships.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm