

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Monday, April 19, 2004

In Attendance: Christine Baillie-Boland
Cheryl Mancuso
Rina Mooradian
Flora Smith
Greg Henhawk

Regrets: Brian Fuller
Chris Newman
Harvie Haggerty
Greg Woodcroft
Cindy Crosbie

Meeting Commenced at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes of February 9, 2004 were approved
Agenda for Meeting was approved.

1. Business Arising from February 9, 2004

(a) Eligibility Motions analogies with OFSAA Article VII
Section II 3 (iv)

(iv) be registered and in attendance as a regular student in day classes of the school for the school for which he/she plays and achieves the following course requirements:

(a) Students who have fewer than twenty-two (22) credits must be taking courses which define them as full time students under the Ministry of Education definition. Namely, a student in a traditional school must be registered in a minimum of six (6) full day school credit courses; in a semestered school, a student must be registered in a minimum of three (3) full day school credit courses in the semester in which he/she participates.

(b) Students who have achieved twenty-two (22) credits must be taking four (4) non-semestered full day school credit courses over the school year or two (2) full day school credit courses per semester.

(xi) Any suspension or disciplinary action in Zone play shall be carried forward into SOSSA competition. The Zone convenor shall be responsible for reporting such athletes and the nature of the disciplinary action on the SOSSA eligibility sheet.

(xii) Any student who registers and either (i) attends one full term or semester, or (ii) practices or plays with a team or an intercollegiate team at a post secondary institution, and then returns to any high school is ineligible for SOSSA competition for the remainder of his/her high school career.

(b) Unpaid SOSSA Fees

All schools have paid. Two small independent schools with administrative changes have paid fees and all is A.O.K.

(c) Correspondence

(i) The SOSSA executive rejected the appeal for reclassification of Highland Secondary.

(ii) The OFSAA Board of Reference – Transfers made Liban OMAR eligible for competition.

2. ZONE BUSINESS

(a) Zone I

(i) Dan Clark (McNab Secondary) forwarded a six (6) year Responsibility Chart re SOSSA Track & Field.

(ii) Concerns reallocation of OFSAA Track & Field profits. See SOSSA Executive minutes February 9th, 2004.

(iii) Girl's Hockey A/AA – the convenor purchased a trophy since this was a recent activity with no trophy. The intent was good but the executive is refurbishing trophies for new activities at a much reduced rate. Please check with executive before making individual decisions.

Zone II

The SOSSA Secretary-Treasurer met with Zone II regarding Great Lakes and Smithville Christian Schools desire to leave Zone II and discuss the inequity in individual sports.

The feelings were mutual with the Christian Schools and the Zone as transportation was a factor. The Christian schools applied to be in Zone IV.

Zone II Executive understood the inequities in some individual activities, especially Track & Field and perhaps badminton.

The Executive has proposed that either Zone I, III or IV host Zone II in their Zone meet.

Option 1

**Zone I (20 Zone I + 5 Zone II) = 25 schools
(40.6 + 7) = 47.6% population**

Option 2

**Zone III (16 Zone III + 5 Zone II) = 21 schools
(25.1 + 7) = 33% population**

The preferred option would be:

Option 3

**Zone IV (20 Zone IV + 5 Zone II) = 25 schools
(27.2 + 7) = 34% population**

If option 2 or 3 is accepted all 3 associations will be given 5 entries per event. If option I is accepted then II & IV will be given 5 entries and Zone I will be given 6 entries. The rationale: large number of student population = equity.

The above proposal will be in the form of a Motion, if one of the Zones volunteers.

The individual activities of X-country and Wrestling are not deemed an issue at the present time. Badminton will be reviewed for the next Executive Meeting. Suggestions will be welcomed.

Zone III

Westlane's Debbie Lapiere voiced concerns about the quality of a second entry from the host zone.

Response: The constitution allows the convenor to consult with the SOSSA Secretary-Treasurer for a second entry from another Zone.

Zone IV

- (i) **The paying for Police Officers at SOSSA Championships has been tabled for May meeting**
 - (ii) **Zone IV has accepted Great Lakes Christian and Smithville Christian into their Zone, contingent upon the acceptance of SOSSA at the AGM.**
- (b) Declaration/Classification Dates**
Reminder:
- (i) ***Classification appeals 2004/2005 must be into SOSSA by May 15, 2004. Unsuccessful appeals then can be made to OFSAA whose “hearing” date is June 10, 2004.**

***Classification, based on Oct. 31, 2003 enrolment, refer to: www.sossa.on.ca “communication” “general information”**
 - (ii) **Declaration of Competition at a higher level for fall activities be in by the SOSSA AGM, June 21, 2004.**

3. CONVENORSHIPS

- (a) Spring Update**
- (i) **Please note SOSSA Golf is the same day as the SOSSA Track and Field, May 19, 2004.**
 - (ii) **The SOSSA Tennis dates are:
Senior – Tuesday, May 25 (Rain date Thursday, May 27)
Junior - Monday, May 31 (Rain date Tuesday, June 1)**
 - (iii) **SOSSA Baseball has two entries at Regional Tournaments in Guelph, Burlington and Newmarket. Format, entry fee and location assignments have not been assigned to date.**

(b) Convenorships 2004/2005

See attached sheet. If you are interested in convening on of these activities, please contact your Zone representative. Selection is based on assigned Zone first and if not taken then other Zones may apply.

Reminder: an activity must have a convenor by the end of the AGM for that activity to be viable for the next season.

4. FINANCIAL

- (a) Convenors and OFSAA bound teams are reminded to submit Championship Convenor Reports or receipts to be reimbursed.**
- (b) OFSAA Track & Field profits of \$4,332.85 were deposited in the SOSSA account. As per February 9th, 2004 Executive, the monies were used for GHAC and SOSSA expense monies at their Regional Meet. There was a discussion regarding using some of the funds for “timing equipment” was tabled to May 18th.**

(c) Referee Costs

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that Zone III and IV host Basketball costs were forty-five dollars (\$45) for referee/game and hosting the Volleyball Tournament cost \$400. Whereas, in Zone I the Basketball referees are thirty dollars (\$30) for referee/game and the Volleyball tournament would be \$270.

There appears to be some price gouging by the Niagara Referee Associations.

The Executive suggested a letter be sent to each of the Niagara Referee Associations (basketball and volleyball) and their parent Ontario Association requesting the rationale for increased costs in playoffs. How do they put a cost value on “better refereeing” for playoffs only?

(d) Wrestling/Gymnastics

Both activities elected to pay all SOSSA costs and work out a reimbursement rate for percentage of OFSAA entries fee. This arrangement is closely being monitored to ensure it is a win-win situation and reduces the percentage payment/school and all the inconveniences mailing between SOSSA and the school(s).

5. CONSTITUTION

Notice of Motions reminder: due on Monday, May 17 to the Secretary-Treasurer. Forms are available from website under “communication” “forms”.

6. AWARDS

- (a) Ribbons for Zone/SOSSA Track & Field will be available the first week in May.**
- (b) Pete Beach Award nominations are to be in to the Secretary-Treasurer a.s.a.p.**
- (c) Recognition Awards for Retirees. Please notify the Secretary-Treasurer by June 1st names of people who have coached/contributed to student athletes.**

7. OFSAA UPDATE www.ofsaa.on.ca

**Please see attached:
OFSAA Highlights April 2004,
Application and Selection of Scholarships
OFSSA Alumni Scholarship Application**

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, June 21, 2004
Best Western, Beacon Harbourside, Jordan, Ontario
8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

8. NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, May 18, 2004
5:00 p.m. at Bob's**

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

OFSAA Highlights April 2004

Awards and Scholarship information

- Alumni Scholarship – students from SOSSA may apply for this scholarship. SOSSA is one of only four associations who may apply this year. **Deadline May 10/04**
- Roger Nielsen Maple Leaf Alumni Scholarship – on web site Students from any sport may apply \$10,000 /yr for 4 years for 2 male and 2 female athletes
- NBA Sportsmanship Award – nominations open to all school teams– on web site
- Pilot Proposal – **OFSAA recognition award** in Association reps schools (for this year but it will grow to other school) There will be an award given to students and coaches.

Policy News

Athletes changing clothing at their bench or on the field (stripping down) is a concern. This behaviour is not appropriate for teenage athletes. A policy is being developed by OFSAA for voting on in June to cover all sports and both genders. OUAA already has one for women's volleyball.

Transfer Motions to be voted on in June 2004 INPUT PLEASE! Send email to Flora

1. a student who has graduation requirements, and who transfers schools, is ineligible to participate in their fifth year of high school (from date of entry into Grade 9)
2. students transferring to an International Baccalaureate Program must demonstrate that they are going to the school that offers the program **closest to their home**.
3. students who have achieved 22 credits are ineligible to apply under Section (e) (academic program) of the Policy.
4. Under Section (f)(v) Failed Interventions Strategies, students **MUST** apply **PRIOR** to the actual transfer of schools (prior to the end of the first or second semester or at the end of a traditional school year).

Transfer Workshop - Friday September 17/04 at Peel Board office.

Remember the deadline for submissions is usually one week prior to the meeting

Tentative OFSAA Transfer Meeting Dates for 2004-2005

Wednesday, October 13/04
Friday, November 5/04
Wednesday, December 8/04
Friday, February 25/05
Thursday, April 28/05

Tentative Independent OFSAA Transfer Meeting Dates

Monday September 27/04
Wednesday, October 20/04
Monday, November 22/04
Wednesday, February 18/05
Tuesday April 12/05

Classifications

Numbers will not be changed for next year. See sheet with SOSSA schools. These are based on the Oct 31/03 numbers submitted to the ministry. If there are errors, let me know (OFSAA too). **Appeals will be based on these numbers.**

Recommendations of Classification Committee

- Associations should go back and apply criteria other than numbers.
- If a school is moved down and it's population exceeds 10% of the OFSAA classification numbers, the Association must gain final approval from the OFSAA Classification Committee (reasons for their decision must be outlined)
- Absolute final meeting for Classifications OFSAA Appeal has been moved to June 10.
- SOSSA must deal with this prior to this date.
- SOSSA should post classification numbers on the web site

Independent School group application for their own association and thereby direct entry to OFSAA championships. Straw vote was in favour of accepting CISAA –

Rationale:

2. only one of these independent schools will be able to advance to each OFSAA championship (NOT one from each of the 5-6 associations they presently play in)
3. They will police each other more closely for eligibility since they will be playing against them in leagues.
4. They will not be playing in the local associations as earlier suggested. They will not be a part of SOSSA in any way.

Jewelry allowed? No? Taped? Varies from region to region

Gender equity survey will be going on the web-site that either males or females can fill out for their school

Ontario Olympic Youth Academy – postponed until June 28-29 – Students can still apply (see OFSAA web site)

National School Sport Week Oct 18 – Plan school events and let OFSAA know. OFSAA will also be trying to coordinate events between stakeholders.

Motions regarding artificial **noisemakers** not permitted at OFSAA Championships (this gives the convenor a tool to deal with unsportsmanlike conduct)

Insurance – OSBIE covers agents of the school boards but should check if independent schools' insurance covers officials refereeing the games? Or other officials. (incident earlier this year in another association and the independent schools insurance did not cover the situation) Association insurance coverage for the officials at a SOSSA championships but it should be checked about other situations.

Pete Beach Award names must be to Diana by the end of April.

Sport Specific News

Rugby Ball – OFSAA championship official ball will be Gilbert ball by Monolex

Girls' Golf Invitational Tournament -- run by YRAA on June 9 at Uxbridge - OFSAA sanctioned

Discussion of Non-Teacher Coaches

Considerations they should be made aware of:

Individual Schools

1. Age of coach
2. Training experience
3. School policies
 - Outside coaches
 - Travel
 - Sport specific
 - Transportation
 - Supervision
 - Inclement weather policy
4. Evaluation
5. Communication
6. Conflict resolution
 - Ejections of non-teacher coaches

Association

1. Background
2. Defined roles
3. Association meeting requirements
4. Eligibility Policies
5. Knowledge Of Association Regulations
6. Communication

OFSAA

1. supervision policy
2. Eligibility
3. classification
4. OFSAA play-downs
 - behaviour / communication
5. OFSAA Championships
 - Commitments
 - Forms
 - Coaches
 - Meeting
 - Bench Supervision
 - Sponsorship
6. Other
 - Ontario Safety Guidelines (OPHEA 1999)
 - Definition Of A Coach
 - Supervision Requirements
 - Qualifications
 - Criteria For Non-Teacher Coaches
 - Fundraising (what is acceptable)

OFSAA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

(Please Print or Type - fill in all sections and BOTH pages) Association:

Name:

_____ School Year: _____

Address:

_____ Street
Town/City Postal Code

Phone

Number: _____

___ Date of Birth: _____

Month/Day/Year

E-Mail Address (if available)

School/City: _____

School Phone Number:
_____ School Fax:

Canadian College/University You Plan to Attend _____

School Sports in which you Participated
During High School:

Other School Activities (clubs,
organizations, school council
etc.) _____

Community Involvement:

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Hobbies/Other Interests:

On a separate page, PLEASE WRITE IN YOUR OWN WORDS, how you feel School Sport has influenced your life, and why you would like to receive the OFSAA Alumni Scholarship.

PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- 1) Your school transcript**
- 2) A letter of recommendation from a teacher or teacher-coach at your present school.**

SUBMIT TO: OFSAA Alumni Scholarships
Suite 206
Ontario.
7880 Keele Street,
Concord,
L4K 4G7

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:
Monday,
May 10th, 2004

OFSAA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS 2004

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Four OFSAA Alumni Scholarships shall be presented annually to two girls and two boys from pre-determined OFSAA member Associations from those applications received by the deadline. The value of each scholarship shall depend on the donations received in that year. Associations submitting applications for consideration in 2004 are: NWOSSAA, SOSSA, EOSSAA and ROPSSAA.

Application Requirements

To apply for the OFSAA Alumni Scholarship the following must be submitted:

- Completed Application Form
- School Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or teacher-coach at present school
- Personal Letter outlining how you feel school sport has influenced your life, and why you would like to receive the OFSAA Alumni Scholarship

Criteria for Selection

- Attendance at a Canadian post-secondary institution
- Participation in high school sport
- Involvement in other areas of school and community activity
- Attainment of an academic overall average of at least 80%
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher or teacher/coach at the high school

Process for Selection of Recipients

- Applications sent to the four selected Associations for distribution to their schools
- Alumni Scholarship Applications submitted to the OFSAA office by **May 10th**
- Alumni Selection Committee reviews applications and selects four recipients, two girls and two boys.

Presentation of Scholarships

- Recipients will receive scholarships and a small plaque at the time of their graduation (if possible presentation will be made by an OFSAA representative)

All Alumni Scholarship recipients will be profiled in the Bulletin and on the website

DEADLINE DATE FOR APPLYING: MAY 10th, 2004

**SUBMIT TO: OFSAA Alumni Scholarship
7880 Keele Street, Suite 206
Concord, Ontario.
L4K 4G7**

CLASSIFICATION OF SOSSA SCHOOLS
2004/2005 Based on October 31, 2003
FTE Numbers Given to OFSAA

School	Enrolment	School	Enrolment
A 1-500		SirWinstonChurchill(DSBN)	839.37
Beacon Christian	83	Cayuga	858.17
Great Lakes Christian	107		
Robert Land Academy	116	AAA 901-1250	
E.S.Confederation Wellend	181.5	St. Paul	900.35
E.S. Georges P Vanier	190.5	Westlane	910.88
Smithville District Christian	257	SirWinstonChurchill(HWDSB)	912
E.S. Jean Vanier	262	E.L.Crossley	914.45
Niagara Christian	282	Holy Cross	979.25
Hillfield-Strathallan College	357	Grimbsy	1001.02
Lakeport	378.12	Westmount	1018.5
Guido de Bres Christian	408	Sir Allan McNab	1027.25
Niagara District	415.78	Stamford	1036.01
South Lincoln	432.49	Barton	1055.5
West Park	482.6	Orchard Park	1062
Ridley College	489	Lakeshore Catholic	1069.5
		Hill Park	1092
AA 501-900		Glendale	1151.5
Ridgeway&Crystal Beach	515.75	Saltfleet	1156.5
Kernahan Park	542.56	Delta	1158.5
Thorold	553.75	Sherwood	1181.5
Hamilton District Christian	565	Denis Morris	1181.96
Laura Secord	576.02	Waterdown	1242
Fort Erie	588.5		
St. Francis	623.23	AAAA 1251+	
Eden High	632.29	Ancaster	1314
McKinnon Park	634.18	Westdale	1366
Eastdale	636 .1	Notre Dame	1406.4
Port Colborne	638.24	Sir John A MacDonald	1412
Hagersville	646.38		
Dunnville	670.96		
Govenor Simcoe	684.72		
Centennial	706.14		
St. Michael	723.16		
Blessed Trinity	741.12		
Highland	800		
Parkside	821		
Beamsville	824.42		
St.Catharines CI&VS	827.45		
A.N.Meyer	834.5		

