

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING

Minutes

Monday, April 23, 2007

Meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m.

In attendance:	F. Smith	R. Rode	G. Woodcroft
	B. Woodcroft	C. Baillie	G. Henhawk
	K. Tamburrino	M. Narancic	C. Mancuso
	C. Crosbie	B. Fuller	B. Krouse

Minutes of February 12, 2007 – Approved

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1. (a) Business Arising from Minutes

Swimming and Track & Field regulations were reviewed by the Administrative Secretary. The swimming regulations are to be reviewed by swim coaches before being submitted to AGM. The Track & Field regulations will be submitted as Notice of Motion at AGM.

(b) Correspondence

- (i) Debbie White emailed concerns and questions about Junior sports being more equitable. See “Constitution” attached.
- (ii) Naledi Bainbridge questioned whether coaching could be done during a Field Hockey game. There are no rules against coaching.
- (iii) Dino Germano wanted direction when there are two or more schools from a Zone that want to host a SOSSA activity. This is a Zone issue not a SOSSA issue. Also he may present a temporary motion for boys’ hockey AAA/AAAA for 07-08. He suggested a modified double elimination; it was not accepted by the Executive.

(c) Zone Directories

All Executive have phone numbers (home, school and fax) of all school contact persons.

2. Zone Concerns

(a) Zone I

(i) SOSSA Girls' Hockey AAA/AAAA

There were three issues. The first happened at the end of the 3rd period – two game misconducts were assessed. The coaches and referees determined additional suspensions were unwarranted.

The rules state a game misconduct results in a suspension of the next game. If the referee suggested that they both go off, as a cooling down period find, but it is not for the coaches and referees to make a decision about the application of rules. It is self serving to coaches.

Second issue, a coach at St. Paul's was ejected for verbally abusing an official. A letter from the President of SOSSA will be sent to St. Pauls regarding the said coach.

Finally, a player and coach engaged in a heated tirade at an official after the game. Both of them were dutifully dealt with by the Waterdown Administration. The school has also embraced the True Sport Ideal and revised its policy on respect to outside coaches.

(ii) SOSSA Boys' Hockey AA/AAA

After the Championship game, damage was done to the change room by the St. Michael players. The convenor noted that the City of Hamilton was contacting the school and requesting reimbursement of damages. The executive recommended a follow up to see if damages were paid and what were the consequences of the actions of those involved.

The City of Hamilton has a policy of a lifetime ban of teams that cause damages. This could be a concern at future SOSSA Championships for St. Michael.

(b) Zone II

(i) SOSSA Boys' Hockey A/AA

The Dunnville coach at the game stated that Governor Simcoe had players who played at the Junior level. Firstly, his source was his players, secondly the convenors went to on the internet to check and found no proof of the accusation. Next he voiced his concern via his zone executive at SOSSA. A reminder, there is a constitution and a protest procedure. If he had proof it should have come forward in the proper manner. Making accusations is not constructive.

(ii) Jr Boys' AA Basketball

The Cayuga team was called back to the school by their administration at the end of the third quarter due to climate conditions. Cayuga was losing the game, the convenor felt that if they left at that time, they would forfeit the game.

The question arises when is a game called, or should be replayed, if similar circumstances arise?

The Executive tabled the discussion to obtain information regarding insurance(s) and when is a 'game' called ie baseball must be 7th inning, soccer into 2nd half. Basketball being an indoor game usually does not have weather problems, but could have electrical failure.

(iii) Wrestling Dates

Wrestling changed their dates and did not inform the Administrative Secretary. Therefore, a change was not made to the website information. Some schools were put out by the change. Also, it was duly noted that dates are **NOT** to be changed for SOSSA activities, unless under extreme circumstances.

A letter of reminder of the policy will be sent to the convenor.

(iv) Field Lacrosse

The winter bulletin gave dates of Field Lacrosse Championships. Hagersville definitely is interested and wanted to know why this has not been passed on to them.

Firstly, Lacrosse has not been sanctioned as an SOSSA activity. Secondly, Lacrosse is a Festival, thus there is an open entry for teams such as Hagersville.

(c) Zone III

- (i) Ultimate Frisbee
What is the status? OFSAA was interested at one time, but it appears interest has waned and no invitational or festivals are scheduled.
- (ii) Referee Costs
A survey was done and is to be forwarded showing that Niagara referees are about the “mean” for Ontario. They are still higher than Hamilton area.
- (iii) Girls’ Field Lacrosse
There is still no OFSAA Girls’ Field Lacrosse, but there may be an invitational in the future. Agi Mete is eager to promote Girls’ Field Lacrosse in SOSSA. Again, the sport will need to be sanctioned – voted on at AGM – but looks to be a least two years away.

(d) Zone IV

- (i) Convenors
There was a very poor number of volunteers for SOSSA Convenors for 2007-2008. It is discouraging to Zone reps and Executive.
- (ii) Rotation
Interesting, that there is cry for mandatory rotation of events, but there was no volunteers from Zone IV.
There is an attempt to be fair and equitable in allocation to all zones. Factors to consider, rotations, number of teams by classification in zones, Zone II has only AA schools, convenors who are willing to host activity every year (ie Alpine Skiing, Golf, Tennis, Badminton), the size of zone, etc.

3. Convenors

(a) Spring

Golf (boys & girls) is May 16th. For location and time check website.

Girls’ Rugby AAA/AAAA is May 25th

Activities with two (2) entries

Boys’ Soccer AA Timmins both entries will be paid by SOSSA

Girls’ Soccer A Windsor 2nd entry must be paid by school(s)

Girls’ Soccer AAA Chatham 2nd entry must be paid by school(s)

(b) SOSSA Convenors 2007-2008 – see attached

4. SOSSA Website

The Manager of the website will register convenors 3 days a week. Please note that only those with board email addresses will be accepted. This is to ensure use of the webpage is limited to SOSSA school board coaches and convenors.

5. Financial

- (a) All schools have fully paid their SOSSA fees
- (b) As of April 23rd all bills submitted have been paid and there is still \$26,000 available.
- (c) There will be a meeting prior to May 23rd to study the financial structure. ie suggestion – Junior team sports pay entry fee to SOSSA Champions – fee would cover tournament costs.

6. Constitution

ALL NOTICE OF MOTIONS should be submitted to the Administrative/Secretary by Monday, May 21st.

- (a) Debbie White has suggested three Junior team divisions. On examination, the division would be FTE's of 600 and below, 651-950 and 951 + Debbie is at Westland – please give her your feedback.
- (b) Dino Germano would like a temporary motion for Boys' AAA/AAAA Hockey for 2007/2008, if SOSSA receives two entries to OFSAA it would be a modified double elimination.

7. Awards

- (a) Pete Beech Award – a recipient has been chosen and a presenter has been Confirmed
- (b) Medallions were distributed to zone representatives.
- (c) Ribbons have been ordered and should arrive the second week of May.

8. OFSAA Highlights

- (a) Insurance – ask OFSAA representative to check status of Directors & Officers Liability Insurance. SOSSA applied, but has not been billed.
- (b) Governor Simcoe has applied and received OFSAA Girls' Basketball AAA for 08-09. It was noted that two SOSSA schools were interested, but Governor Simcoe followed procedure and timelines.

NOTE: SOSSA schools who wish to host an OFSAA activity, must first contact their OFSAA representative.

Girls – Flora Smith (Christine Baillie 07-08) or Boys - Brian Fuller

- (c) Transfer Issue

A question was asked about the status of students playing the same sport for two schools with legitimate transfer (1st to 2nd semester).

Answer: No eligible for SOSSA or OFFSA competition, but may compete at Zone level with Zone Executive permission.

- (d) OFSAA Dates 07-08

Dates for entries and events are available as of April 17th, 2007.

A request from Zone II to have the SOSSA activity dates set by May 23rd meeting as principals are scheduling calendars in early June.

- (e) AAAA

OFSAA is looking at SOSSA to play an intermediate level between SOSSA and OFSAA with another association (CIS), since SOSSA has one of the lowest numbers of AAAA schools. Your representatives are voting to reject this idea for many reasons.

9. A.O.B.

Concern: Zone 4's Jill Stiefelmeyer has resigned as Transfer Chair. No one has stepped forward to fill this position. It seems Zone 4 will not have a "Transfer Committee" for 07-08.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at Bob's Place
AGM is Monday, June 25th at the Beacon

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

SOSSA Activity Responsibilities by Zone 2007-2008

Zone I - 16 activities

Boys

Basketball Sr AA
Football
Soccer A, AAA, AAAA
Volleyball JRAA , SRAAAA

Girls

Basketball AAAA
Field Hockey
Rugby AAA/AAAA
Soccer AAA
Volleyball JRAA, SRA, AAAA

Co-Ed

Track & Field
Alpine Skiing

Zone II – 12 activities

Boys

Basketball JRA, JR AA
Ice Hockey A/AA
Soccer AA

Girls

Basketball JRA, SRAA
Ice Hockey A/AA
Soccer AA
Volleyball SRAA

Co-Ed

Badminton Mid/Jr, SR
Wrestling

Zone III – 12 activities

Boys

Baseball
Basketball SRA
Ice Hockey AAA/AAAA
Rugby AAA/AAAA
Volleyball JRA, SRAA

Girls

Ice Hockey AAA/AAAA
Soccer A, AAAA
Volleyball AAA

Co-Ed

Swimming
Tennis

Zone IV – 15 activities

Boys

Basketball AAA,AAAA
Golf
Rugby A/AA
Volleyball SRA, AAA

Girls

Basketball JRAA, SRA, AAA
Golf
Gymnastics
Rugby A/AA
Volleyball JRA

Co-Ed

Cross-Country
Curling