

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Monday, November 24, 2003

In Attendance:

Meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

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| Rina Mooradian | President |
| Greg Woodcroft | 2 nd Vice-President |
| Christine Baillie-Boland | 3 rd Vice-President |
| Flora Smith | Female OFSAA Rep |
| Brain Fuller | Male OFSAA Rep |
| Dana Djukic | Zone II Rep |
| Cheryl Mancuso | Principal's Rep |
| Marg McGill | OFSAA President |
| Al Brown | Sports Coordinator DSBN |
| Harvie Haggerty | Sports Coordinator DSBN |
| Bob Krouse | Administrative Secretary/Treasurer |

Regrets:

Greg Henhawk
Chris Newman

Approved minutes of September 23, 2003

Approved meeting agenda.

1. Business Arising from Minutes
Question: What is the cost of transfer appeal at SOSSA?
Answer: Transfer Committee has been charging fifty dollars (\$50)

Notice of Motion for AGM 2004

That the cost of a transfer appeal at SOSSA be fifty dollars (\$50).

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- Rationale: (i) Cost of time and transportation to bring in committee members from each Zone of SOSSA.
- (ii) Bring appeal cost in line with OFSAA's transfer and SOSSA's protest appeal costs.

2. Zone Business

(i) Correspondence

A letter was received from Port Colborne regarding the conduct of a coach who continued to “press” when his school’s team had the game well in hand. The Executive was brought into this because sanctions had been imposed upon the “pressing coach” in 2002-2003. The “coach” had not broken the sanctions, but brinked on the “spirit” of fair play and sportsmanship. The two principals involved talked with the “coach” and his next encounter, again a win against Port Colborne, left the girls on both sides feeling good and having some dignity. The Executive felt justice had been served, filed the letter and will continue to monitor the situation .

(ii) Declarations of Level of Competition

The following schools declared their level of competition prior to November 15th for the winter and spring activities.

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| Zone I | Barton Senior Girl’s Volleyball | AAAA |
| Zone III | A. N. Meyer all school senior activities | AAA |
| | Fort Erie Junior Boy’s Basketball | AA |
| | Lakeshore Senior Girl’s Volleyball | AAAA |
| | Saint Michael Senior Boy’s Soccer | AAA |
| | Westlane Senior Girl’s Volleyball | AAAA |
| Zone IV | Beamsville Senior Boy’s Rugby | AAA |
| | Govenor Simcoe Senior Boy’s Basketball | AAAA |

(iii) Zone Concerns

Zone I

(a) Westdale was concerned that for SOSSA the fourth AAAA Boy’s Volleyball team entry was not seconded constitutionally. Article VII Section 3-6 states clearly the process.

(b) Delta was selected as the fourth entry in SOSSA Boy’s Volleyball AAAA tournament. SOSSA was informed that Delta had an ineligible player.

SOSSA is awaiting documentation from the school, but it appears that a student was taken off the role and coaches and PE Department were not notified and the student played in Zone finals and at SOSSA.

Zone I took back the second place medallions and at SOSSA Delta lost both matches in double elimination and was not a factor.

Article VII Section 3 (viii)

Notice of Motion for AGM 2004

That schools shall submit a SOSSA eligibility sheet dated not earlier than one week prior to the SOSSA competition.

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Rationale: The SOSSA eligibility sheet will serve as a checklist for the athletic department and administration re: eligibility for competition.

- (c) Eligibility
That SOSSA will look at eligibility of students regarding attendance, number of credits registered in and total number of credits in senior year.
That the executive will make a motion for the AGM 2004 to be analogous with OFSAA policy.
- (d) Girl's Junior A Volleyball
Could date be moved back one week to be in line with all other Volleyball dates.

Zone II

- (a) Reminder – Cayuga applied for a reclassification to be considered a AA School. It was granted and Cayuga is a AA school for 2003-2004.
- (b) Zone II is looking at improving its competition level: integrating into other zones of close proximity is a consideration. Adjacent zones will be approached to discuss all ramifications.

Zone III

- (a) Second Entry Issue. Schools would like to know if SOSSA will receive a second entry at OFSAA prior to declaration dates; AGM for fall activities and November 15th is for winter and spring. The OFSAA representative are looking for definitive second entry policy. The following is a guideline.

SOSSA is the second largest AA association and has received a second entry in boy's and girl's Volleyball and Basketball in 2003-2004.

Second entries may be given to associations who had schools that medalled the previous year.

Second entries may be solicited by OFSAA to associate if a draw can not be filled.

- (b) There has been a voice of concern re: equity in SOSSA. The future and strength of SOSSA depends on its continued open discussion of issues.

Zone IV - No concerns

3. Convenorships

- (a) There have been date changes on some SOSSA Championships. The updated list is being submitted with November Executive meeting minutes.
- (b) Golf and tennis SOSSA dates will be submitted as soon as facilities are confirmed.
- (c) SOSSA swimming will require an entry fee; there was very few SOSSA teams last year at OFSAA. Those interested in SOSSA swimming, please read carefully the OFSAA website regarding parameters of a 'swim team"
- (d) SOSSA has two entries in Boy's AA Basketball and Girl's AA Volleyball at OFSAA 2003-2004.
- (e) Sharon Stewart, Govenor Simcoe, Rina Mooradin, Grimsby and Dan Clark, McNab, will convene South Regional Track & Field Meet at Westpark, May 26/27.

- (f) OFSAA Track & Field 2003
Concern re the allocation of funds to the South region.

Motion: That the profits from the OFSAA Track & Field Meet 2003 be used to fund the South Regional Track & Field Meet 2004, if there are still monies remaining. The excess to be used for funding subsequent South Regional Meets until monies are depleted.

CARRIED

4. Finance

(a) SOSSA Fees

outstanding fees from Zone I, II and IV were noted to “reps” who will contact schools for immediate reimbursement to avoid penalties.

- (b) OFSAA’s Officers Liability Insurance increased by 42%. OFSAA gave a one year \$150 subsidy. Cost was still \$520.

5. Constitutional Update

- (a) The November 15th date for reclassification is no longer valid. Reclassification Appeals shall be submitted by May 15th prior to the September of the year of the appeal.

- (b) The Midget classification for individual activity has been amended by adding “in grade 9” to the last sentence. The sentence would read “students may compete in this category for one year only in grade nine (9).
-November OFSAA Executive Meeting.

- (c) It was noted that Cross Country and Track & Field were not on the SOSSA Website. This will be rectified and both will be in sync with OFSAA standards and regulations.

- (d) Wrestling coaches sent an updated rules & regulations to be put on SOSSA website.

6. Awards

- (a) Congratulations to both Lakeshore Catholic and Waterdown who competitors in the Golden Horseshoe Bowl. The SOSSA medallions were given to the winner Lakeshore Catholic.

- (b) Ribbons will be ordered from the Swim Meet (1-5).

- (c) Trophies are being prepared for winners of boys/girls AAAA Basketball and Volleyball as well as Boys/Girls A/AA Soccer.

- (d) Reminder – extra medallions may be ordered for SOSSA championship at a cost of \$3.50 per medallion. Contact Bob Krouse Secretary-Treasurer.

7. OFSAA
 - (a) Update – see attached
 - (d) Winter Commitment – SOSSA is committed to all winter activities except Nordic Skiing.

8. A.O.B.

SOSSA schools are asked to consider hosting OFSAA events. Schools that have hosted in the lasts few years did excellent jobs. It is important that SOSSA contribute more at the OFSAA level on a volunteer basis.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 p.m.

OFSAA Highlights November 2003

OFSAA student award programs

- **Ontario Olympic Youth Academy** – trying to schedule for March Break
- **International Olympic Youth Camp** - 2 students in Canada (16-18 years of age) will be invited to attend in Greece - Applications on the OFSAA web site
- Canadian High School Sport Week – hope to increase participation next year.
- **Roger Nielsen Maple Leafs Alumni Scholarship** – 4 scholarships per year (up to \$10,000 each year for 4 years) Need more applicants (Form on OFSAA web site by Dec. 1.) Students going to University or College in or out of Canada may apply. NOT JUST FOR HOCKEY PLAYERS
- **NBA Sportsmanship Awards** – Open to all basketball teams (junior or senior), especially encouraged for teams who do not make it to OFSAA. Girls deadline Dec. 15, Boys deadline April 1. Include these applications in SOSSA Convenor packages???

Transfer -- input needed

1. Should students who have the requirements for graduation who transfer schools for their 5th year be ineligible? Presently those transferring from out of province are ineligible for competition. Are they eligible under B2???(sports not played) or Fiv???(transferring from independent school for financial reasons)
2. More schools are offering International Baccalaureate Program. Should students show they are going to the school that offers the program closest to their home?
3. Since committees are finding many of the students applying for eligibility in their final year of school ineligible and since it is clear that academic program changes should be made in the first 3 years of high school, should students who have achieved 22 credits be ineligible to apply under section e.

Coaches Association of Ontario – www.coachesontario.ca provides employment opportunities for coaches, newsletter, calendar, info on financial assistance programs Coaching Conference coming in April.

OFSAA Alumni – get email/addresses to Diana Ranken of teacher/coaches past who might be interested in joining the Alumni. They do not have to have been to OFSAA. Donations for a scholarship are also welcome from past or present coaches. See OFSAA web site Link to Alumni.

Association Insurance –This year’s fee went up on average 42% and that is why OFSAA executive for this year only will help pay \$150 of the increase. OFSAA is trying to negotiate with OSBIE to be included.

Sport Specific

Hockey teams traveling to Manitoba or Nova Scotia need CHA insurance (\$30/player)

Badminton

- school colours allowed as uniform not just whites
- Minimum 10 school team practices attended by athlete

Tennis – entry only through Associations from now on

Cross Country - Midget Grade 9 only

Track & Field

Age clarification – Midget Grade 9 only

The following changes will take place June 2004

To deal with the lowering of the Junior age

Sprint hurdles

- the Senior Boys height will go from 39” to 36”;
- the Junior Boys distance will go from 110 metres to 100 metres.

The **weight implements** will be as follows:

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| • Discus | MG; JG, SG, MB, JB | = | 1 kg |
| | SB | = | 1.61 kg |
| • Shot | MG, JG, SG, MB, JB | = | 4 kg |
| | SB | = | 5.43 kg |
| • Javelin | MG, JG, SG, MB, JB | = | 600 gm |
| | SB | = | 800 gm |

THAT, commencing with the 2004 Regional and OFSAA Championships, the IAAF **False Start Rule** be introduced. (The rule states that the first false start is against the field; second and subsequent false starts are against the athlete and he/she will be eliminated from the event.)

FURTHER THAT there be an exception to the false start rule, namely, ***“The track referee will not have the right to overrule the starter’s decision.”***

New Events for this June 2004

Girls’ Open 1500M Steeplechase, The height of the barriers will be 30”.

Midget/Junior Girls’ Pole Vault