

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Monday, November 25, 2002

1. (a) Minutes of September 30, 2002 approved.
(b) Agenda of November 25, 2002, approved.

2. No new business arising from September 30th executive meeting.

3. **Zone Concerns**

Zone I

(a) The SOSSA Boys AAAA Volleyball championship had only two zones represented. The concern is how does SOSSA send the best teams(s) in AAAA to OFSAA with the limited number AAAA schools (5-3 Zone I, 1 each in 3&4) During the winter season there should be four teams in each of the girls volleyball and boys basketball SOSSA championships. The executive and zone reps will go back to the zones to get feedback & suggestions for the next meeting.

(b) Recommended that SOSSA convenors should play team(s) from the furthest distance in the second game of the tournament, if possible.

Zone II

In SOSSA Girl's field hockey semi-finals, one game had inappropriate behaviour, trash talking, taunting and unsportsmanlike play. Administrations of both schools were informed and the principals met with the teams.

The convenor has suggested game sheets and special reports signed by all parties at end of games. This issue will be a point for discussion at the AGM.

Zone III

(a) At the SOSSA girl's AA Basketball Championship Challenge game one coach's behaviour was deemed inappropriate.

The convenor, referees and opposition coach will send reports to the executive.

MOTION: that a sanction meeting be held by the SOSSA Executive on the date of the next executive meeting (Feb. 10, 2003) to address the information gathered and make a ruling re: the coaches behaviour at the Girl's Sr AA Basketball Championship.

Moved by Flora Smith
Seconded by Joan Millard

Carried

- (b) Dino Germano stated the Zone III/IV football premier league coaches were not happy with the OFSAA-GHAC Bowl play-downs.
- (c) A letter was forwarded to the executive by the Saint Michael's Senior Boys AA Volleyball coach regarding the behaviour of the fans at the tournament. There appears to be history related to the situation. Since the convenors report has yet to be submitted, the executive did not want to make any judgements and tabled the letter until the next meeting.
- (c) The Jr Boys Volleyball A Convenor reported that the Zone I representative - George P. Vanier – did not give two weeks notice that they would not attend the tournament. Since this was not their first incident, the executive voted that George P. Vanier shall be put on probation for one year.

4. Convenorships

- (a) SOSSA Football – The location of championship was changed at a very late date. After discussion, it was discovered that the problem stems from a name(s) being submitted at the AGM without confirming with the person named.
- (b) Wrestling – Thorold was not aware that to convene an event, that all one has to do is submit a request to the zone representative in May or if the convenor ship is still open at the AGM put in a request. Thorold asked Hagersville for permission to convene this year's tournament. Hagersville was willing to give it up based on the SOSSA executive's approval.

MOTION: that Thorold be allowed to host the 2002/2003 Wrestling Tournament.

Carried

Tournament will be Thursday, Feb 20 (Alt. Feb. 21), Thorold Secondary
Convenor – Brian Kilroy

5. Finance

SOSSA fees due November 15th are steadily coming in to the Secretary/Treasurer. If your fees are still due, please remit ASAP with a copy of the SOSSA invoice.

6. Constitution

- (a) See SOSSA Web Site for School Classification for 2002/2003. Noted are schools who have declared to participate at a higher classification.
- (b) Motion to be submitted by Executive as constitution amendment at AGM.

That for Junior team activities, the schools declaration of level of competition for the current school year will be based on September enrolment.

Example/Rationale: Blessed Trinity has grown drastically in the last year and for equitable competition should be in the AA classification. The October 31st date is too late for declaring level of competition for the fall.

7. Awards

Medallions will be given to zone reps. At next executive meeting, since it is closer to the championship dates.

8. OFSAA Update

See Appendix A

9. New Business

- a) Equity in Sports – SOSSA executive felt that if a sport offers both boys & girls activities, that the girls should play in the girl's league. This may be contrary to the legal interpretation as noted by OFSAA officials.

Bob's Aside: The equity issue appears to have gone past retribution and it seems to be into "payback time".

- b) SOSSA Web Site – The possibility of a SOSSA website was discussed and the executive thought it to be a good idea. Bob Krouse said he would try to get it up and running ASAP. Therefore, you should be reading these minutes in January, 2003, on the website: **www.sossa.on.ca**

- c) New SOSSA Email Address: **sec-treas@sossa.on.ca**

Next meeting - Monday, February 10th, Grimsby Seniors Bldg. Grimsby

Appendix A

OFSAA November 2002 Board Meeting Highlights

Curling (effective immediately)

- School program – 8 practice/games minimum under supervision of teacher-coach
- 4 players to start the competition. If a player becomes ill there is provision for this but teams must START with FOUR players
- Coaches still allowed to call timeouts

Soccer (effective immediately)

- Seeding of the top 8 teams by the previous 5 OFSAA championships
- 16 & 20 team tournaments for OFSAA events
- Red card penalties to be set out in Appendix

Boys' Baseball (effective immediately)

- Bat rule – safety concern – all bats used must conform to the Ontario Baseball Association rule that a bat cannot weight more than three ounces less than the length of the bat.

OFSAA Championships

SOSSA is not on the calendar to host any championships in the year 2003-2004

Available Championships – Field Hockey, Girls AAA Basketball, Swimming, Boys AAA Basketball, Girls' A Volleyball, Gymnastics, Girls A/AA Soccer, Tennis Festival.

Sports Advisory Committees (SAC)

New members are needed for the following SAC committees. If you are interested in sitting on any of these committees contact Flora (at Westmount) or Brian (at Saltfleet).

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| ● Badminton | ● Curling |
| ● Baseball | ● Field Hockey |
| ● Girls' Basketball | ● Swimming |
| ● Cross Country | |

Sanctions

All schools are reminded that many OFSAA Championships have requirements for “bona fide” school programs. Be sure you are aware of those activities with a minimum number of in-school practices under the supervision of a teacher-coach.

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| ● Alpine Skiing (8) | ● Cross Country (10) |
| ● Nordic Skiing (8) | ● Track & Field (10) |
| ● Curling (8) | ● Wrestling (majority of practices) |

- Gymnastics (practice per week)

Transfer (Information is **Draft Only**)

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Feedback Required

Proposed motions for discussion of changes to the Transfer Policy

These are NOT in place yet but are up for discussion!!!!

1. Change of residence and change of school system

There has been an accompanying change of legal residence by the student and his/her immediate family to **the designated school from any system (public, catholic or private) according to school board boundaries (or is the closest school in the student's choice of school system to the student's home if no school boundaries exist.** (Immediate family is the parent(s) or the student's legal guardian as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction).

2. Financial Hardship

That student has been forced to leave an independent school specifically due to financial hardship. Specific documentation must be included to apply under this section.

3. Abusive School Environment

Difficult to show abusive situation in the school and move that the words "**or school**" be removed.

4. Special Circumstances at the local level necessitate a move.

The student's move has been necessitated by educational/social factors which have been identified and documented and are on record prior to the student's transfer. The rationale and documentation must be provided with supports the move along with the approval of the receiving and send principals, athletic directors, the directors of education (or designate). Students are encouraged to apply prior to any transfer. Final approval must be given by the OFSAA Association. No appeal to OFSAA will be entertained on decisions under this clause. It is further recommended that this clause be instituted as a pilot project for two years and that OFSAA develop a monitoring system for those mode eligible under this category.