

## **SOSSA EXECUTIVE MINUTES - Monday, Sept. 25th/2017 - Livingston Center**

Present: Jamie Coull, Rob Desson, Christine Baillie, Scott Barr, Dino Germano, Bob Gardiner, Brad McPherson, Rob Desson, Cheryl Mancuso, Andy Cecchini, Rina Rode, Mike Grobe, Brian Fuller.

1. Call to order - 6:45 p.m. Hockey information was added to the agenda and agenda was approved.

2. 2017/18 Executive was briefly discussed. We are fortunate to have "extra" reps from some zones willing to commit their time for the organization. The constitution does not specify the exact number of voting executive members however, it does state voting individuals must be on teaching staffs at member schools. This topic will be briefly revisited next meeting.

3. Fall Sports convenor information, ( as well as winter and spring) were reviewed for updates, or corrections. Schools declaring up in classification for the fall season were also identified.

4. Zone Concerns: Zone #1 schools are dealing with a new transportation policy for students including teams. The new policy will be a challenge for coaches and sport programs. More feedback will come throughout the school year. Zone #2 has no pressing issues. Zone #3 explained a near crises situation with securing football referee crews for their games. A shortage of referees and football officials specifically is a growing concern. Zone #4 has nothing to report.

5. Discussion Items:

a) Swimming date change - due to issues at the OFSAA level, SOSSA swimming was moved from Feb. 15th to Thursday, Feb. 8th. Executive approved the change.

b) A request was made to move the Jr. A girls b-ball championship due to a possible conflict with Sr. teams travelling to OFSAA. The executive approved the date change from Nov. 22nd to Tuesday, Nov. 21st.

c) Individual sport category change - both golf and badminton will send an "open" and a "high school" champion to OFSAA this year. It is important that coaches for these sports identify if a student is open or high school on their eligibility sheets. The criteria for the categories can be found on the OFSAA website in sport specific playing regulations.

d) A SOSSA member school is considering a third party appeal to transfer decision made at the local level. Jamie Coull discussed proper procedure with the OFSAA office for this type of hearing and is ready if the appeal goes forward.

e) Second entries both at SOSSA and OFSAA were briefly discussed. OFSAA second entries, if they exist, will not be known until late October. Second entries to SOSSA championships are available to the host zone if other SOSSA zones do not have representatives. Worth noting at this time - Brad McPherson stated zone #2 has no senior AAA teams coming to SOSSA championships and also, no junior AA teams attending SOSSA championships. Therefore, host zones need to realize they must provide the second entry.

f) SOSSA football - SOSSA will only get one entry into the OFSSA football bowl series - not two as was communicated to us in late June. This is a major safety issue for students as zones attempt to complete their play-offs in time for a possible SOSSA championship. After much discussion the executive has requested OFSAA allow an extra bowl game for this year only. Further options are on the table if the extra bowl game does not happen.

g) Zone restructuring - Andy Cecchini briefly discussed the SOSSA zone structure in terms of balance and distribution of schools. He will bring further information to future executive meetings.

6. Transfer Committee report - nothing out of the ordinary - the 3rd party appeal was discussed earlier.

7. OFSAA Report - Christine Baillie discussed the apparent change in transfer policy where students turned down at one level then appeal to the next level using another category. The understanding is this was not allowed in the past. Follow up will be done with OFSAA.

8. 2017/18 meeting dates - Monday, Dec. 18th,

Monday, March 5th,

Wednesday, May 23rd - meeting & social

AGM - Tuesday, June 26th - Peach King - 11:45 a.m.

9. A.O.B. - Bob Gardiner was asked by OFSAA to confirm if we will be sending teams to the A/AA and AAA boys hockey championships. The convenors at OFSAA are booking ice and need to know if they are running 16 or 20 team tournaments. Executive confirmed we will be sending reps to both tournaments.

10. 8:20 - Adjournment.