

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - Monday, September 24th - 6:45 - Peach King Center

Present: Rina Rode, Kristina Alderdice, Mike Grobe, Jill Steifelmeyer, Bob Gardiner, Andy Cecchini, Dino Germano, Scott Barr, Brian Fuller

- 1. 6:50 - Call to order.** Meeting Agenda was approved with a few additions.
- 2. Executive:** Executive members introduced themselves and their position on the committee.

3. Fall and Winter Sport Convener Information:

Pages were reviewed and corrections and changes made. SOSSA website pages will be updated ASAP. Fall sport declarations include Denis Morris declaring up for all senior AAA sports and Sir Winston Churchill (4) declaring up for Senior boys v-ball.

4. Zone reports and concerns:

Zone #1 - Question was raised regarding the monitoring of the minimum number of swim practices required by school teams. Conclusion - we must have trust in the honesty of our coaches. Concern was raised regarding the low participation numbers, coaching shortage and cancelling of school football teams. This is a province wide trend and not just sport specific.

Zone #2 - No concerns.

Zone #3 & #4 - A shortage of football officials has become an issue for some boards on the peninsula. This can impact game times and force double header scheduling in some cases. It is however, a local league problem and no action can be taken by SOSSA.

5. Discussion Items:

A convener change was approved for girls senior AA basketball. A date change was approved for boys junior A v-ball. Both revisions are now on the website. Reminders will be sent out to P.E. designates and coaches that eligibility sheets must clearly indicate which students are competing in either the open division or the high school division in some individual sports.

SOSSA restructure was discussed at some length. It was agreed the rewriting of the constitutional and playing regulation clauses should begin as soon as possible. It was also clear that with four zones still making up SOSSA starting 2019-20 (same as we have now) rewording should not be as painful as first thought. Dino, Rina, and Mike volunteered to work through the playing regulations and constitutional revisions.

A reminder that OFSAA football is in Ottawa. The SOSSA champion must be prepared to fulfill our obligation and attend the event. Cost will be considerable. Second entry forms are trickling in slowly. The deadline is very soon and P.E. designates and school administration will be contacted and need to complete this task ASAP.

The future mandatory rotation of some SOSSA championships was introduced by Rina. With the existing expertise within the SOSSA family closing in on retirement others need to be ready to take over the convening of major activities. It was determined the sport's most at risk are; track and field, cross country, swimming, and badminton. All members agreed the mandatory rotation concept needs to become a reality perhaps as early as next year. Further discussion at future meetings will explore more details.

6. Transfer Committee:

Bob Gardiner reported the first appeal deadline came and went with no applications. He also reconfirmed contact information for transfer committee members. The cost of a transfer appeal will increase to \$100 as voted on at the AGM.

7. OFSAA report:

Bob and Jill will forward the many emails which they receive from OFSAA head office to executive members and sport co-ordinators. They can be circulated to P.E. designates and coaches in this way. It was identified that SOSSA will receive extra entries to OFSAA cross country as the host association.

8. Meeting dates:

Monday, Dec. 17th/2018

Monday, March 4th/2019

Wednesday, May 22nd/2019 - early meeting and social. (tentative)

AGM - Tuesday, June 25th/2019 - Peach King.

A.O.B.

SOSSA medals for both fall and winter championships were distributed to sport co-ordinators to further distribute to championship conveners. **Please note: both medals and lanyards can be reused every year so any extra should be collected returned to SOSSA.**

Adjournment : 8:35 p.m.