

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - Wednesday, Feb. 28th Peach King Centre

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

1. Call to Order - 6:45. December minutes and today's agenda approved.
2. Business arising from December minutes. The draft field hockey motion has the support of the executive and will be on the AGM order paper in June. The question of the junior threshold enrollment was tabled as OFSAA FTE numbers have not been provided. The flood out email on blow out games was generally well received and seemed to serve it's purpose of raising awareness of the issue among coaches. The question of how to handle the two divisions, (high school and open) at our individual championships was discussed. Badminton will require a change to playing regulations to accommodate two draws - one open and one high school for Sr. singles play only. The Sr. badminton convener, P.E. designates, and coaches need to be aware of these changes and coaches must identify students on the eligibility sheet as being either an open or high school competitor.
3. Financial. All membership fees are paid in full. There were still some schools considerably late submitting their fees. However, on time compliance is improving.
4. Website. Spring convener page was reviewed and corrections required were noted. Championship representation by zone for spring championships. See Appendix A.
5. Winter season wrap up/zone concerns. Zone 1 had nothing to report. Zone 2 is going through a restructuring and amalgamation process which was thoroughly explained by Brad. The zone 2 process will directly impact SOSSA and we should know more before the end of the school year. Zone 3 expressed a concern and re emphasised the changes needed to accommodate the high school and open divisions for badminton. Zone 4 had concerns regarding SOSSA conveners understanding their role in running championships and submitting information to the website.

6. Discussion items.

- a) Executive members were reminded of the importance of zone feedback getting to our OFSAA reps so they understand issues at OFSAA and vote accordingly.
- b) The proposal to move to three levels of championships for volleyball and basketball at the junior level was discussed. Financial and school representation concerns were identified. The issue may be on hold for a year as the zone 2 amalgamation decision will play a role.
- c) A.M. Myer partnership with the basketball academy. After discussion it was felt SOSSA will have to see how the program plays out in its first year. It is very important that athletes and parents are fully aware of all transfer and eligibility issues if they are making a decision to attend this program.
- d) Zone restructuring. Given the zone 2 amalgamation process Andy decided to table this issue.

7. 2018-19 SOSSA championship allocation. Process went reasonably well. A few championships are still without a convener - most notably Cross Country. Other championships still open include: Sr. Badminton, Alpine/Snowboarding, and Gymnastics. Depending on what happens at OFSAA we may remove gymnastics as a sport. The summary of zone allocations is included as an attachment.

8. Transfer committee. All is well. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

9. OFSAA report. The OFSAA office has moved location and the AGM will be mid April.

10. Classification declarations - none to report for spring season.

11. Meeting Dates:

Wed. May - 23rd - 4:00 Peach King - social to follow. Tentative Date Only.

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

12. A.O.B./Adjournment. Dino reminded everyone of the soccer referee's agreement that we assume will have to be signed again for this coming year. SOSSA signed last year but, has not been contacted as of this meeting. If necessary we will sign, doing so on a yearly basis.

Adjournment - 8:55 p.m.

Appendix A: Spring Championship Representation by Zone

The information below identifies which zones will or will not be sending teams to spring championships.

Note: Changes could still occur - this information is as of March 1st.

Girls Rugby: A/AA - no zone 1 or 2 rep. Zone 3 and 4 only - means one game championship.

AAA - no zone 2 rep. Zone 1 yes and zone 3 and 4 not sure.

Girls Soccer: A/AA - all zones have reps.

AAA - no zone 2 rep. (2nd entry from zone 1)

Boys Rugby: A/AA - no zone 1 or 2 rep. Zone 3 and 4 have a rep - one game only.

AAA - no zone 2 rep. Zones 1, 2, 3 have a rep. (2nd entry from zone 1)

Boys Soccer: A/AA - all zones have reps.

AAA - no zone 2 rep. Zones 1,3, and 4 have a rep. (2nd entry from zone 4)

Baseball: no zone 2 rep. Zones 1,3,and 4 have a rep. (2nd entry from zone 1)

Lacrosse: A/AA - no zone 1 rep. Zones 2,3,and 4 have a rep. (2nd entry from zone 4)

AAA - no zone 1 or 2 rep. Zone 3 and 4 have a rep. One game only.