

## **SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

Present: Kristina Alderdice, Scott Barr, Tim Jabs, Jill Steifelmeyer, Justin Pychel, Jon Cairns, Jamie Coull, Bob Gardiner, Sean Medeiros, Hana Roukema, Brian Fuller.

**1. Call to Order: 6:45** - agenda was voted on and passed without additions or deletions.

**2. Winter Championships:** A discussion regarding 2nd entries to OFSAA and challenge matches unearthed that Notre Dame will not be able to challenge for a second OFSAA entry in AAA boys' hoops as the school did not complete and submit a 2nd entry form to Jill. This information will be passed on to both N.D. and the AAA boys b-ball convener.

It is critical to keep the lines of communication open as SOSSA championships have had issues with zones not sending representatives on short notice. We realize conditions may change between our preseason zone commitment discussion at executive and the end of the season - this does not create issues provided we know early and can adjust to find a second entry - normally with the host zone.

**3. Spring Championship Conveners:** A.N. Myer will be giving up girls AAA soccer due to a conflict with boys AAA soccer which they are also hosting. Blessed Trinity has since picked up that championship. The Ultimate convener is listed as Tim Harvey from zone #1 - however, they are attempting to run the championship in zone #4 with the help of Eden H.S. - information will be updated on the website as it comes forward.

**4. Spring Team Sport Championships - Confirmation of Zone Entries:** SOSSA will need to follow up with zone coordinators early in the spring season to confirm the status of all four rugby championships. We may have full zone representation, need for 2nd entries, one game events, or possibly no championship at all.

Girls A soccer - host zone #1 will be providing the 2nd entry in the zone #2 spot.

Boys A soccer - host zone #4 will be providing the 2nd entry in the zone #2 spot.

**5. Distribution of championship medals.** All medals have passed to zone coordinators for distribution to SOSSA spring championship conveners.

**6. 2024-25 Championship allocation by zone** - see the updated 2024-25 spread sheets.

**7. Financial:** All membership fees have been submitted - although at least three schools were very late. It is too early to determine if we will be running an annual budget deficit or surplus. We did have a deficit annual budget last year and suggestions were presented to raise the per student membership fee paid by SOSSA schools. It will be discussed at the next executive with

a motion possibly coming forward. The executive and transfer committee mileage reimbursement will remain at 42 cents for next year.

**8. Website:** The SOSSA website has to be overhauled to accommodate the structure and wording of the new ONCA governance documents. Any membership input on what they like or dislike about the present site or what they might like to see moving forward would be helpful.

**9. Transfer committee report: Jamie Coull.** No transfers have come forward. There is an agreement that in person meetings with all transfer committee members present will be attempted over virtual if at all possible.

**10. OFSAA report - Scott Barr, Jill, Bob :** The SOSSA ONCA documents have been voted on and passed by SOSSA executive. They will need to be passed by the full membership at the AGM in June as well.

Scott Barr reports - OFSAA is looking at solving some repeating transfer issues related to new immigrant families and housing. Families tend to be very mobile until they can get themselves established and students are getting caught in the process. They are also dealing with issues around transfer and course specific schools within the same board.

There are still some opportunities for schools to get involved in OFSAA day celebrations on April 24th which mark the 75th anniversary of the organization. Check the OFSAA website for more information.

Jill Steifelmeyer has given notice she is retiring from teaching at the end of this year. This is wonderful news for her but, leaves huge shoes to fill at both her school and at SOSSA. The knowledge and experience that Jill has provided to our organization over the years will be sadly missed moving forward. We wish her all the best.

This also means the call is out to determine a replacement girls OFSAA rep. Please start this discussion in your schools and local athletic meetings.

**11. Human Rights Tribunal Ontario:** Both parties have submitted their updated summaries, and we are waiting for a communication back from the HRTO regarding next steps.

## **12. Future Meeting Dates/Vote for Adjournment /A.O.B**

- Executive meeting - Monday, May 13th - 6:45 - location T.B.D. (Peach King renovations)
- AGM - Tuesday, June 25th - location T.B.D. - (Peach King renovations)