

## **SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - Wednesday, May 30th - 4:00 - Peach King Centre**

Present: Brad McPherson, Jamie Coull, Christine Baillie, Rob Desson, Andy Cecchini, Jill Steifelmyer, Rina Rode, Dino Germano, Brian Fuller.

**1. 4:00 - Call to Order.** Minutes of Feb. meeting and today's agenda approved.

**2. Business arising from Minutes.** Junior threshold number was tabled. OFSAA change to two divisions in individual sports was discussed. The most important note moving forward is to communicate to coaches and conveners it is critical to indicate if an athlete is either high school or open division on the eligibility sheet.

**3. Financial:** Brief discussion on cost sharing for individual sports covered by SOSSA - this would include wrestling, cross country, swimming and track. No action taken at this time.

**4. Spring season wrap-up.** Major issues were identified with a lacrosse qualifier for girls' lacrosse which was being called a SOSSA championship. The event is neither sanctioned or approved and does not follow SOSSA constitutional regulations. Brian will make a contact with the event organizer and report back.

SOSSA track and field is far too long a day. Events have been added and coaches are leaving before the meet is over. Changes will take the form of motions on the AGM order paper.

**5. Classification appeals.** The Stamford classification appeal to move from AA to A was supported by the executive. It will move on to OFSAA.

**6. SOSSA executive positions.** Bob Gardiner will replace Jamie Coull as transfer chair. Jill Steifelmyer will replace Christine Baillie who is on a medical leave.

**7. Discussion items.** Zone restructuring was discussed as zone 2 will be leaving SOSSA to join CWOSSA in September of 2019. Further discussion will take place at the AGM regarding a solution. A model of some sort may have to be in place before the end of the AGM so executive can work out details and assign championships for the 2019-20 year. Executive Director will follow up with the members of this committee.

Spring championship dates which have a conflict. These championship have been the same dates for over 30 years. The OFSAA spring championships also occur on the same dates. Seasonal weather and field constraints, zone schedules, and OFSAA deadlines all squeeze these events onto the same day. SOSSA will attempt to avoid scheduling championships on the same day but, it is often not possible.

Some SOSSA sports have shown limited or decreasing participation. These activities are not a financial burden on SOSSA due to regulations in the funding formula. No action at this time.

2018-19 convener information needs to be collected and sent to Brian for the AGM.

The OFSAA football bowl series is in Ottawa next fall. SOSSA has accepted our bid. Schools and boards of education should understand the cost involved in participating in this championship.

When sport academies are connected to SOSSA schools all parties involved need to be diligent in documenting transfer dates and which sports these athletes participate in.

**8. AGM motions.** There will be two track and field motions and one field hockey. Also, a motion will address the cost of a SOSSA appeal which has not changed in 30 years. A motion may also be brought to the floor regarding restructuring.

**9. Transfer committee.** Nothing to report.

**10. OFSAA report.** Rowans Law on concussion protocol will have to be addressed in our regs. Ultimate Frisbee will have festival status at OFSAA next year. Baillie inquired if SOSSA may be willing to host a Coaching in Ontario Schools seminar - an excellent idea but, no immediate action was taken. There will be Try Day money available for next year.

**11. Executive meeting dates 2018-19.** Draft dates will be emailed to executive members for approval.

**12. Meeting adjourned 6:05.**