

SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - Wed., May 24th, Peach King Centre

Present: Jamie Coull, Rina Rode, Jill Stiefelmeyer, Christine Baillie, Scott Barr, Kristine Alderdice, Dino Germano, Mike Grobe, Brian Fuller.

1. Business arising from March 6th minutes - none. Items added as A.O.B. - see #11.
2. Financial: Confirmed the sharing of cost for track awards with GHAC and ROPSAA. SOSSA covered cost last year. Should be on a rotation basis with host region covering.
3. Website: More playing regulation updates on the way. New standard format for all sports. Request to put conveners email on championship information page. It is on the conveners tab but, coaches are having trouble finding contact information. Solution will be explored.
4. Spring season wrap up/zone concerns: Due to weather concerns and a short spring season Zone 1 is looking at playing a qualifying tournament for SOSSA to determine their rep, then finishing off the regular season later in May & June. There was serious and wide spread concerns raised with officials at the SOSSA track & field meet. Some officials did not have the necessary knowledge to be in charge of events. Safety is important as well as results may have been compromised. Further, it was determined the "track committee" for convening track and field did not work due to a complete lack of interest. In the future the SOSSA track event will be "co convened" in an attempt to spread the workload. Discussion regarding paying a certain number of key track officials had the support of the executive. No motion will come forward at this time. Zone 2 and 3 reported all is well and zone 4 had some issues that will be covered in #11 - A.O.B.
5. No classification appeals came forward.
6. SOSSA convener ships for next year are completely covered. Detailed information will be gathered on conveners and dates. A complete summary should be ready for the AGM in June.
7. Transfer Committee: Running smoothly.
8. Review of Motions for AGM: Two executive motions were supported, voted on, and carried by the executive. The baseball motion concerning (EP) - may already be in the ofsaa regulations. We will contact ofsaa to see if they are using it. It may stay on the order paper to just make coaches aware. Wrestling motion on proper uniform and how it is to worn will stay on the order paper and will require a mover and seconder.

9. Discussion Items: Soccer officials agreement was discussed. The process left many people with a bad feeling however, we are good for this year and will have to resign next year. We also discovered the contract clause on administrative cost per game is different from region to region. This will be discussed with the OSA before resigning next year.

Championships with low participation among member schools was highlighted as an issue for conveners of these events. Those volunteering to host SOSSA championships need to know they will be reimbursed according to constitutional rules. ($4\% \times \#$ of schools playing the sport) Therefore, if ten schools participate then ($4\% \times 10 = 40\%$ reimbursement of championship cost).

2017-18 executive members and positions was identified and confirmed.

10. Ofsaa Report: Ofsaa AGM was in early April. Many local SOSSA issues are also shared by regions around the province - finding coaches, cost, transportation and making sure school administration is made aware and is tuned into school sports. A summary of ofsaas motions both general and sport specific passed at the AGM can be found on the ofsaas website.

11. Any Other Business: Confusion with SOSSA dates and ofsaas deadlines from this spring season was determined to be a communication problem possibly related to the many changes at the ofsaas head office. Mention was made of sport conflicts on certain dates in the spring season. This topic comes up every few years and conclusions are always the same - scheduling constraints, bad weather, and ofsaas deadlines make it impossible to avoid conflicts. The topic of SOSSA trophies came up again. There seems to be no clear and economically feasible solution to our missing championship trophies. We have asked all member schools to bring trophies to the AGM on two or three occasions and had little response. Purchasing new trophies "suitable" to be SOSSA championship hardware would be far too expensive. The executive has determined we will hand out individual medals to all winning teams and trophies in sports where they exist and can be found.

The existing Fort Erie H.S. and Ridgway Chrystal Beach S.S. will close and move into the new Greater Fort Erie S.S. next year. The new school enrollment numbers are unknown at this time but, it was determined the school will play in the AA classification.

12. Adjournment - 5:30 p.m.