

AGM MINUTES

2016-17 SOSSA AGM - Minutes - Grimsby Peach King Centre - Tuesday, June 28th

1. Call to Order.

Welcome by administrative director Brian Fuller. Added to the agenda under A.O.B. were declarations for fall sports and track and field medals which were not picked up at the meet.

2. Financial Report.

Brian Fuller - administrative director. All SOSSA membership fees have been paid for the school year. Athletic designates are reminded that fees are due "officially" by the end of November and certainly before the winter holiday break. The loss of membership revenue due to closing schools and declining enrollment continued this year. The organization is almost \$1000.00 in the red on the 2016-17 school year with many reimbursement request for SOSSA championship cost and OFSAA entry fees still pending. More concerning is SOSSA is operating financially with no reserve fund as all assets have been transferred into general revenue to meet increased cost. Motion #1 on the order paper will be put forward to address the SOSSA financial situation.

3. SOSSA Information/discussion items.

a) Soccer referees agreement/contract. Dino Germano led a brief discussion on following up the first year with SOSSA and boards of education under the one year contract. All parties agreed we do not have much choice in the matter and will be looking to see what happens next year both provincially and locally.

b) Eligibility for Prep/Elite athletes and teams. Discussion was begun by transfer chair Jamie Coull. Detail were added by OFSAA reps Christine Baillie and Bob Gardiner. The updated wording with specifics can be found in the ofsa handout given to members at the AGM or on the OFSAA website.

c) SOSSA conveners. The item was open to the floor. The duties of SOSSA conveners and the responsibilities of teams/coaches who qualify for SOSSA accounted for most of the discussion. As with most issues more timely communication will solve almost all the concerns raised. This issue will be put on the executive agenda for first meeting in the fall.

4. Convener 2017-18 Update.

All SOSSA championships are covered for next year. The executive is still gathering convener and school information. The completed pages will be on the website ASAP.

5. Transfer Committee.

Transfer chair Jamie Coull reported on a light year for transfers and no concerns for the membership. Transfer committee members will remain the same for the 2017-18 year.

6. OFSAA Update.

Christine Baillie led the membership through the OFSAA summary handout provided. Bob Gardiner will return as OFSAA boys rep for SOSSA next year. Scott Barr, administrative rep to OFSAA reminded the membership that the issues of finances and lack of coaches being experienced by schools in SOSSA is a common thread throughout the province.

7. Order Paper. Summary of motions and results.

1. Financial changes to membership fees with individual school cost going up \$50 and FTE per student levy going up to 75 cents per student next school year - motion was passed.
2. Change in the revenue splitting formula for hosting OFSAA championships to match the OFSAA changes to their constitution, (80% to school and 20% to SOSSA) - motion was passed.
3. Wrestling motion to clean up wording on uniforms for safety reasons - motion was passed.
4. Baseball Motion for use of the EP - motion was passed.
5. Baseball Motion to clarify use of EP in relation to a designated hitter - motion passed.

8. 2017-18 executive.

Membership voted to accept the SOSSA executive for next school year.

9. Awards and retirements.

SOSSA acknowledges, thanks, and wishes all retiring teacher coaches for their career commitment to the students and member schools of SOSSA. The Pete Beach Award was presented to a very deserving Cindy Crosbie from Laura Secord for her endless volunteer hours organizing and coaching high school sports as well as her efforts in running SOSSA championships and serving on the SOSSA executive.

10. A.O.B.

Fall declarations for schools wishing to move up were collected. Declarations which are received by the administrative director in the next few days will also be accepted.

Thorold senior boys v-ball - AA up to AAA. Sir Winston DSBN - senior boys v-ball - up from AA to AAA. Eden junior boys and girls v-ball up from A to AA.

No member schools present collected any of the extra track and field medals available.

11. Adjournment.