

SOSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - September 30, 2024.

Present: Scott Barr, Jim Whittard, Jon Cairns, Jamie Coull, Tom Pain, Sean Medeiros, Hana Roukema, Kristina Alderdice, Jen Benoit, Meagan Schweitzer, Brian Fuller.

1. 6:50 - Call to order: Agenda accepted as presented.

2. Board of Directors: All board members introduced themselves and their positions. It should be noted that voting rights extend to Administrative Reps, OFSAA Reps, and Zone Reps. The SOSSA director and board of Education sport coordinators do not have voting privileges - although their presence at SOSSA board meetings is crucial to the organization,

3. Fall and Winter Sport Convener Information & Fall Season Reminders - Convener pages for the fall season were reviewed with no revisions required. Zones 3 & 4 are hosting boys football and will provide the second entry. Football semi-finals are Zone 1 vs the Zone 3/4 champions and Zone 2 vs the Zone 3/4 2nd entry. OFSAA 2nd entry commitment forms have been submitted by the majority of schools. Jamie and Dice will chase down and remind those who still have not complied.

4. Fall championship representation by zone - most fall team championships will have representation from all four SOSSA zones. Note: Field hockey - only two teams so a one game championship, Senior A boys v-ball - zone 4 will provide a second entry in the zone 2 spot in the semi-final draw. Senior A girls b-ball - zone 1 will provide the second entry as there is no zone 2 entry nor is there a available 2nd entry from the host zone 3.

5. Discussion Items: Financial. Membership fees will be due in November - an email will be flooded out as a reminder. SOSSA website - has a updated look and the new governing documents in place. A request from Fulbright Academy for SOSSA membership has been answered and we will wait for any further correspondence indicating their interest. Football helmet communication devices were discussed for SOSSA football. That issue was tabled until November awaiting further information from the OFSAA football SAC.

6. Transfer Committee: Jamie Coull - confirmed representatives from each zone. Discussion on the transfer section D(v) - bullying - consideration of putting together a form letter. We had a constructive conversation surrounding the danger of using such a form letter. Jim Whittard spoke to being happy to write a letter where warranted and that each situation is unique and that such a form letter might be dangerous as it won't tell the whole story. Scott Barr also felt a form letter could be misconstrued as it would likely not cover all situations.

7. OFSAA Update: OFSAA survey on full FIBA 24/14 clock changes. The group did not support the change and input received from school coaches also was not favourable. OFSAA will be

updating its policy on spectator conduct and new display materials should be coming to all schools. There is a possible change in OFSAA eligibility policy as legal arguments for both human rights and athlete safety are being discussed.

Schools hosting OFSAA Championships - SWC - boys "AA" V-ball, Boys and Girls "A" soccer - Saint-Jean-de-Brebeuf, and A/AA lacrosse festival by Denis Morris.

Remember - SOSSA will receive a second entry into these OFSAA championships.

8. Future Board Meeting dates:

Monday, Dec. 16th/2024

Monday, March ???/2025

Monday, April ???? - 2025

AGM - Tuesday, June 24th/2025 - location T.B.A.

9. A.O.B. - there was no new business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.