

## **SOSSA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - Monday, December 19, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Tim Jabs, Sandra Orr, Jill Stiefelmeyer, Tim Jabs, Andy Cecchini, Jamie Coull, Bob Gardiner, Hannah Roukema, Jen Benoit, Sean Mederios, Jim Whittard, Brian Fuller.

**1. Call to Order/agenda revisions:** 6:50 pm. Bob Gardiner added one agenda item regarding OFSAA rugby. The financial appeal originally on the agenda was withdrawn.

**2. Fall Championships:** Only one concern was raised regarding the communication of zone entries into SOSSA championships. In a couple of cases SOSSA conveners did not know if they had a full 4 team event only days before. We should remind all schools when they qualify a team for SOSSA it is the team coach's responsibility to contact the convener confirming their entry and attendance.

**3. Winter Championship Conveners:** All winter conveners are in place and the few typo corrections required will be made on the website.

**4. Winter Team Sports - Confirmation of Zone Entries:** In an effort to avoid the issues regarding zone entries identified in #2, a spread sheet identifying entries into winter championships was circulated and the group confirmed which zones we be sending teams.

- **SOSSA swimming update** - zone #1 will not be sending any swimmers to SOSSA this year as they could not find a convener in time to run a qualifying meet. The executive determined SOSAA swimming needs to be examined with the intent of eliminating zone qualifying meets in the same way wrestling had done 3 years ago.

**5. Distribution of championship medals:** Zone sport coordinators have all winter medals and will distribute them to SOSSA conveners via board mail. Thank You!

**6. Financial:** Membership fee submission has gone very smoothly. The few schools with outstanding fees are expected to comply before the winter break.

**7. Transfer committee report - Bob Gardiner:** Bob explained the decision arrived at by the transfer committee regarding the "prep" school athletes earlier in the year. The committee did come to a decision at odds with the recommendation made by the executive however, Bob explained the transfer committee heard the in-person evidence and made a ruling. He also rightfully pointed out we as the executive can make recommendations but, cannot compromise the transfer appeal process by telling the transfer committee how to vote.

**8. OFSAA report - Jill and Bob:** An issue arising at A/AA boys' rugby in Bellville regarding accommodation will likely not impact SOSSA as presently we have no A/AA boy's rugby.

- **ONCA - Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act:** this legislation which has become law

recently will require SOSSA to revise wording in our constitution and by-laws. We have until the fall of 2024 to complete the changes and submit our new documents to the province. Jamie Coull and Bob Gardiner have offered to assist.

- **Pete Beach Award:** Nominations were briefly discussed and Jill will submit our candidate to OFSAA.

**9. Sanction committee:** a SOSSA sanction committee heard all the provided evidence and concluded a baseball coach involved in a incident with an official at SOSSA will be suspended for the constitutional required game. The coach, the school and the local official's association have been made aware of and accepted the SOSSA decision.

**10. A.O.B. - SOSSA reserve account - student scholarships:** item was withdrawn by Andy.

**11. Future Meeting Dates/Adjournment:**

Executive Meeting dates -      Monday, March 20th                      Monday, May 1st

SOSSA AGM - Tuesday, June 27th - Blessed Trinity H.S.