

MINUTES
ALBERTA SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Annual Planning Meeting
November 29-30, 2012, Red Deer Lodge

In attendance:

Executive

Joyce Loucks, President
Garret Doll, Vice President
Kelle Hansen, Executive Member at Large
Tracy Sullivan, Director of Athletics
Daryn Galatiuk, Director of Athletics
Ken Zelez, Director of Athletics

Staff

John Paton, Executive Director
Michelle Ross, Deputy Director
Tyler Callaghan, Assistant Director
Michael Steele, Project Coordinator
Cori Wallace, Administrative Assistant

Commissioners

Steve Lush, Team Handball
Pat Forsyth, Girls Rugby
Pat Chizek, Officials
Darcy Younghans, Badminton
Rick Gilson, Football
Tim Schultz, Track & Field
Darryl Smith, Cross Country

Brent Skene, Curling
Greg Forsyth, Boys Rugby
Kimberly Chang, Cheerleading
Susan Moncks, Girls Volleyball
George Grant, Wrestling
Dean Sawatzky, Golf
Bonnie Fasoli, Sportsmanship

Zones

Vic Quan, Calgary Zone Rep
Kimberly McFarlane, Calgary Ind Rep
Chris Douglas, Edmonton Public Rep
Norma Smith, Edmonton Metro Rep
Angie Seaman, South Zone Rep
Shawna Pearman, Central Zone Rep
Jerry Flaws, South Central Zone President
Leslie Larson, South Central Zone Rep
Larry Wagner, Northwest Zone Rep
Daryl Venance, Northeast Zone Rep
Gerry Drebert, North Central Zone Rep

Greg Weir, Calgary Zone President
Danny Jeffrey, Edmonton Public Rep
Al Brenneis, Edmonton Metro Rep
Marg Derbyshire, South Zone Rep
Toby Boulet, South Zone President
Kerry Frissell, Central Zone Rep
Nathan Hodgson, South Central Zone Rep
Erin Martin, Northwest Zone President
Curtis Paulichuk, Northeast Zone Rep
Darren Dokken, Northeast Zone Rep

Other Board

Barb Young, HPEC
Anne-Marie Boucher, ASBA
Ian Reade, AUAA
Patrick Loyer, ATA

Dave Morris, CASS
Marvin Dobish, ASRPWF
Vang Ioannides, AUAA

Regrets

Jeff Bath, Alberta Education
Dr. Bob Day, ACAC
Ryan Reed, Boys Basketball

Darryl Christensen, Member at Large
Michael Vaughan, Boys Volleyball
Janice Laing, Girls Basketball

Meeting was put into session at 10:00 am

- 1.0 Presidents Remarks/Welcome and Establishment of Votes
Voting Strength: 41

- 2.0 Adoption of the Agenda
It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED
- 3.0 Minutes of Annual General Meeting, May 8-9, 2012
It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting as circulated, May 8-9, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED
- 4.0 Financials
- 4.1 Audited Statement: September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012
John discussed and reviewed the audited financial statement.
Discussion on the GST audit, number of grants
- It was moved and seconded to accept the Audited Statement for 2011/12
MOTION CARRIED
- 4.2 Interim Statement: September 1, 2012 – November 28, 2012
John discussed and reviewed the interim statement.
- It was moved and seconded to accept Interim Statement.
MOTION CARRIED
- 4.3 Appointment of Auditor for 2012/2013
- It was moved and seconded to appoint F. Dennis Ormrod C.A. as ASAA's auditor for the 2012/13 school year.
MOTION CARRIED
- 5.0 Business Arising
- 5.1 Team Handball request
Request to have sportsmanship banner presented to teams, to keep in line with other team sports, effective for the upcoming year of Provincials. This will be brought forward as a formal notice of motion at the AGM in May 2013.
Motion to accept the request to bring the Motion forward.
MOTION CARRIED
- 5.2 Football Notice of Motion – brought forward from Committee at the AGM
- Motion to accept the motion as presented below
MOTION CARRIED

Notice 24: Policy - Section III – Eligibility – A. Student Eligibility, Participation on a Non-School Team, page 37-38; and Section XIII – Football, B. Season of Play, page 91

Current:

Participation on a Non-School Team

1. To be eligible for high school provincial competition in the ASAA sports of basketball, volleyball, football, cheerleading, team handball and rugby, a high school student is not permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season...

Section XIII – Football B. Season of Play

The season of play for football shall be May 1 to the Provincial Championship...

Proposed:

Addition in both sections of policy:

In the sport of football, high school students will not be eligible for high school football if they participate on a community (ie. midget) football team that overlaps ASAA season of play and which does not follow the policies outlined below:

a) Only sixty percent (60%) of a midget team's players can be enrolled in one particular high school team. For clarity, sixty percent (60%) quota applies to Grade 10 and 11 players from any particular high school football team. This applies to Midget teams that ASAA eligible student athletes participate on immediately prior to the ASAA Football Season of Play in the spring.

b) Reporting – zone secretaries will be responsible for getting the rosters of the midget teams in their area, that will list the names of the athletes and what high school football team they play for. Zone secretaries will then report to the ASAA if there are any teams/players not adhering to the above rules.

c) Penalty – Any school team that is in violation of these rules will be deemed ineligible to play in any ASAA high school football match.

(Editors note: there has been significant discussion since the APM on this motion and further proposed changes will be brought forward at the AGM in May, 2013)

Rationale:

This is being brought back to the ASAA Board for a vote, following the decision of the Board at the 2012 AGM to move this item to a committee for further discussion. Upon convening a committee, the motion was re-worked and a compromise favourable to the committee has come to the floor.

The reason for this notice is so that midget teams do not simply become a tool for school teams to effectively extend their season of play by having a large majority of their players participating on the same community midget team and then begin ASAA Season of Play with a good two months or more of preparation ahead of other school football teams. Further, as the ASAA Board was concerned about the fact that ASAA has no governance over community sports groups like midget football, this motion makes compliance with the new policy a school and zone issue, not a midget football issue.

6.0 Reports

6.1 President

Joyce Loucks reported on progress of the ASAA and her involvement during her term as President. Noted the vast differences between Canadian and American high school sport after attending the NFHS meeting.

6.2 Executive Director

John provided an update on recruitment allegation hearing that was held.

6.3 AIAAA Report

Tyler provided updates on AIAAA. Moving forward with University recognition at a number of Universities. AIAAA conference will be June 20-22, 2013 in Canmore

6.4 WeCoach Report

6 courses are available now; three new ones are accessible to tablets and now work on any device; Athletic Injury Management course compatible with Sport Medicine Council; Alberta Coach Education voucher available for rebates on Fundamentals of Coaching cost; agreement with NFHS to host the Concussion course on wecoach website, easier to track and register; Safety Guidelines and Legal Issues for Coaches ready Spring 2013, sport specific courses for basketball, volleyball and track & field in 2013/14 (LTAD model, more geared to the beginning coach); Ambassadors to go out to the zones to bring awareness of the course availability.

- 6.5 Commissioners: Track, Rugby, Golf, Cross Country, Football and Volleyball
Written reports were reviewed and commissioners provided highlights which included the following recommendations:
- Track: consider a 400 m hurdles event, seeding the 4 x 400m relay
 - Rugby: remove the rankings and have lottery day before
 - Cross Country: have an area set up for colleges & universities, consider have male and female champions in each category
 - Football: increased security in light of incident between fan and official at this year's Alberta Bowl, turf requirement for all levels for semi-finals
 - Volleyball: address issue of some zones having only 1-2 teams competing for Provincial spot while other zones have 20+ teams competing; look into ranking at the 3A level

6.5 Other Reports

SSC: John provided a verbal report. The annual meeting for the SSC was hosted by Alberta and held in Banff in September. SSC will cover most of the cost of rebranding the online coaching courses to be Canada-wide. Nike Grand Prix event to be single school teams in the future, not combined.

HPEC: Barb Young gave a verbal report on the progress HPEC has been making. May 3-5 conference in Medicine Hat, Jan 24-26 EverActive Shaping the Future conference in Kananaskis. HPEC will drive out to different sites to offer courses, just contact to arrange www.hpec.ab.ca

Alberta Education: written report provided to all delegates by Jeff Bath, with details on the new Education Act that was passed. Highlights were recognizing role of parents in the education system, curriculum redesign with collaborative ventures with education stakeholders, the High School Wellness Project for 2012-13, and the Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund

CASS: Dave Morris gave a verbal report on effects of the new Education Act, and how appeals and eligibility aligns with it

AUAA: Ian Reade gave a report on Alberta Sport Development Centre in Alberta (7) established in universities; not really a good connection with high schools, the intent is supposed to effectively have a network within the schools, especially for coaches, sport medicine consultants, that high schools could be pulling for resources; requested that Athletic Directors bring ideas on how they think the Sport Development Centres should run and provide services; UofA has a new Master's of Coaching program, grade 8-12 coaching, ideally their students could go to high schools (rural and urban) as part of the program; addressed the recognition of ASAA and AIAAA courses at university level – possibly the transfer credit program, suggests approaching the academic administration at colleges, as so many first and second year students are at the college level and have credit transfer programs in place

ASBA: Anne-Marie Boucher reported on attending a Health and Nutrition conference in September to tie in the healthy lifestyles in schools

ATA: Patrick Loyer addressed ongoing issues with some zones for exemption from Teacher's Conventions to attend Zone finals; Central-East now allowing Friday afternoon off, and letters will be written for teachers in Mighty Peace region

ASRPWF: Marvin Dobish discussed the money Premier Redford promised in election platform - \$10 million as an overall injection in the Spring, \$50-60 million for activities after school. Forum to discuss the funding structure in Red Deer in March (date TBD) to renew the Alberta Sport Plan

It was moved and seconded to accept all reports.

MOTION CARRIED

7.0 New Business

7.1 Spring 2014 Bids

Uncontested:

7.1.1 2A Boys Basketball – Picture Butte, South zone

7.1.2 3A Boys Basketball – Winston Churchill, South zone

7.1.3 4A Boys & Girls Basketball – Chinook High & Magrath High, South zone

It was moved and seconded to accept all Uncontested bids.

MOTION CARRIED

Contested Bids:

7.1.4 It was determined by ballot that Clear Water Academy (CISAA) will host the 1A Girls Basketball Provincials.

7.1.5 It was determined by ballot that Glendon School (NE) will host the 1A Boys Basketball Provincials

7.2 Appeals and Transfers online process

Michelle Ross gave a presentation of the online transfers and appeals process to begin in January; information covered included ExNet passwords to be used; school administration to start process for appeals; tutorial will be given to all schools.

7.3 Volleyball 50th Anniversary presentation

Kelle Hansen, Maurice Richard, Michelle Ross, Barb Young presented on status of planning for the 50th anniversary for November 2013.

4 draw options were presented to the Board for review and consideration.

ACTION ITEM: keep the draws status quo for the 50th anniversary

7.4 Badminton presentation

Darcy Younghans & Jeff Bell from Badminton Alberta discussed changes to the Provincial Badminton format which included seeding options; officials program of high school students; feather shuttles to be used for singles play. All information was presented to the Board for consideration.

ACTION ITEM: Badminton commissioner to bring notice of motion forward for AGM to implement new changes

7.5 ATA – zone basketball convention conflicts

Refer to discussion in Patrick Loyer's report above

7.6 Transfer discussion

Al Brenneis discussed ASAA information in 2012/13 ASAA Policy Handbook that says "ASAA Bylaws and Policy are intended to provide direction in the areas of equitable competition and ethical standards for all involved with the school athletic program"; provided statistics on transfers to date since new transfer form was adopted last school year; transfer policy a round table discussion to see if it needs to be changed in policy

7.7 School Sport Symposium

John discussed questions that should be presented at the School Sport Symposium; round table discussion to cover subjects and targets

7.8 Round table discussions

The Board broke into smaller discussion groups. Round table discussion topics included: Transfers, School Sport Symposium, Junior Varsity, the Mission of the ASAA

Motion for the ASAA to host a JV meeting at the expense of the Zones

MOTION WITHDRAWN

ACTION ITEM: meeting of zones to discuss how JV is dealt with for consensus, request by Larry Wagner to have notes from round tables JV discussion sent to all members; Add Zone Secretary JV Meeting to agenda

ACTION ITEM: symposium to strike up committee to move forward with planning of School Sport Symposium in early 2013

Motion to create a committee to look at the current transfer policy and bring forward any notices of motion for the AGM

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: revisit vision and objectives and add to strategic plan

7.9 Track/Rugby date change request of the Board

Request Withdrawn

7.10 Joint Schools

Marg Derbyshire would like to put a notice of motion forward at the AGM to allow volleyball teams to receive students on joint teams from more than one school; discussion of whether that should be for all sports (current policy only cheerleading, football and rugby), if schools can be in different zones.

7.11 WeCoach Accreditation

Request for input on whether accreditation should be offered for WeCoach courses; discussion on how WeCoach is not currently aligned with Coaching Association of Canada due to many cross-overs with their own courses; question of what benefit if courses are not mandated to all coaches; the intent if accredited can be more available for professional development, school boards may recognize it.

ACTION ITEM: mail out the excerpt of the WeCoach information from the Policy Handbook to all principals and superintendents

7.12 Transgender Issue

Discussion has come up at the SSC meeting in the past and some of the other provinces have already dealt with this issue in their high schools; Universities and Colleges working with NCAA to create a policy; BC has passed a policy to address transgender athletes – should this be something ASAA has a preemptive stance on?

ACTION ITEM: send out transgender policy from other provinces and/or states for membership to consider

8.0 ASAA AGM Date & Location: May 9-10, 2013 Edmonton (location TBD)

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.