

**WEB MINUTES**  
ASAA Executive Meeting  
Thursday, February 26, 2015  
Percy Page Centre, Edmonton  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

In Attendance:	Garret Doll, President	John Paton, Executive Director
	Tom Christensen, Vice-President	Michelle Ross, Deputy Director
	Ken Zelez, Director of Athletics	Elyshia Korobko, Admin Assistant
	Heather Bartling, Director of Athletics	
	Michael Vaughan, Director of Athletics	
	Marg McCuaig-Boyd, Member at Large	

Meeting was put into session at 9:15 a.m. by Garret Doll

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Meeting brought to order at 9:15 a.m.

- 1.0 Adoption of the agenda (including amendments/additions if any)  
Motion to accept agenda with 2 new amendments  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 2.0 Adoption of the minutes from the Executive Meeting of January 15, 2015  
Motion to accept the minutes from the Executive Meeting of January 15, 2015  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 3.0 Adoption of the web minutes from the Executive Meeting of January 15, 2015  
Motion to accept the web minutes from the Executive Meeting of January 15, 2015  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 4.0 Financial
  - 4.1 Interim Financial Reports to February 25, 2015  
Financial Reports discussed by John  
Motion to accept Interim Financial Reports to February 25, 2015  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 5.0 Reports
  - 5.1 Staff  
John- attending Alberta Sport Connection task force meetings; attended NFHS citizenship and equity meeting in Indianapolis and while there, met with CSMG and NIAAA; will be at a meeting hosted by Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse in Ottawa (on behalf of SSC) re drugs in sport, and then with Canadian Tire on possible sponsorship opportunities; attended first CIAAA course delivery in BC; attended South zone meeting; continuing communication with regards to Re-imagining School sport as well as Special Olympics and Unified Sports project  
Michelle – working with Digital Echidna on process of starting website revamp; conducted website tutorial with all upcoming hosts; busy liaising with wrestling, curling, cheer and basketball hosts; attended football meeting to discuss change in tiering; scholarship application is out and finalized; IMPACT workshop promo pieces and application done and sent  
Elyshia –been working on late registrations, yearbook, sent out the pkgs for provincials  
Tyler – delivered CIAAA courses & workshops in BC, had 46 participants; went to Indy with John for follow up meeting regarding International PD; Grace College is potentially going to be full time sponsor of CIAAA – in negotiations on amount; TQS is recognized in AB, SK and MB and working on ON – BC requires more information; AIAAA attended 5 Alberta Teacher Conventions, and had 9 workshops in all, with 220 people

participating; submitting a proposal to Canadian Tire for financial support of a new course

Mike - Volleyball and Basketball courses went live 2 weeks ago; sent out emails to all the AD's and posted on website, and tweeted about it; Grace College –would like to offer a graduate certificate made up of online courses; working on a Track & field course; attended one Teachers Convention

5.2 Executive – brief comments were provided by Executive members

5.3 Compliance Officer – Ian provided an update on the transfer numbers broken down by zone and reasons; currently sitting at 494 transfers; “f” category (other reasons) is still the leading reason for transfers; putting together a survey for AD's to get feedback on transfer policy and to get a sense of direction as to how to strengthen policy

6.0 Business arising

6.1 Action Item updates

Action items and follow-ups were reviewed and discussed.

**ACTION ITEM:** John to speak to Michael Keyes about how to present information to school Principal (hard copy or discussion)

The challenges with hotels.tv were discussed.

Motion to discontinue sponsorship with hotels.tv after basketball provincials

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.0 New business

7.1 Appeals/requests:

7.1.1 Updates on Appeals Hearing – John and Garret provided an update: 4appeals were approved, 1 denied

7.1.2 Caroline School Host Subsidy Request

Motion to accept Subsidy Request to reimburse \$500

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.1.3 Monsignor McCoy Football Camp request

Motion to accept request

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.1.4 St. Dominic Catholic Basketball Travel Trip

Motion to accept request

**MOTION DENIED**

All rationale provided to include in response to school.

7.2 Bids

7.2.1 3A Girls Basketball 2016 – Olds Jr/Sr High, South Central Zone

Motion to accept

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.2.2 Rural Wrestling 2016 –LCI

Motion to accept

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.3 Basketball Alberta – Paul Sir

Executive Director of Basketball Alberta attended meeting to discuss furthering the partnership with ASAA and working together to tackle current hurdles and new initiatives. Some of the issues discussed were player development; coach development; LTAD; officials (CTS courses were discussed as an option: REC2120: Coaching 1, REC3120: Coaching 2, REC 3130: Officiating)

**ACTION ITEM:** strike up a committee with BA and ASAA to work on strategies moving forward

- 7.4 September 2015 Volleyball tournaments (calendar dates are later than usual)  
Due to the calendar year for 2015/16 school year falling earlier than usual, schools are wondering if the late start to the school year means that they can't run their annual tournaments the first week of September, as is done every year. The request was made to ASAA to see if this was going to be an issue.  
The Executive discussed it and didn't feel there was any violation of policy and season of play remains intact.

**ACTION ITEM:** To inform schools that even if schools are not starting classes until September 8, they are still permitted to practice and compete from September 1 onwards in volleyball (no need to address XC and Football as policy already allows an Aug 16 start.

- 7.5 Geographic Isolation Policy & Parameters  
Question was asked as to whether we need to keep this policy in place due to the expansion of schools in some of the remote areas, which the policy was originally intended for. This request has been made a couple of times and ASAA will keep it and continue to deal with it as requested. The intent of the policy is that it should be the whole team participating in the league, not individuals.

**ACTION ITEM:** communicate with the NE and NW zones about the policy and its implementation/intention

- 7.6 Football Canada – Making Head Way concussion course mandate  
Football Canada has come out with a mandate that all coaches must take the Making Head Way concussion course. ASAA will continue to mandate their online concussion course and this just means that football coaches will now be required to take both courses.

- 7.7 Safety Guidelines mandate for provincial hosts  
Schoolcoach.ca offers an online Safety Guidelines course and it is felt that all hosts of provincial championships should be required to take the course. The course is only an hour long and staff feel one member of the planning committee should have to take it; the bid application will need to be changed to reflect this new requirement and this will be something that is requested of the 2015/16 hosts and ASAA will provide a free license to each ASAA host school

**ACTION ITEM:** include this in the bid application and in the hosting handbook

- 7.8 Unified Project – Special Olympics  
ASAA has been in communication with Special Olympics to work toward a unified program which include able bodied students participating and competing with or partnered with special needs students in team sports. ASAA will be working on a grant with Special Olympics to work toward funding for this project/program but need to do some research first. Application to ASC is due April 14, 2015 and would request annual funding for a P/T position for four years.

**ACTION ITEM:** Connect with CASS to survey Associate Superintendents or Learning Services staff at school boards to obtain accurate numbers of students at the mild or moderate cognitive disability level.

- 7.9 ASAA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – AIAAA/CIAAA conference

ASAA will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015/16; discussion was had on possibly doing an anniversary dinner in coordination with the AIAAA/CIAAA conference in late June of 2016. ASAA AGM will still have banquet for Routledge winner and outgoing Executive/Commissioners; 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASAA is also the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hall of Fame and will honour Hall of Fame inductees; WEM is the host site for the conference; details to be worked out, including a budget. The Executive were supportive of the concept if it can fit with the CIAAA conference.

**ACTION ITEM:** for staff to work on an event budget for discussion at the April, 2015 Executive meeting.

7.10 Game Limits

ASAA will be proposing a notice of motion to include game limits or practice minimums in most current team sports. Research was gathered from counterparts across Canada and ASAA feels that these limits need to be in place in Alberta, not only for insurance and liability issues but also to reinforce the Long Term Athlete Development philosophy. Commissioners of each of the sports were asked for feedback and feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of doing something like this.

**ACTION ITEM:** Notice of motion will be put forward to address game limits and/or practice minimums

7.11 Notices of Motion

Possible notices of motion coming forward from the Executive were discussed; not many coming forward at this point.

**ACTION ITEM:** Notice of Motion for transferring in from out of province/country needs to be created (p. 45, the NB)

7.12 ASAA reps at Provincial events

Reps to upcoming provincial championships was discussed and finalized.

7.13 IMPACT Workshops

Executive worked on timeline and details for the upcoming workshops.

**ACTION ITEM:** order supplies for workshop

7.14 Badminton

North East zone expressed concern with intent of the new policy that allows schools to submit two teams in team events instead of one. Zone concern is that larger schools have a better chance of sending two teams to provincials which may minimize points earned towards team banners by smaller schools.

**ACTION ITEM:** Michelle to work with badminton commissioner to get information from all zones as to how they will be running their zones; once feedback is provided ASAA Executive can decide if clarification on intent of policy needs to be made

7.15 New Executive

Applications/resumes for the Director of Athletics position on the Executive were discussed.

7.16 Next Meeting: April 15, 2015, Edmonton

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.