

WEB MINUTES
ASAA Executive Meeting
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Percy Page Centre, Edmonton

In Attendance: Tom Christensen, President	John Paton, Executive Director
Heather Bartling, Director of Athletics	Josh Boyd, Assistant Director
Elyshia Korobko, Admin Assistant	Joyce Loucks, Member at Large
Michael Steele, Assistant Director	Shanna Kurylo, Unified Sports
Hank Smid, Director of Athletics	Dave Jones, Past President
Michael Vaughan, Director of Athletics	

Meeting was put into session at 9:11 a.m. by Tom Christensen

Meeting brought to order at 9:11 a.m.

- 1.0 Adoption of the agenda (including amendments/additions if any)
Motion to accept the adoption of the agenda
MOTION CARRIED
- 2.0 Adoption of the minutes from the Executive Meeting of January 14, 2016
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- 3.0 Adoption of the web minutes from the Executive Meeting of December 2, 2015
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- 4.0 Adoption of the web minutes from the Executive Meeting of January 14, 2016
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5.0 Financial

- 5.1 Interim Financial Reports to March 3, 2016
Financial Reports discussed by John
Motion to accept the Interim Financial Reports to March 3, 2016
MOTION CARRIED

6.0 Reports

6.1 Staff

Elyshia: been working on banquet and contacting zones for invites; checking eligibility for Curling; late registrations; yearbook; getting the rest of provincial packages ready; storage room organization; helping to get ASC Report in for the deadline; processing nominations for Hall of Fame and Routledge Award

John: SSC meeting Ottawa - working with SSC members in an effort to have a formal relationship with CAC and its provincial/territorial coaching representatives; goal for school sport associations across the country to offer the same Coach Ed initiatives. Supporting a professor who wants to do a study to look into the barriers of NCCP certification for coaches - 70% have some sort of NCCP training but are not certified; Has been receiving requests for interpretations on the Transgender Policy from schools and school divisions; had a conference call meeting with Tom and Michael Keyes on the Transfer Policy and the wording; was in Australia on vacation and was in regular communication with the office throughout, but also met with counterparts in Australia; met with independent schools of New South Wales (NSW) and is sharing resources from CIAAA and scholcoach.ca; also his counterpart for state of NSW, and the Executive Director of Australian Council for Health Phys. Ed and Recreation - hoping for some

collaborative opportunities; have been reviewing the transgender policy and how we can provide additional clarification for ASAA member schools and others, and will be working on a survey about how many transgender students have been identified, and how many are playing sport, is there an opportunity to interview a few to gather more information – John feels it is up to ASAA to take the leadership role in this, and create a clarification piece to send to the Minister for review.

Mike: will attend six teachers conventions this year to do online coaching sessions - feedback has been good so far. Working on a new grant in relation with Canada's 150th birthday - 3 proposals, including an International School Sport conference, new Fundamentals of Coaching Course and a Cross-Canada run initiative. Attended several meetings with John while in Ottawa for SSC meeting including CAC, CCES (substance abuse course), CCSA and Dr. Martin Camire; will be meeting with the PTCR's in April; also met with Athletics Canada and they are committed to get the Track course completed, suggesting to SSC meeting that the goal to have it done by April but not convinced that is feasible; has been helping with the new website and host website templates, etc.; pleased that NFHS royalty payments will be in Canadian dollars now; started working on the outline for the bylaws/policy course and we will hopefully have it launched for September; meeting with Sarah Hoffman who is the Health Minister/ASAA office constituency MLA with John and Dave to seek support for a recent CIP Grant application.

MOTION

That the ASAA develop a short online course on ASAA bylaws and policies (course name TBD). Plan to make mandatory for all coaches via Notice of Motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Josh: Rural Wrestling went really well. Concern over Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission (LCSC) requiring the host to sign a form effectively giving LCSC some authority over the event; Curling is coming up starting today; next weekend is Provincial Wrestling at Bev Facey; only difficulty is getting the host websites up in a timely manner, but will work on this; basketball officials meeting was good, signed a one year contract and will look to a three year agreement next year; handball has made the push to go to Hummel balls, which aren't widely sold. United Cycle will be bringing in Hummel balls, but our sponsor only sells *Select* balls, Don Horne is seeking a resolution, potentially via a different sponsor; met with Leigh Bretzlaff at Oilfields High about Volleyball next year; Rural Wrestling is struggling with numbers, so we should look to ways to inform and enhance; had another call with Digital Echidna on the registration system, we will be able to do most ourselves; was at SWATCA Conference in Lethbridge for schoolcoach.ca; idea of changing the names for Cheer levels - been in talks with man from Edmonton, Michelle (Metro Athletics) and Jennifer Guiney (Cheer Commissioner); meeting at the U of A on Para Sports - 8 week clinic through May and June, target is all para athletes cost is associated with clinic, come one and all. We are looking at running a clinic in early May in partnership with Athletics Canada.

Shanna: Canada's first Unified Basketball team is at Bishop McNally High in Calgary; has a few other schools in the province signed up to be on board; went to Arizona for a Unified Sports Meeting, was expensive to go to, but they do this every year, and would recommend other exec members/ or someone who is currently involved in Unified to go to the event (over 200 delegates); getting ready to go to Washington with Special O to the State games, has volunteered to run the Unified Basketball events, and hope to see some of the other events; trying to plan 2 smaller unified basketball Jamboree's May 27 at Saville and June 10 at U of C - trying to make it a minimal commitment, the ATA is sending out a reporter/photographer to Bishop McNally, and Shanna will be sending out press releases to local media for the May and June events.

Tyler: 50th student is starting up at Grace College; revamped CMAA for re-launch in June; 700C (Jr high course) is getting ready for launch in Istanbul; heading to Istanbul with Kelle Hansen and Scott Bezubiak for the CEESA Conference; 502/710 being run at Lethbridge; have delivered four courses to 20 Athletic Directors over the exam break; productive meeting with Ian Press in Ontario and drafted a framework to roll things out in Ontario after and approval from OFSAA and CIAAA.

- 6.2 Executive - brief comments were provided by Executive members
- 6.3 Appeals Committee – 2 appeals have occurred since last Executive Meeting: A Conference Call Appeal in February regarding a Policy Appeal for Joint School crossing zone boundaries: the appeal was approved. The second appeal occurred March 2 and was a 4th Year appeal for participation in the 2016/17 School Year: the appeal was denied.

7.0 Business arising

7.1 Action Item updates

Action Items and follow-ups were reviewed and discussed

7.2 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was discussed and worked on by the Executive. The Executive will continue discussion at Goal 2, Point 3 at next Committee Meeting.

7.3 Transfer Policy

Committee needs to meet and come up with policy as a Notice of Motion for presentation at the AGM in May

ACTION: Committee needs to meet to create new transfer policy NOM

7.4 Transgender Policy follow ups: Education Ministry document/ATA, etc.

The Executive briefly viewed the Best Practice Guidelines from Alberta Education, and reviewed points 5 and 6 in particular. John will work on an ASAA response to the Guidelines and its impact on/relationship with the ASAA's *Student-Athlete Sexual Orientation and gender Equity Policy*.

ACTION: ASAA will look at and create a process for changing gender designation in the online registration system as needed in applicable situations. This will mostly require clarification and confirmation from the school principal.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Appeals/Requests

8.1.1 Rugby Question re: Joint Schools

Last year, there was a student who wished to do a joint school with another school for rugby but was denied because the school did not want to have their tier changed due to taking on the his school's population to determine Tier level. This year with the addition of a new tier to Rugby, the school is willing to accept the student as there won't be changes to their Tier this year. The Executive is willing to allow the student to switch schools for Rugby as the circumstances have changed with the addition of a third Tier in ASAA rugby.

ACTION: Josh to confirm that both schools are ok with the change of the student, and have administration sign off on request as well.

8.2 Disciplinary

Student that is registered at school A played 3 games at School B. Through correspondence, ASAA has been informed that the Athletic Director at School B has suspended the team and the coach from further participation in the season, administration was also consulted.

ACTION: John to send a letter of correspondence regarding this issue –school has dealt with disciplinary issue appropriately.

8.3 Bids

8.3.1 Curling – Catholic Central

Motion to accept Curling Provincial Bid

MOTION CARRIED

8.4 Para Athletics

At Track & Field Provincials this June, 100M, 200M, and Shot Put will be added for Para Events. Next year (2016/17 season) we will consider adding the 800M and a jump. There will be a clinic held (date and location TBA) to teach coaches about para events. Tim Schultz has been working on a points system (for ASAA school team points) that will be based on the number of para athletes that compete in an event. A discussion occurred on the best way to get this information out to our schools – who is best to contact? It was discussed that the Athletic Director and the Inclusive Ed department need to be contacted about this, as well as inclusive education departments at School Divisions.

8.5 Hall of Fame Nominations:

Hall of Fame Nominations were down this year, and the Executive considered from a variety of suggested nominees and chose additional people for the Hall of Fame in the categories where more nominations were required. Nominees chosen for award this year were decided upon.

8.6 Routledge Award Nominations

The Executive reviewed the nominations that were submitted, and decided unanimously on one of the nominees as the recipient of the Routledge Award for 2016.

8.7 IMPACT Leadership Workshop – Olds

The Leadership Workshop is in the final stages of planning/re-working sessions and then Josh will be sending the information out to schools for registrations.

8.8 Sanctioning Policy – Notice of Motion for Late Sanction Fee

Many schools and post-secondary institutions are very late in submitting Sanction forms, thereby requiring office staff to drop everything to process them in short order.

MOTION

To add a \$200 penalty for any group that is required to complete a sanction form if the form is received less than 30 days prior to the proposed event. Implementation for the 2017/18 school year.

MOTION CARRIED

8.9 Table Cloth Damage from a provincial host

2 of the new ASAA Provincial Championship Tablecloths were damaged or soiled. There were stains on both, and happy face stamps throughout the logos. Josh has taken the tablecloths to the drycleaners and the Host will be billed for the dry cleaning.

8.10 AGM Golf Tournament

ASAA is hosting their first adult Golf Tournament for adults. The tournament will take place on May 13th, in the afternoon after the AGM has concluded. Entries will be \$75/person which includes a steak dinner; the first 72 entries will be accepted. Executive will be helping to get prizes so each golfer gets one. Hole Sponsorships will be sought as well.

ACTION: Josh and Dave to finalize letters for gifts to various companies/ also to finalize Golf Tournament Info/Entry Form so that they can be sent out.

8.11 60th Banquet

John and Joyce have asked Steven Patrick to MC the Banquet, and he has accepted; John and Joyce would like Larry Wagner to provide a brief speech as he is the longest serving member of ASAA; as well and John Short to provide greetings from ASC. Elyshia is continuing to work on guest lists as provided by Zones; working to get the invitation out to guests by middle of March.

8.12 Notices of Motion for AGM

Notices of Motion will be developed by the Staff/Executive for: Transfer Policy, Housekeeping Changes for Policy Handbook, Late Sanction Fee, new ASAA policy online course.

8.13 Stunt Presentation – Jennifer Guiney (Cheer Commissioner)

Jennifer went to Orlando at the end of January to learn about Stunting. She provided the ASAA Executive with an overview of Canadian vs American Cheer to give the Executive a greater understanding of the differences. Stunting has 2 teams on the mat and they compete against each other with pre-choreographed dances, there are 4 quarters with 3 rounds and teams must learn up to 6 routines for each quarter. Stunting also has 1 ref and 2 judges. Teams are made up of 26 people with only 16 on the mat at a time which allows teams to play to the strengths of their teammates. This is a cheaper alternative to cheer, has a shorter season and uniform is typically a t-shirt in school colours and shorts. Jennifer has been in contact with Victoria School and would like to do a demonstration of Stunting with Victoria and Paul Kane during the AGM. Another option called Game Day Cheer was also reviewed and the Executive liked both Stunt and Game Day options.

Jennifer also suggested ways to make Cheer Provincials run a bit more smoothly as well as generate a bit more income – e.g. vip seating at a premium, pre-purchased box lunches for athletes, photos available for purchase after competition, giant schedules of events, coaches pre-play music prior to competing to make sure no sound issues, longer times for judging, parents area for viewing (watch their team, then move from assigned area for next group of parents).

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.