

MINUTES
ALBERTA SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Annual Planning Meeting
December 3-4, 2015 Radisson Hotel, Red Deer

In attendance:

Executive

Tom Christensen, President
Dave Jones, Past President
Joyce Loucks, Executive Member at Large
Michael Vaughan, Director of Athletics
Hank Smid, Director of Athletics
Heather Bartling, Director of Athletics

Commissioners

Kate Greabeiel, Team Handball
Jerry Flaws, Girls Rugby
Kevin MacAlpine, Badminton
Neil Domstad, Wrestling
Dean Sawatzky, Golf
Darryl Smith, Cross Country
Erin Martin, Girls Volleyball
Brent Skene, Curling

Zones

George Hoyt, Edmonton Metro Zone Rep
Michelle Ross, Edmonton Metro Zone Secretary
Deana Helton, Calgary Zone President
Meagen Kelm, North East Zone Rep
Daryn Galatiuk, North East Zone President
Daniel Hein, North Central Zone Secretary
Kent Lessard, North Central Zone Rep
Stephen Lush, Central Zone President
Brad Burns, Central Zone Rep
Leigh Bretzlaff, South Central Zone Rep
Marg Derbyshire, South Zone Secretary
Toby Boulet, South Zone Rep

Other Board

Barb Young, HPEC
Maurice Richard, ASBA

Regrets

Jeff Bath, Alberta Education
Mark Kosak, ACAC

Staff

John Paton, Executive Director
Michael Steele, Assistant Director
Josh Boyd, Assistant Director
Elyshia Korobko, Administrative Assistant
Shanna Kurylo, Unified Sports
Ian MacGillivray, Compliance Officer

Jennifer Guiney, Cheerleading
Greg Forsyth, Boys Rugby
Rick Gilson, Football
Nathan Hodgson, Boys Volleyball
Wade Hicks, Girls Basketball
Jeromy Hall, Boys Basketball
Tim Schultz, Track & Field

Rob Hofstede, Edmonton Metro Zone Rep
Ralene Goldade, Calgary Zone Secretary
Paul D'Angelo, Calgary Ind. Zone Rep
Curtis Paulichuk, North East Zone Vice President
Larry Wagner, North West Zone Secretary
Kelle Hansen, North Central Zone President
Shawna Pearman, Central Zone Secretary
Warren Aspenes, Central Zone Rep
Ryan Duffet, Central Zone Rep
Sandy Green, South Central Zone President
Randy Whitehead, South Zone President

Katie Spriggs, AUAA
Marvin Dobish, ASC

Bonnie Fasoli, Sportsmanship
Patrick Loyer, ATA

Meeting was put into session at 10:10 am

1.0 President's Remarks/Welcome and Establishment of Votes

Voting Strength: 40

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda .

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Minutes of Annual General Meeting, May 7-8, 2015

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the Annual General Meeting as circulated May 7-8, 2015

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 Financials

4.1 Audited Statement: September 1, 2014-August 31, 2015

The audited statement was reviewed.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Audited Statement for 2014/15

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Interim Statement: September 1, 2015 – December 3, 2015

John discussed and reviewed the interim statement.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Interim Statement

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 Appointment of Auditor for 2015/2016

It was moved and seconded to appoint F. Dennis Ormrod Professional Corporation as the ASAA Auditor for the 2015/16 school year.

MOTION CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising (mostly from AGM) – may be deferred to discussion topics

5.1 Transfer Policy (may defer to Agenda Item 6.9)

5.2 Game Limits Policy

A Committee from around the province met to discuss some recommendations, they came up with 4 options that have been shared with the Board. Thoughts were around if this policy is to protect student athletes; the elimination of 3 day tournaments with the exception of Provincial Championships; who is going to keep track of the number of games each team is playing; some schools are granting permission for a season rather than for each tournament; hard to fit enough games in with the balance of practice and skill building.

It was moved and seconded to accept the original motion from the AGM of 2015

MOTION DEFEATED

The Game Limits Committee will meet again to discuss options and bring forth information at the AGM in May 2016.

5.3 Nutrition Policy/Implementation

Update: have been working with EverActive Schools, and there are many schools that are onboard with the Nutrition Policy, but there have been some difficulties. The difficulties are based on the capabilities that the school can provide for a 'concession.' There has been some minor issues in getting all schools onboard.

Experiences: Larry Wagner admitted that he was sceptical about the policy, but his school stepped up and followed the policy and did well, whereas Heather Bartling lost money on their

concession (they had sent their menu to Josh who had it viewed by a dietician who tore the menu apart).

Overall: The Nutrition Policy needs to be implemented gradually over a few years. Every school is able to provide different things when they are doing a concession. ASAA needs to go to EverActive and AHS and ask for support without giving them the lead.

6.0 Reports/Presentations

6.1 President

Tom began his report welcoming Shanna to the ASAA staff; thanked Ian for all the time he spends working on transfers; thank you to John for his continued leadership; provincial championships this fall have been fantastic and thanked the hosts, their committees and commissioners for all their hard work.

6.2 Executive Director

Been an interesting time as Michelle has left us and Josh and Shanna have both joined ASAA; John is working on letters to Minister David Eggen about the cut of funding to Sports in Alberta; Many conversations/relationships with other Provincial Organizations, some are more favourable than others; Makeadiff Grant in Southern Alberta, to try and keep Aboriginal students in school through sport; Cdn Centre for Substance Abuse - John attended a meeting in Ottawa about this and how it relates to student athletes; working on new sponsorship deals, and our newest sponsor is Deerfoot Inn in Calgary with partner hotels in Calgary, Lethbridge, Drayton Valley and Grande Prairie.

6.3 AIAAA/CIAAA (Tyler via skype from Ontario)

process of formally dissolving AIAAA; developing 2 new LTP courses bringing the total to 13; 2016 CIAAA AD Conference in Edmonton in June at WEM; teachers convention workshops; hosting LTP courses around the province in the winter/spring of 2016; Outside of Alberta: Saskatchewan is hosting the Leadership Training Program Institute; AIAAA instructors are being sent to Orlando and Turkey as well as to BC, Ontario and Manitoba; Future for CIAAA is to work with BC and Ontario towards a full time presence in their provinces, and working with NFLD to plan some PD events in coordination with their AGM; renewing the sponsorship with Grace College.

6.4 SchoolCoach.ca & Dr. Martin Camire Research (Michael Steele)

Currently 10 courses available and 1 is in development with 5 different modules; Learning Management System is now in the complete control of ASAA; will be approaching CAC about a formal partnership around the re-development of the FOC course in the spring; royalty payments in USD are becoming a significant cost; course sales are up this year since the AGM; working on the new LMS system; will be working on another CIP grant; Mike will be working on a Bylaws & Policies Modules in the online course system so that people will know the information more readily; raised \$60, 000 for ASAA with the purchase of subway cards which means over \$230, 000 for schools; there is still some issues with the honouring of the cards so make sure to let the office know if there are issues; Coaching Life Skills study with Dr. Martin Camire

6.5 Unified Sports (Shanna)

Shanna Kurylo is the newest member to the ASAA staff, heading up Unified Sports. She created a powerpoint presentation and shared it with the Board. The presentation explained what Unified Sports is, and where Shanna is hoping to go with it. She will be starting Unified Sports at Jasper Place in Edmonton in the new year with the sport of Basketball.

6.6 Compliance Officer

To date Ian has had 416 transfers this year, about 300 of those were in September alone; these numbers don't include the double and triple clickers (which have to be deleted manually); transfers that have been denied by the sending school doesn't mean they will be denied by Ian,

he does the research to find out the information; Red Shirt Policy was put on hold for 1 year due to the overwhelming negative response of conditional approvals from Ian; Ian still finds it hard to prove some of the information is related to athletic motivation; there is a delay in approval of transfers because schools are taking a long time to upload information or approve transfer requests; Ian feels that Athletic Directors are starting to understand policy better as well as are starting the transfers earlier too.

- 6.7 Commissioners: Track, Rugby, Golf, Cross Country, Football, Volleyball
Written Reports were reviewed and commissioners answered additional questions

- 6.8 Other Reports: ASC, ATA, SSC, CASS, HPEC, AUAA, ASBA, AE
ASC: Marvin Dobish provided report - sole focus is sport in Alberta; want to be premiere delivery of sport in Canada; have 4 key areas (marketing and communications/multi sport games/sport development/sport excellence); wait and see kind of game with the current budget from the AB gov't; ASC will work with the NDP on initiatives; Alberta Sport Plan 2014-2024 - transition from gov't responsibility to system coordination, transition from output focus to outcome focus, focus on increased participation & excellence; provides 7.8 million in funding to 82 different provincial sport organizations; ASAA will be re-classified as a multi-sport organization in ASC; \$245,000 will remain dependent on the overall budget for 2016/17

CASS: Rick Gilson informed the Board that CASS is going to explore the idea of divisions taking on more of a role in supervision.

HPEC: Barb Young provided report – HPEC continues to work hard to support teachers in the area of Health & Physical Education in the schools. The website: hpec.ab.ca is being continually updated with information regarding curriculum and workshops/resources can be found on the website. EverActive Schools (special project of HPEC) leads and supports many Health Active School Symposia (HASS) throughout the province. There is extensive information and resources available on the website (everactive.org) about the initiatives/workshops/conferences.

AUAA: looking to formalize the organization at this time; trying to build up provincial rivalry and attendance; hoping to pool together the Western Competition to bring in great competition from the east side of Canada; have gone through a bit of a change in Alberta with some new directors; Canada West is operating quite smoothly; growth and expansion to 17 teams this year.

- 6.9 Michael Keyes, Partner at Warren Sinclair LLP (ASAA Legal Counsel)
Michael and Dean Rook have been going over the handbook to perform a review. They both want the handbook to be a functional document. The biggest issue continues to be the transfer policy. There is a desire to keep a transfer policy in place, but it needs to be in control of both schools' Principals with the standards/guidelines set out by ASAA.

Day 2 Voting Strength: 36

7.0 New Business

7.1 Fall 2015 Bids

7.1.1 Vacant

7.2 Spring 2017 Bids

7.2.1 Uncontested

7.2.1.1 1A Boys Basketball – Rundle Academy, Calgary Independent

7.2.1.2 2A Girls Basketball – Prairie Christian Academy, South Central Zone

7.2.1.3 3A Girls Basketball – Monsignor McCoy, South Zone

7.2.1.4 4A Hoop Classic – South Zone (Cardston, Magrath, Raymond and Lethbridge)

Motion to accept all uncontested Basketball Bids as submitted

MOTION CARRIED

7.2.1.5 Rugby Tier II – Strathmore High, South Central Zone

Motion to accept Rugby Tier II Bid from Strathmore High School

MOTION CARRIED

7.2.2 Contested

7.2.2.1 2A Boys Basketball

Holy Redeemer High, North Central Zone

FG Miller, North East Zone

Awarded to Holy Redeemer High

Motion to destroy the ballots

MOTION CARRIED

7.2.3 Vacant Bids

7.2.3.1 Rural Wrestling (Central Zone in Rotation)

7.2.3.2 Provincial Wrestling (Calgary in Rotation)

7.2.3.3 Curling

7.2.3.4 3A Boys Basketball

7.2.3.5 Cheerleading

7.2.3.6 Team Handball Tier I

7.2.3.7 Team Handball Tier II

7.2.3.8 Badminton (Central/South Central Zones in Rotation)

7.2.3.9 Track & Field (Edmonton in Rotation)

7.2.3.10 Rugby Tier I (Calgary in Rotation)

7.2.3.11 Rugby Tier III (Calgary in Rotation)

7.3 Badminton Notice of Motion

Motion to accept the Badminton Notice of Motion

Amendment – accept the Badminton Notice of Motion as a trial for 1 year and revisit at APM 2016.

Motion to accept the Badminton Notice of Motion with amendment.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Schoolcoach.ca – Revisiting Mandatory Course Options

-You can purchase a class set of courses for students (talk to Mike if interested), and you can track students' progress; Legal Course is great, and is a way to keep everyone safe and accountable (not meant to be scary), vast majority of coaches in our schools don't take the courses; John feels the Concussion Course should be mandatory for each coach in our schools (it is a free course); AD's need to be on the ball and enter in the coach's information while doing the registration on ExNet.

-How can we better use our online coaching system? Talk to Minister of Education and ask for a "fee" each time the concussion course is taken as a way to build revenue

-Would there be support to make the new Bylaws/Policy course mandatory in the 16-17 year? It would be a \$5 course, and would take appx 15 minutes. This would allow us to create a template, and other provinces could utilize the template, and it would bring in revenue for ASAA.

-Is there a way to connect with ATA so that coaches can receive some PD for coaches who need to do various courses.

7.5 Make A Diff Grant (EverActive Schools)

This is a partnership with EverActive Schools to keep aboriginal youth in school through sport. John has attended a meeting on this and is opening it up to a member of the board who has experience or an interest in joining the team. John has been to Southern Alberta with EverActive Schools and has met with some of the Aboriginal Schools.

7.6 ASAA 'Pay It Forward' Scholarship Selection Process

No one raised any concerns with the process

7.7 Medical Intervention and/or use of Oxygen during ASAA events

Hosts need to be aware of student athletes who have medical issues from other schools. If you have a student that has a severe medical condition, you need notify opposing team and hosts. This is a knowledge piece. When we register students, there can be a spot to check off that admits that the student athlete has a medical concern/issue.

7.8 ASAA 60th Anniversary Dinner

There is a committee that has been working on the plans for the Banquet, which will also include invitees who are alumni. The committee is looking at each zone buying a table for \$1000, and then the zone can invite whom they would like, any individual tickets are \$75. To add to the event, on the Friday there would be a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament. Teams are of 4 people and would cost \$65-75/person with prize and steak dinner included.

7.9 Cost Saving/Additional Revenue Generation

Up for round table discussion

7.10 Para Athletics

We have had low numbers this year for Para Athletics as Track and Cross Country were in the far reaches of the province. There may be a fear of coaches not being sure of how to coach para athletes according to Athletics Canada.

7.11 Discussion Topics (notes to be supplied)

1. Unified Sports
2. Provincials
3. Cost Saving Strategies
4. Website Development

7.12 Volleyball Rules/Libero Uniform

In June 2015, ASAA was contacted by AB volleyball, and the new rule changes; the rule is to make it clear who the libero is on the team, which makes it easy for the officials; Cost is an issue to most/all schools; As it stands, ASAA will be adopting the Libero Rule, but the Board would like the Volleyball Commissioners to come up with a NOM to go against this idea

8.0 ASAA AGM: May 12-13, 2016 Edmonton

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm

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