

MINUTES
ALBERTA SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Fall Planning Meeting
December 1-2, 2006, Red Deer Lodge

In Attendance:

Executive

Dwayne Sheehan, President
Ian MacGillivray, Vice President
Barb Young, Executive Member at Large
Maurice Richard, Director of Athletics

Staff

John Paton, Executive Director
Lynda Bourak, Assistant Executive Director
Amy Malcolm, Administrative Assistant

Commissioners

Jody Watson, Boys Basketball
Will Robertson, Cheerleading
Wayne Meadows, Sportsmanship
Darrell Feschuk, Cross Country
Dave Johnson, Boys Volleyball
Stu Holtan, Track & Field

Dale Henderson, Golf
Brent Gough, Boys Rugby
Liz Melnyk, Girls Volleyball
Jim Burchell, Football
Darrell Christensen, Badminton
Pat Forsyth, Girls Rugby

Zones

Tim Main, Calgary President
Julie Kohlruess, Calgary Rep
Steve Lush, Central President
Larry Wagner, North West Secretary
Keith MacQuarrie, Central Rep
Myron Buryn, North Central Secretary
David Jenkins, North Central President
John Seaman, South Rep
Terry Hanna, South Rep
Sonia Buryn, North Central Rep
Dave Wooldridge, South Central President

Daryl Venance, North East Rep
Nicole Polishuk, North East Secretary
Jackie Ristesund, North West Rep
Kelle Hansen, North Central Rep
Marg Derbyshire, South Secretary
Dave Wooldridge, South Central President
Sheree Weisshaar, South Rep
Craig Patton, South Rep
Michael Vaughan, South Central Rep
Daryn Galatiuk, North East Vice President

Other Delegates

Lawrence King, Member at Large

Regrets

Kelly Delanoy
Brian Bridal
Nancy Melnychuk
Shawna Pearman
Serafino Scarpino
Mike Campbell

Sasha Levasseur
Michelle Kilbourne
Jim McLellan
Lori Olson
Will Robertson

1.0 President's Remarks/Welcome and Establishment of Votes

Adoption of the Agenda

Several changes to the agenda were proposed by the Executive and presented by Dwayne Sheehan

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

- 2.1 Voting strength determination:
Voting Strength: 33

3.0 Minutes of Annual General Meeting, May 10-11, 2006

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, May 10-11, 2006 be accepted. **MOTION CARRIED**

4.0 Financials

Audited Statement: September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006

It was moved and seconded that the Audited Statement of September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006 be accepted. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion: John Paton presented the audited statement. He noted that a grant application for \$63,000 was submitted to CIP in April following the withdrawal of McDonald's as the association's major sponsor. The grant was received and the executive hired Don Horne, a professional fundraiser from Sport Management International (SMI), to restructure the ASAA's sponsorship program. John also noted that for 2007/08 the funding of ASAA by ASRPWF has been increased by \$34,000

4.1 Interim Financial Statement: September 1, 2006 – November 28, 2006

It was moved and seconded that the Interim Financial Statement be accepted.
MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Appointment of Auditor for 2006/2007

It was moved and seconded to accept Dennis Ormrod as the ASAA Auditor for 2006/07.
MOTION CARRIED

4.3 ASAA CIP Grant: Fundraising Initiatives

John outlined the new ASAA Partner Program. The provincial championship hosts will be restricted in terms of recognizing local sponsors. The executive will be meeting with Don Horne to discuss the sponsorships and changes. The fundraising initiatives are to benefit schools and students, whether in travel support or other areas. It is a positive step forward with challenges at the local level.

4.4 Reinstate 2005-06 travel support.

It was moved and seconded that the 2005-06 level of travel support be reinstated.
MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion: The increase will be from \$55,000 back to \$69,000, effective for the 2006-2007 year. Rugby teams will receive the same funding as football teams for 2007-2008.

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Notice 30 – 2006 AGM (Basketball Season of Play)

No motion due to the absence of Mike Campbell.

5.2 Non-revenue sport subsidy – decision to give each wrestling host \$1,500.

Due to the unique costs and requirements for wrestling, it has become necessary to help both rural and provincial wrestling hosts cover officiating and other costs. Following previous ASAA Board discussion and support for this issue, the Executive Committee approved providing \$1,500 to each of the rural and provincial wrestling hosts. This is proposed to be an on-going budgeted subsidy to be revisited if wrestling hosts start to turn a significant profit.

5.3 Banners in Schools

There have been requests to recognize teams and athletes that are not provincial champions. The Executive believes that only the champions should be allowed to display an ASAA champion banner. The board spent time discussing this matter and decided that schools can recognize their own athletes for their accomplishments at provincials and that the ASAA logo can be used but the design of the banner must be entirely different from the championship one the ASAA produces. It was suggested that the ASAA develop optional banner templates for such banners. Use of the ASAA logo for any purpose should be reported to the executive as a courtesy.

ACTION ASAA staff to work with a graphic artist on some template options.

5.4 Update on SMI

So far Don Horne has confirmed three year agreements will likely proceed at the at \$25,000 level with Alberta Milk, SUBWAY® and Alberta Beef at \$25,000 – the senior partner level. United Cycle has confirmed at \$15,000 for three years as a major partner. (Editor's note: Alberta Beef elected not to be a partner in February 2007 and alternatives are being sought; Morgex signed on at \$15,000 for three years)

6.0 Reports

6.1 President – Dwayne Sheehan

Nothing to report.

6.2 Executive Director – John Paton

- John discussed the CEO/MLA survey and the report that was completed and posted on the ASAA website in November, 2006.
- School Sports Week: the numbers of schools reporting participation is decreasing. The future of School Sports Week will be discussed at CSSF.
- CSSF Report: John and Tom Parker from Calgary made a presentation to the federal panel that was appointed to set parameters for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit. Subsequent to the presentation, recommendations from the panel included making school athletic fees part of the tax credit program. (Editor's note: On January 1, 2007, the Canadian Government accepted the recommendations of the panel" maximum \$500 per child with community sports to be included as well).

6.3 Commissioners: Track, Rugby, Golf, Cross Country, Officials

Track – Stu Holtan

Stu addressed ongoing concerns that some athletes are wearing their club attire at provincials. He also discussed the move to limiting the number of coach passes available and suggested that zone secretaries must make the coaches aware that they must share the passes.

Calgary zone will be submitting a Notice of Motion to adopt the IAAF false start rule.

Rugby - Pat Forsyth and Brent Gough

Pat noted the success of the first provincial championship in Edmonton but commented that it would be nice to hold it over two days. In the one day event, 36 games were played in 10 hours using shortened games. One concern to be addressed is that coaches need to remain in a designated area.

A discussion was held regarding the way the policy is worded wherein the north zones are lumped together for one berth. A request was made that all zones get a berth but where a zone doesn't have a team other zones team will be used to fill the berths.

Action Item: A notice of motion will be developed for the AGM to allow under 16 year olds to play both school and club rugby at the same time for two years.

NOTE: Voting strength was re-established at 31

It was moved and seconded to allow onsite grade nines to participate on teams at schools up to 450 students.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded that 1A and 2A classified schools are permitted to participate with in-house grade nines.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to allow the rugby championships to occur over two days, from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that all Rugby games in the provincial tournament would be 40 minutes in length.

MOTION CARRIED

Golf – Dale Henderson

At provincials, there was a problem with scoring initially but that was worked out. Dale feels the dress code at provincials needs to be addressed and more stringently enforced.

Cross County – Daryl Feschuk

Layout of the course was great. There is some concern that zones don't fill all available spots they have for the competition when qualifiers choose not to attend.

Officials: Following previous board discussion it was decided that the association needs an Officials Commissioner. Information regarding this position will be distributed to zones. The need is for a multi-sport coach or official to take on this role.

6.4 Other Reports: CSSF, HPEC

CSSF

The 2007 CSSF meeting is in Winnipeg. Normally the Executive Director and President attend this meeting. Dwayne reported that the Executive has approved the past President attending this year to assist the new President. Lynda will also attend as Assistant Executive Director.

Dwayne reported on the Manitoba human rights appeal where two girls wanted to play on a boys hockey team and won even though the school had a girls team. The ASAA supports Manitoba moving for a Court of Queens Bench appeal. The Executive has committed \$3,000 to assist the MSHSAA.

HPEC

Barb reported on HPEC Edmonton. CPR protocol for grade 10s has been changed. She noted the push on athletics "playground to podium" for two sports for the Olympic program.

It was moved and seconded to accept the reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7.0 New Business

7.1 Rotary Exchange Program Presentation: Bill MacLachlan

The Rotary Exchange Program presented to the board. Present were Bill MacLachlan, Terry Allen, Ron May, and Raju Paul.

International Exchange Students

Dwayne explained the importance of international exchange program issues and expressed the need to have clear direction from the board as to how the Executive should deal with appeals involving students going on exchanges. Over the years, international exchange students have been consistently denied an extra year of eligibility except for one in Calgary some years ago. The reason given for denying the appeals has been that the students made a choice and the choice had a consequence.

Action item: A Notice of Motion will be developed and presented at the AGM in May, 2007

7.2 Diploma Exam dates 2008: concerns basketball and rugby.

In 2008, exams run from June 13 onward. Track and rugby provincials are typically one and two weeks respectively before diploma exam dates. In 2008, June 13th and 14th are not a possibility for rugby as a result of exam dates.

According to policy track provincials in 2008 would run on June 6th and 7th and rugby would run on June 13th and 14th. It was suggested that track run on May 30/31 and rugby be moved to June 6/7.

Action item: Notice of Motion will be developed to accept the above dates for 2008 only.

7.3 Badminton rule changes: ASAA position 2006/2007

Commissioner Darryl Christensen reported that after consulting with the last two badminton commissioners, we should delay implementation of the rally point for one year.

It was moved and seconded that we delay implementation on the rally point system of badminton for one year.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.4 Golf Rules proposal: Dale Henderson

Dale explained the scoring change he is proposing for ASAA provincial golf. He circulated a spreadsheet to illustrate the proposed change. The proposal involves making every hole count i.e. instead of taking the best three of four daily scores, the proposal is to take the best three of four scores for each hole. Response from coaches at provincials was fairly good; basically in favor. Dwayne stated that the best part of this proposal is student focused. Each student could potentially contribute throughout the whole tourney even if their overall score is high.

Action Item: Dale to send an email to more coaches for feedback before presenting as a Notice of Motion.

7.5 Classification Proposal: Dave Wooldridge

Dave presented his classification proposal. The board had mixed reaction and some questions regarding the proposed buffer zone. Dave will rework his proposal and consider a NOM for the AGM.

7.6 Bids - Fall 2007

It was moved and seconded to accept the uncontested bids.

MOTION CARRIED

It was determined by ballot that Boyle will host 1A Girls Volleyball, Bawlf will host 2A Boys Volleyball, and Vulcan County Central will host 2A Girls Volleyball.

7.7 Schools that cap enrolment

Liz Melnyk was approached by her board chair last year with the question of ASAA's stand on schools that can cap enrolment. Dwayne explained that there is no ASAA policy to address this. If schools cap their numbers, it's usually not for athletic purposes.

7.8 Alberta High School Sports Hall of Fame

Dwayne proposed that the ASAA Executive discussed ongoing implementation of the Hall of Fame. The plan is to recognize people every year and have a gala every five years. The Executive initially proposed four categories for awards: coach, athletic administration, official, special achievement. The executive said they would like to see recognition for athletes in high level sports in place of having an officials' category so they decided that officials would be recognized under the special achievement category.

Discussion: Lawrence King suggested considering at the beginning to do more than one athlete. The nomination forms will be posted on the website with a nomination deadline of April 1. The general consensus was that it is important to honour those who contribute to school sports, both teachers and otherwise and to consider longevity of involvement as a criterion.

7.9 Format & length APM and AGM

The Executive has decided to move away from small rotating group discussion due to limited effectiveness. It is felt that the board is more engaged as a large group.

The AGM and APM will each start at 10 a.m. instead of noon.

7.10 Accommodation Guide

SMI is courting Super 8. This would mean there would be a possible contractual restriction to eliminate the accommodation guide, which nets at \$20,000 (excluding significant staff time),

Dwayne asked board members if they valued the Accommodations Guide. The general feeling was that the Guide is not used extensively given the accessibility of hotel information online these days and that the value of the publication was quite limited.

Action Item: The executive will consider discontinuing the publication entirely, regardless of whether a hotel sponsor comes on board.

7.11 Ejection policy:

The policy handbook does not have a consequence for disciplinary matters and unsportsmanlike behaviour. Dwayne suggested that any ejection from a game due to unsportsmanlike or violent behaviour should result in automatic game ejection in that series.

Tim suggested that we must build in window for appeal if policy is created to address this matter. Dwayne answered that, if it is a matter of violence and abuse of officials, then the intent is to impose disciplinary action and have an appeal process. Host of all championships would be expected to have a disciplinary committee with a chair and three coaches that are independent minded people to hear disciplinary action. They will be afforded responsibility to uphold the values of ASAA.

Craig pointed out that red cards are in place for rugby. Brent pointed out that they go a step further to ejection from the tournament.

Dwayne clarified his intent: this will be for every event that falls within the authority of the ASAA. Liz asks if every zone competition will be responsible to have the committee. Dwayne clarified it should be a matter of practice in his opinion.

Action Item: To be taken back to zones for discussion and Executive to create a NOM to be voted on in May.

7.12 Sports Academies

Craig explained that there are several Sports Academies being created and students are transferring to these schools because of sport related reasons (sport academy related reasons not ASAA sport reasons). Daryl pointed out that these impact smaller schools more than larger schools. The board spent some time discussing this matter and will further those discussions in the future.

7.13 Joint School form

Steve suggested creating a form for the Principal, Athletic Director, and Zone Secretary to sign in for joint school approval.

7.12 Basketball rules

Craig expressed concern regarding the FIBA rulebook adoption regarding handle in the back court and the shot clock. Terry Hanna noticed the FIBA games on average are longer; high school games will be extended. Dwayne confirmed that the ASAA has accepted the FIBA rules without modification. Jody has spoken to officials around the province; as they become more efficient at FIBA mechanics, the speed of the game will increase.

8.0 Issues to go back to zones for discussion:

International exchange students

School Classification

Vacant executive and board positions for 07/08

ASAA AGM: Coast Edmonton Plaza Edmonton, May 11-12, 2007

ASAA APM: Red Deer Lodge, December 7-8, 2007

9.0 Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m., Saturday December 2, 2006