

Attendance: Brian McKenty (EESS), Danielle Seymour (Wanipigow), Andrew Klapat (Sagkeeng HS), Lisa Grimolfson (PVS), Jon Hansen (Whitemouth), Katherine Strassel (Lac du Bonnet), Dana Walmsley (Dugald), Cory Smith (Anola), Cathy Tymko (Sunrise Division Office), Ray Algera (Black River), Chris Shumsky (EESS), Heather Bodner (Whitemouth), Clint Cullen (SMS), Sue Tribula (Gillis), Jennifer Staerk (Whitemouth), Darren Ehmann (Black River), Dan Stepanik (Centennial), Mario Dupont (EBEYS), Mike Carter (EBEYS), Suzanna Giesbrecht (Hazelridge), Lana Gardner (Hazelridge), Merv Voth (Pinawa), Cal Dueck (EESS),

4.0 Called meeting to order at 10:05am via ZOOM – Andrew Klapat

4.1 Minutes from last Meeting – All in favour – Carried.

4.2 Treasurers Report – Katherine Strassel

4.2.1 – Katherine sent out a treasurer’s report earlier with all details. Please reference it for current balance, \$2773.88, as well as any outstanding fees that your school owes in order to close up the 2019/20 school year.

4.3 Staffing updates around the table – see Agenda for specifics.

4.4 Sport Reports for MY

4.4.1 – MY North Basketball Update – no noted concerns.

4.4.2 – MY South Basketball Update – no noted concerns.

4.4.3 – Crossovers in South this year. No news to report – great tournament. Boys winner Black River & girls EESS

4.5 Tabled items discussion from the year.

4.5.1 – Likely no HS Soccer for fall in SAC – if your school is interested (and there is Soccer to start the year), similar to this current year, there are options to join Zone 13 South Soccer at HS level.

4.5.2 – Discussion in Cross Country on adding another banner – and splitting the banners by gender instead of just a grade level banner. Motion – Brian M. moved that we add a gender specific banner for each middle years’ grade for Cross Country, at the Gr. 6, 7,8, levels. Seconded by Katherine. Carried.

4.5.3 – Discussion on adding Grade 5’s to more events than what we currently do. Sounds like most in favour, however with more time/cost/subs/increased bussing, etc. added, this would be a discussion that also needs to be brought up with the Admin Council. General feeling is that this is good to discuss for now and that given the current COVID issues and sport, we do not want to rush and make too major of changes at this stage so will continue with status quo for this coming year.

4.5.4 – SY Volleyball – scheduling options for now left to the convenor and needs as they arrive in the new school year. Again, given our current situation, scheduling issues tabled. Mini tournaments still an option but we are uncertain how things will look early September.

4.5.5 – MY Player “meltdown” discussion – discretion by the adults/staff that are coaching and a need to have open discussion during the tournaments/games between all involved including the convenor and officials of the event. There needs to be a “fair” sub rule in effect for both teams. Coaches need to be encouraged to reengage the athlete that is struggling asap into the rotation. In addition, utilization of the timeout to calm things down – maybe we need to adopt more time out options. Motion to increase the number of “fair play” timeouts in order to provide greater teaching with multiple groups of student athletes. Most of this focus would be for the sports of Volleyball and Basketball. Bottom line; as professionals, we should always seek to better our student athletes and the overall experience. Winning the game or tournament is secondary to player and team development.

4.5.6 – Inclement Weather policy – we need to clarify “appropriate timing” of when a school decides not to travel. Also, admin makes decisions and we are left to deal with it. How do we manage? To be discussed under Constitutional changes later in meeting.

4.5.7 – SY Basketball – some adjustments were made this year that were successful.

4.5.7.1 - The playoff “day” tournament was a good option. This is something that the group is in favour of continuing where possible. Sport guidelines will be updated to reflect this.

4.5.7.2 - Neutral Site Game questions – who is responsible for what? Excessive travel is one of our reasons to create neutral sites. Gym functionality issues (broken scoreboards and non-play dates). Ref availability can also be a concern in certain locations. Host school typically supplies minor officials. Home team takes care of official payment for that game (s). Communication with ALL involved well in advance of the event is critical so the “unknown” issues are taken care of before game day.

4.5.7.3 - Classification within SAC and how is the gap changing between schools typically of greater numbers having stronger programs and generally competing vs. the small schools. Do the Banners hold value when our numbers vary significantly within classifications and schools. There is a sense that we table this issue as we are uncertain what the Province is doing with Amalgamations, etc. and that would have significant impact on this topic going forward.

4.5.7.4 – We are all encouraged to keep an eye on Convenor charts put out so we know who is doing what relating to involvement or lack there of in a given sport. In the past, some schools have been caught off guard when they are convening an event and perhaps do not even have a team represented. As long as there is communication well in advance of the event or season, we are all reasonable people and can make adjustments as needed to convening.

4.5.7.5 – Minor Official reminders that there are great videos to have our minor officials watch in order to have quality score table staff. Do we want to compensate financially our

younger minor officials in order to increase the pool of volunteers? This decision is left up to individual schools to reward students with whatever works best in your building.

4.5.7.6 – Referee source from WWRA. This relationship can continue and again, given not knowing what next year will look like, we would like to continue. Question still exists...how do we continue to develop officials within SAC in order to generate/develop skill sets within the officiating circles when we are bringing in outside officials. Generally, the benefit of regular outside officials brings a security to hosting an event and is recommended. EESS continues to offer a “non certified” clinic in late fall to accommodate some local interest. Young HS officials are encouraged to practice within their schools at the Junior High levels in order to continue developing their skills.

4.5.8 MY Basketball - how do we avoid a Marathon Day? As seen on the agenda, a number of solutions were presented and lots of discussion ensued. Similar to other discussions, at this stage, we will not make any formal changes due to the unknowns of next year. Crossover philosophy – no real changes needed at this point.

4.5.9 MY Badminton

4.4.9.1 – Do we allow 5’s to participate in Badminton? The general sense is that schools that want to host a grade 5 tournament, they are more than welcome to do so. We will not at this stage be formally adding them to the MY tournament. Cost and administrating this whole new level are not something we are currently looking at managing.

4.6 New Business

4.6.1 – Sport Guideline Changes

4.6.1.1. – MY Cross country distances – challenges besides ability with adding distance is how do we fit those runs into a given day within our time frame. As it is, we still have a number of walkers. This year, we also did a way with the morning walk through to accommodate timelines along with very challenging weather conditions. Schools are encouraged to walk their athletes through the course on their own if they feel it is needed/relevant to their students (arrive early and take the time if you feel it is important for your athletes). Further discussion on whether we have a “competitive group” and a recreational event. Sue suggested creating a small sub committee to look at changes/adaptations but similar to other discussions, this is perhaps not the year to make major adjustments. Distances will be kept the same for this coming year if in fact we are able to compete in the fall.

4.6.1.2 – MY Volleyball – Andrew spoke to making the noted changes as listed in the agenda. Discussion on fair play even during a playoff run. Motion – Brian - For any 3rd sets that are played during round robin and/or playoffs, we would allow for coaches’ discretion on game time of their athletes. Andrew seconded. Carried.

4.6.1.3 – Andrew moved that we adopt the Senior Years badminton changes regarding numbers of games and playoff format. All in favour. Carried.

4.6.2 – Constitutional Changes

4.6.2.1 – Brian moved that in MY Cross Country, we have a boys and girls championships banner at all levels that we currently run which is grade 6,7, and 8. Katherine seconded. All in favour – Carried.

4.6.2.2 – Reynolds school has been removed from the constitution with their closure.

4.6.2.3. – Andrew presented the idea that we move SAC into two categories of participants – Full and Associate membership. See Article 3.

4.6.2.4 – We need to update the constitution with the “official” name of what each participating school operates under.

4.6.2.5 – Readjustment of member schools into North South categories. Andrew moved that we accept Article 3 changes as mentioned. Katherine seconded. All in Favour. Carried.

4.6.2.6 – Weather Policy – as written in the constitutional update. Currently, we have no weather policy and given experiences where we have had postponement of games due to weather/travel, it would be good to have written policy. Cancelled officials would normally be covered under SAC if there is a unique situation where an official is scheduled, cannot travel and has now lost some income as games have been assigned ahead of time and they are now out the cash. Andrew moved that Article 18 of the written constitution be adopted. Seconded by Katherine. All in favour. Carried. Addition to Article 18 by Andrew. Cost of officials for cancelled event will be covered by SAC in the event that a payment needs to be made. Seconded Katherine. All in favour. Carried.

4.7 PD Opportunities and Clinics - EESS possibility of hosting a Basketball refing clinic in late fall.

4.8 MHSAA update – Katherine read over her earlier sent out report – please refer to that email for details. Bottom line – many unknowns given current COVID issues and in a sense we are all in a “wait and see” kind of situation in Manitoba Education and how it pertains to sport in particular.

4.9 Website Review – discussion on functionality/usefulness of the SAC website and how current is it? It was noted that it is being accessed and used, with a number of schools (if not all) benefiting from its existence. Executive (along with admin) to have further discussions on how to adapt/update the website as their input is needed in terms of what is missing and what needs to be included.

4.10 Zone 13 Update – highlights by Andrew.

4.11 Recognition of SAC Member Successes in MHSAA – see agenda for specifics. Congratulations to the noted mentions!

4.12 Hosting of Zone 13 Championships Next Year – assuming sport runs as “normal”. See Agenda notes for details.

4.13 Convenorship for 2020/21 – assuming sport is moving ahead next year. See agenda items for details with the following adjustments:

Current updates from meeting: Availability of a HS Volleyball Convenor as Ryan Swan will likely not be available for those duties. Brian M. will work with what Ryan has done in the past and will take care of it or ensure that it gets done. Again, we will plan to make adjustments as necessary once we are given guidelines for fall sport in Manitoba education.

MY Soccer Crossover date change – Oct. 14, 2020.

MY Volleyball South Nov. 24 and 25, 2020.

MY Basketball – Dugald to host south – Feb. 23 & Feb. 25, 2021

SY Badminton – Whitemouth hosting with Lac du Bonnet assisting with convening and perhaps using some of their court space. Final arrangements TBD.

SY Fastball TBD either at EESS or Ldbss.

4.14 Election of Executive – President – Andrew Klprat (Katherine nominated Andrew and Brian seconded. All in favour. Carried), Treasurer – Katherine Strassel (Andrew nominated Katherine as Treasurer, seconded by Merv. All in favour. Carried), Secretary – Merv Voth resigning the position as of June 2020. Nominations – Andrew nominated Danielle Seymour and she accepted. Brian seconded. All in favour. Carried.

Meeting #1 Fall of 2020 school year – Tuesday, September 15 @ 9:30am @ EESS.

See remainder of meetings on the agenda list for dates, times and locations of the other SAC meetings. We will once again plan for a June 2021 AGM in Pinawa.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.