



Horizon Central Athletic Association (HCAA)

Minutes – HCAA Executive Meeting Dec. 9, 2008 @ Wynyard Comp

Attendance: Marvin Renneberg (president), Garth Anderson (treasurer), Kent Lessmeister (officials commissioner), Kellie McClellan (NE rep), Rick Rink (SE rep), Jeff Stroeder (SW rep), Trevor Otsig (NW rep), Larry Bedel (HZSD liaison), Brian Grest (HZSD SAC)
Regrets – Bill Ruetz (secretary)

Called to order at 2:08; Brian Grest appointed as acting secretary

1. Motion by **Lessmeister/Otsig**: adopt agenda. **Carried**
2. Motion by **Anderson/Stroeder**: adopt minutes from last executive meeting. **Carried**

Business arising:

- pre-district track expenses policy clarified
- GGEC fine from 2007 Jr. "B" boys Districts not paid. Larry will check into it

3. Business arising from fall general meeting:
 - the junior sports of volleyball, basketball, badminton, soccer were to get runner up awards; since there was no clarity as to what form this would take, the executive decided it would be implemented in 2009-2010 after options and costs had examined.
4. Correspondence
 - Englefeld use of grade 8 girl approved by SHSAA
 - Watson/Quill Sr. Boys B'ball Coop approved by SHSAA
5. Reports

SHSAA President's meeting (selected highlights) report presented by Marvin Renneberg:

- number of late fees still high
- withdrawal fees very high (31 to date)
- X-country Provincials being held on a long weekend discussed (no clear preference)
- Soccer 7 v 7 still being considered by the SHSAA
- Football Summit meeting Jan. 14, 2009 (alignment discussion, esp. 12-man)
- 6-man conferences and 9-man conferences may need realignment
- officials recruitment a necessity
- scarcity of qualified officials on Conference women's day
 - o should junior Districts be a week later?
 - o do we need to change the format of Districts so we get a four team championship?

- withdrawal dates for SHSAA playdowns to be published on SHSAA calendar
- volunteers needed to sit on SHSAA basketball ranking committee
- Women in Sport Conference in June 2009 (Regina)
- Coaches Symposium Aug. 17/18, 2009 in Saskatoon (Aden Bowman)
- AGM at Elk Ridge (near Waskesiu) in June 2009
 - o HCAA will book hotel rooms (as opposed to cabins) for our delegates
 - o Marvin will send recommendation to SHSAA office to leave President's meeting at Wed. morning
- new SHSAA sponsors on board (Subway and maybe U of R)
- Wynyard to host 2009 Provincial Cross Country
- Watrous to host 2010 Provincial Mixed Curling
- 1A Girls Soccer, 4A Girls Volleyball are open for bids for 2009

Financial Report presented by Garth Anderson

- current financial statement was presented
- audited 2007/2008 financial statement was presented

Officials Commissioners Report presented by Kent Lessmeister:

- get the officials registered
- use officials from within District first
 - o HCAA is getting charged back ~\$300 for utilizing out-of-District officials
 - o HCAA will work to ensuring the 100 km policy is adhered to when possible
 - o Ensure neighboring District's referee-in-chief is consulted prior to using an out-of-District official
- Track officials clinics – bring some to the District?
- Could each District be responsible for same event year-to-year at track?
- Ideally, schools should each find one more new official per school
- Protocol for late teams at SHSAA playoffs clarified – Late = rules of forfeit
- Possible proposal for ride along fees for ALL officials

SAC/SHSAA Report (selected highlights) presented by Brian Grest:

Golf

- The membership needs to ratify the new golf policy at the spring meeting
- Three District golf pennants had to be replaced (~\$130) as two were lost and one was presented to wrong team (and autographed by that team). HCAA will absorb the cost.
- Some coaches expressed concerns over other coaches ignoring new guidelines when choosing team. Marvin will follow up.
- Sand golf – it appears facilitators did not always accompany foursomes. Brian will follow up.
- Sand golf – possible motion to relax the dress code (oily pant bottoms)
- Need identified for some of our schools to host spring golf tournaments
- Caliber of play was deemed to have improved from last year
- Suggestion by some coaches to implement a team award at Pre-Districts
- One coach recommends the facilitators take an active role in scorekeeping

Cross Country

- The membership needs to ratify the new cross country policy at the spring meeting
- concerns expressed by many over athletes being entered that clearly are not capable
- one coach recommends we eliminate Pre-Districts?
- Should we split the WeePees into two categories?

- Some coaches expressed concern over extra categories and incorrect 2k distance at one Pre-District
- Wynyard and Humboldt will likely wish to host Prte-Districts, and Wynyard Districts
- Is there a way to avoid having to use coaches as course marshals?

Soccer

- The HCAA Executive supports the proposal for SHSAA 7 v 7

Volleyball

- Yellow Quill withdrew from Jr. "B" Boys Districts 3:30 Friday. No sanctions were moved.
- The future of Jr. "B" boys is sketchy, with only four teams entering HCAA playoffs. Recommendation accepted to wait to see if this improves next year.
- Feedback indicated some schools did not host Pre-Districts because they were required to pay their own officials. Cost analysis will be done.
- Booking of officials difficult the Saturday of Districts due to SHSAA girls Conference and sr. boys invitational tournaments. Suggestion we approach the sr. boys tournaments and ask that they do NOT utilize the officials we need for Conferences.
- Two schools suggested Pre-Districts be held on a weekend
- Suggestion that Pre-District volleyball be moved to 10 (or so) days prior to Districts to allow for more time to plan Districts
- Suggestion that HZSD league play replace Pre-Districts (can't happen as not all schools are eligible to compete in HZSD leagues).
- Concern expressed over lack of private change area at Districts and the need to have minimum standards for hosting.

Curling

- nothing to report

Basketball

- Motion by **Anderson/Lessmeister**: Junior HCAA play shall include 10 seconds to advance the ball over half and a 30 second shot clock (where a shot clock exists) in exception to FIBA and SHDSAA rules. **Carried.**
- Suggestion that Pre-District basketball for 2009-2010 be moved to 10 (or so) days prior to Districts to allow for more time to plan Districts

Badminton

- nothing to report

Track

- PeeWees advance now to Districts – need to accommodate 10 age groups at most field events
- District date and site set as Tuesday, May 26 in Saskatoon
- Discussion over possibility of Districts held over two days (Mid-Sr one day on all-weather and PW-Ban on another day on local track). Not this year.

Other HCAA Business

- Quad reps will solicit and forward to HCAA awards committee (Rink, Perry, Ruetz) a minimum of two nominations for HCAA Service award prior to the spring meeting
- Spring meeting will include awards supper honoring eight HCAA Service award recipients
- possibility of adding individual medals to team award discussed. Costs will be investigated.
- Suggestion by Grest to include a meal at fall meeting at HCAA expense

SHSAA Report

- Sand Golf appears safe for the time being
- Mileage increase (for officials) impact was overstated (\$6,000 vs. \$50,000)
- Discussion over the 6 week withdrawal date (too early? Sanctions ineffective?).
- Prov. Volleyball 10 vs. 12 teams – some coaches want 10, some 12. SHSAA Executive does not view a need for 12.

- Classification still on the list of possible executive motions at AGM
- Re-instituting Conference medals may come up at AGM
- Recruitment at Provincials discussed. Letters will be written to post-secondary coaches about proper protocol.

Motion by **Otsig/Lessmeister**: adopt all reports as presented. **Carried**

6. New Business

- b'ball clinics are done; Richard Rink will look into floor ratings at tournaments

7. AOB

- there is no longer a true co-commissioner at track, so discussion over gate splitting
- HCAA will be expressing concern to SHSAA over website usefulness
- HCAA may formulate resolution to dissolve the 100km radius rule for officials.

8. Reminders

- Curling E-5 Date (Jan. 14)
- Fill out officials registry

9. Motion to adjourn by **Otsig** (5:00).