



**Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 8, 2008**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Hurton, Nick Eliuk, Dave Sigvaldason, J.J. Ross, Jeff Small, John Potter, Missy Penner, Mark Diboll, Dennis Pottage, Nancy Baker, Gordon Wooley, Dale Ready, Paul Paquin, Morris Glimcher, Carey Lasuik, Carlo Bruneau (U of Manitoba)

REGRETS: Ross Metcalfe, Hub Berube, Gordon Wooley, Gabrielle Wiebe

ABSENT: Amy Brown, Shan Dickson

Welcome from the President

Don Hurton welcomed all. He noted that we are upon trying times with issues that have arrived and the challenges in front of us. He stressed the importance for us to continue promoting our student athletes and the tremendous activities that this organization offers. He welcomed U of Manitoba student Carlo Bruneau who is interning with the MHSAA.

1.0 Adoption of Agenda

- 1.1 Additions/changes to Agenda.
 - Addition: 10.4 – Gordon Bell Soccer
 - 10.5 - Scholarships

MOTION: To accept the agenda as presented

Missy Penner/Mark Diboll
CARRIED

2.0 Human Rights Appeal

In regards to the human rights appeal, Morris commented that the Judge made her decision based on the merits of the law. Public opinion definitely supported our decision. One member of the media mentioned that our association had garnered tremendous support in one of the largest public debates he witnessed in a long time. The Free Press has reported inaccurately on the financial aspects of this case.

2.1 Lawyer Vic Bargaen

Mr Bargaen expressed his appreciation to the MHSAA staff and the Board of Directors. For us to have been successful at the court of Queens bench, we needed to convince her Honor that our line of reasoning was strong enough to overturn the decision by the adjudicator. As we were aware, it is difficult to overturn a previous decision. One of the challenges that we had since the onset, is that there simply is no empirical evidence to support the scenarios that we anticipate will now encounter as a result of this ruling.

Mr. Bargaen provided the board the cost breakdown and his recommendations.

MOTION: That the MHSAA accept the Court of Queen's Bench ruling and pursue no further legal action with respect to this case.

Denis Pottage/Missy Penner
CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION: The MHSAA management committee consult with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and others to discuss the application/implication of this ruling as it applies to our other sports and gender.

Dale Ready/Dave Sigvaldason
CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

3.0 Business Arising from the November 8th Meeting

3.1 Respect in Sport Committee

Our December survey included questions regarding the Respect in Sport Program. 73% of the respondents are familiar with the program, 63% of respondents believe it should be compulsory for all coaches, 65.5% believe it should be mandatory for non teacher coaches and 78% of those surveyed feel they should receive time from school to complete the course. The board recommended a letter be sent to all Superintendents to encouraging them to support this initiative.

4.0 Financial Report & Investment Summary

(To December 31st, 2007)

Accept the financial report as circulated

Mark Diboll/Dale Ready
CARRIED

5.0 Executive Director's Report

5.1 Sport Manitoba – new location, rent increase

We expect that we will have to vacate the current building by March 2009. We anticipate that we will remain in the downtown area. Sport Manitoba is reviewing options. There will be a slight rent increase this year.

5.2 CSSF Executive Meeting – January 24-26, 2008

Morris attended the semi annual meeting in early January. The RCMP Child Identification unit made a presentation. They are requesting the cooperation of the provinces to assist in sharing specific information about our schools, such as logos and school colors. There was further discussion about long term athlete development as well.

5.3 Eligibility Appeals

The appeals committee was successful in dealing with the appeals that were received. All appeals had the required information and were easily dealt with.

5.4 High School Sports Hall of Fame

We intend to have the first Hall of Fame Induction dinner on the Tuesday of the AGM.

5.5 Trustee Summit – postponed

We had deemed that the decision of the human rights appeal was an important agenda item for this summit. We had intended to have the summit at the end of the January, but the timing of the court decision didn't allow enough time for preparation. We are looking at hosting this summit in January 2009.

5.6 U of M Recreation Student

Carlo Bruneau joins us and is working on special projects, as well as assisting Morris and Carey with day to day administrative work.

5.7 NFHS Student Leadership Conference – Indianapolis

Morris is working towards sending some high school students from Manitoba. We have had interest from four or five students.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Appeal of Cross Country fine from Kelvin High School

MOTION: To accept the appeal from Kelvin

Nancy Baker/Mark Diboll
DEFEATED

6.2 Letter from U of Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre

A letter concerning the behavior of some fans at the "AAAA" Boys Volleyball Championship Finals, was received. This was also a concern last year. Morris and Carey are to develop expected guidelines for student spectators, including responsibilities that schools are required to perform to avoid these situations. These guidelines should ensure that the schools understand the importance of respecting the facility that they are in, respecting their opponents and assign staff representation to ensure that this is fulfilled.

A draft policy is to be submitted to the board for upcoming championships. Morris and Carey will implement recommendations for the upcoming "AAAA" hockey and "AAAA" Basketball Championships.

7.0 Provincial Championship Board Representation – Basketball, Hockey, Curling

Carey reviewed the board representation commitments for the upcoming championships

8.0 Other Business

8.1 MASS Report

Dennis and Don attended the Southeast Superintendents meeting in November. It was a very positive. Morris prepared background notes about the MHSAA, which was circulated prior to the meeting and well received. Some of the concerns on the budget and the human rights case

were addressed. Dennis and Don have intentions on attending other Superintendents conferences when possible. These are great opportunities for us to promote our tremendous product to the divisions and for them to understand that we deal with 30,000 student athletes, how the funding works and answer other questions that may be of interest. One suggestion that came out of this meeting was to forward our MHSAA updates to all Superintendents.

9.0 New Business

9.1 School Sports transportation (Vans)

We would like to develop a safety checklist to consider when high school teams travel. We intend to develop guidelines that school divisions may wish to consider and utilize.

In respect to the Bathurst team, we would like to have a moment of silence at all of the provincial basketball championships. As well, we will have a moment of silence at the high school hockey championships in respect to the tragic passing of Mike Woloshyn of the Lord Selkirk Royals hockey team.

9.2 Game Plan 2008

We are currently developing the 2008/09 game plan. Results from our survey helped formulate this.

9.3 Gordon Bell Soccer

The Manitoba Soccer Associatio has mandated Gordon Bell provide security for their games. Suggestions and options were provided on how this could be implemented. Winnipeg School Division has requested that the MHSAA pay for half of these security costs. The board agreed that the school should absorb any costs for the security. The MHSAA is working with the MSA to identify acceptable security.

9.4 Scholarships

Garett Sidor, a member of the 2007 Windsor Park boys basketball championship team, passed away last spring. His family has approached us in efforts to create a memorial scholarship. Those discussions have been positive and we will be offering a \$500.00 scholarship for a "AAA" basketball player. This will be funded by the family and donations, with the Winnipeg Foundation to administer.

10.0 Adjournment

David Sigvaldason

The Next Board Meeting date is: Friday, April 25 at 9:00am