



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, September 18, 2008**

**In Attendance:** Don Hurton, Ross Metcalfe, John Potter, J.J. Ross, Dave Sigvaldson, Mark Diboll, Missy Penner, Dale Ready, Robert Arnason, Nancy Baker, Shan Dickson, Casey Stafford, Scott Kwasnitza, Dennis Pottage, Jeff Small, Morris Glimcher, Carey Lasuik

**Regrets:** Nick Eliuk, Doug Long, Paul Paquin

### **1.0 President's Welcome**

#### Introductions

President Hurton welcomed everyone to the first board meeting of this new school year. As always, he looks forward to the dialogue that make these meetings so valuable. He encouraged everyone to engage in the discussions as you are representatives of our membership.

### **2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved:** That the agenda be adopted as circulated

J.J. Ross/Scott Kwasnitza  
**CARRIED**

### **3.0 Review of the Annual General Meeting**

AGM evaluations were positive. Attendees expressed that the move back to Portage la Prairie was appreciated. Morris felt that the discussions were positive and healthy, which is integral to the success of the AGM.

### **4.0 Business Arising from the Annual General Meeting**

#### **4.1 Hall of Fame**

Morris is finalizing the criteria and formalizing the committee. Thirteen names have been identified for the inaugural induction. A sponsor has been approved for the keeper plaques for these inductees. A media conference is anticipated for the fall or next spring. Committee members are Don Hurton, Dennis Pottage, Dave Sigvaldason and Ross Metcalfe

#### **4.2 Co-oping of Schools**

The Parkwest Outlaws Football team is requesting four (4) schools to be eligible for competition this season and conform to three schools beginning in the 2009 season. The team has recently received the support of school's involved.

**MOTION:** That we accept the football co-op application from Birtle, Russell and Shoal Lake to include St. Lazarre for this season only.

Ross Metcalfe/Scott Kwasnitza  
**CARRIED**

### **4.3 Discussion Group Summaries**

AGM discussion group summaries are in the September PACER. Highlights include aspects of sport development, including specific discussions on our sports of badminton, basketball, track and field and volleyball.

### **4.4 Track review committee**

Dale Ready will chair the Track committee. This committee will review the concept of the MHSAA hosting one Provincial Track and Field Championship instead of two. As well, we would like to explore ideas of further developing track and field in our high schools. Dale and MHSAA staff will solicit members for this committee.

### **4.5 Provincial Championship review committee**

Jeff Small will be the chairperson. This committee is to review the structure, operation and other responsibilities regarding provincial championships. The Provincial Committee consists of Missy Penner, Don Hurton, Dale Ready, Scott Kwasnitza and Mark Diboll.

## **5.0 Financial Report & Investment Summary**

**(To August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008)**

**MOTION:** That the financial report and Investment Summary be accepted as presented

Mark Diboll/Robert Arnason  
**CARRIED**

## **6.0 Executive Director's Report**

### **6.1 Sport Manitoba**

Sport Manitoba and all of the Provincial Sport Associations anticipate that they will be in a new location by next summer. Sport Manitoba is presently making plans for a downtown location, which will involve purchasing a building and making renovations. They also intend on building a fieldhouse.

### **6.2 Eligibility Appeals**

There are approximately 10 appeals for the fall meeting. Many of these appeals tend to be vague and do not provide appropriate information for the appeal committee to make an informed decision. It's important for our membership to understand that eligibility appeal submissions require the appropriate detail for the committee to make an appropriate decision.

### **6.3 Web site update**

We always welcome suggestions to improve the website. Morris is reviewing a “log on” section for students to sign up, whereby they can automatically receive information, such as scholarship criteria, top 10’s, athletes of the week, etc.

#### **6.4 Hockey Issues**

None to report at this time

#### **6.5 Trustee Summit – February 2009?**

Morris will be in communication with MAST to invite Trustees and Superintendents. We intend to host it in February 2009.

#### **6.6 Student Leadership Conference**

Five students attended in July in Indianapolis. It costs \$400 per student and the feedback was outstanding. We are going to work on developing a similar conference in Manitoba.

#### **6.7 Red River College**

Morris has been working with a creative communications instructor to develop television commercials on some select high school sport topics, such as promoting high school sport, sportsmanship to name a few. Morris has also been in discussions with some television stations to air them.

#### **6.8 Sponsorships**

Red River Co-op gas bars are now supporting the MHSAA and will be assisting in one of our television broadcasts, along with a sportsmanship promotion

New this year is Awards and More and they will be a Hall of Fame sponsor in addition to a financial contribution

Morris is in early discussions with Subway.

### **7.0 Correspondence**

#### **7.1 MPIC – Champions**

Morris submitted a letter to the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for support of our Champions program, which was denied.

We received a letter from MAST, that Doug Long of The Pas will be their representative.

We received a letter from Healthy Living informing us that they can not assist us in funding the Champions program

We received a letter from Sport Medicine Council of Manitoba for a funding amount \$7500, allocated for the Champions program.

#### **7.2 Home School Association**

A letter was received from the Home School Association in regards to Home School Students.

## **8.0 Provincial Championship Board Representation**

Golf in Portage	Mark Diboll
Cross Country in Roseisle	Dale Ready
Rural Soccer in Birtle	John Potter
JV Urban Volleyball in Winnipeg	Missy Penner and J.J. Ross
JV Rural Volleyball in Niverville	Dale Ready
“A” Volleyball in Shoal Lake and Strathclair	John Potter
“AA” Volleyball in Souris and Killarney	TBA
“AAA” Volleyball in Dauphin	Dave Sigvaldason
“AAAA” Volleyball in Winnipeg	Nancy Baker
Curling in Carberry	Jeff Small
“AA” Hockey in Pilot Mound	Don Hurton
“AAAA” Hockey in Winkler	Dale Ready
JV Rural Basketball in Swan River	Dave Sigvaldason
JV Urban Basketball in Winnipeg	Missy Penner
“A” Basketball in Vita and Sprague	Dale Ready
“AA” Basketball in Russell and Roblin	John Potter and Dave Sigvaldason
“AAA” Basketball in Winnipeg	Scott Kwasnitza
“AAAA” Basketball in Winnipeg	J.J. Ross
Badminton in Winnipeg	Missy Penner
Rural Track and Field in Dauphin	Dave Sigvaldason
Fastpitch in Boissevain	
Baseball in Reston	

## **9.0 Other Business**

### **9.1 Parkwest Outlaws Football team**

(refer to 4.2)

### **9.2 MASS liaison Clarification**

Scott Kwasnitza encouraged discussion to clarify of the role of the MASS representative on the board of the MHSAA and generally for high school sport.

Dennis Pottage explained that there is ongoing conversation within MASS in regards to the governance structure of the MHSAA. From time to time, members of this group, have quite different perspectives. Rest assured though, the intent is not to undermine or frustrate the good work that is being undertaken by teachers and administrators across the province. He went on to encourage our body to remain focused on the task at hand and reassured us that we do have strong support. Don Hurton encouraged the board and our membership to promote our sport programs and the successes of our association.

## **10.0 New Business**

### **10.1 Rick Lambert from Sport Manitoba – Long term Athlete Development**

Sport Manitoba has been attempting to connect a direct school link to sport in Manitoba. Sport Manitoba believes that sport in the school is important to lifelong development of sport for our young people. It was found that young athletes have a difficult time moving to the various levels, because of their lack of fundamental skills. Fundamental skills and the importance of cross training are crucial in the development of core competencies. There are 71 sports that would like to have their sport in the school system. The reality is that schools do not have the resources to accommodate all of these sports. Unfortunately public perception is mainly concerned with winning or losing. Emphasis needs to be placed on the variety lifelong skills that sport teaches. Sport Manitoba believes it is imperative for sports to interchange dialogue in order to work together for the betterment of all athletes. Schools and physical education provide a pivotal role in the development of our athletes. Sport Manitoba is asking the MHSAA to join a sport working group. It is important to engage physical educators in this dialogue. Sport Manitoba is hosting a number of workshops on December 3-5, with some of the LTAD experts in attendance.

MHSAA committee members to be a part of this working group, will consist of Don Hurton, Missy Penner, Dennis Pottage, J.J. Ross, Robert Arnason, Dave Sigvaldason.

## **11.0 Adjournment**

**MOTION:** to adjourn

**Ross Metcalfe**

- Recorded by: Carey Lasuik

The next Board Meeting dates are

**Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and  
Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**