



Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, November 8, 2007

In Attendance: Don Hurton, Ross Metcalfe, John Potter, J.J. Ross, Dave Sigvaldson, Mark Diboll, Missy Penner, Dale Ready, Nancy Baker, Gordon Wooley, Paul Paquin, Dennis Pottage, Jeff Small, Hub Berube, Shan Dickson, Amy Brown, Gabrielle Wiebe, Nick Eliuk, Morris Glimcher, Carey Lasuik

1.0 President's Welcome

Don Hurton welcomed all to the meeting.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

2.1 Additions/changes to Agenda.

- Provincial Track and Field
- Fringe Sports

MOTION: To accept the agenda as presented

Missy Penner/Ross Metcalfe
CARRIED

3.0 Human Rights Appeal (November 1, 2007)

3.1 The Appeal

Morris, Carey and Dennis were in attendance at Court of Queen's Bench. We believe that our lawyer represented us well and presented the facts. He stressed that common sense has to be considered and presented a good case.

3.2 "If we lose?"

After lengthy discussion, the board felt that once the decision has been handed down, the board will have to meet and discuss the ramifications. We must ensure that as a board and as an association, that we agree with what the future of the MHSAA may be with consideration to the ruling. We anticipate that ruling will be made in December.

4.0 Business Arising from the September 20th Meeting

4.1 Meeting with Manitoba Soccer Association (November 5th, 2007)

Gordon Bell will be required to have security at all games. Student ID cards and official score sheets are suggested for all games. Morris to coordinate a meeting with all Winnipeg soccer convenors in January.

4.2 Rural Football Update

There was a concern with the Birdtail football team that involved seven schools. Morris discussed this situation with the Superintendent and he was unaware that the co-op rules applied to football. They were allowed to participate in the league and Morris believes the school division will deal with it for the future.

5.0 Financial Report & Investment Summary

(To October 31, 2007)

MOTION: to accept the financial report as presented

Jeff Small/Mark Diboll
CARRIED

6.0 Executive Director's Report

6.1 Sport Manitoba

Sport Manitoba's lease is up and must move by the December 2008. Sport Manitoba hopes to have a facility that includes a fieldhouse, training centre and other sport services that would serve as a central sport centre for the province. They hope to remain in downtown Winnipeg.

6.2 CSSF Meeting – September 27 – 29 in Winnipeg

The meetings went very well and all provinces and territories were represented. Presentations from special interest groups included Canadian College athletics and Aboriginal Sport Circle. The discussions were fruitful and the sharing that takes place is beneficial for all representatives. President Hurton commented that it was worthwhile to attend and that all delegates care about education and high school sport. Mark Diboll added that it is a great opportunity for representatives to share their challenges and successes.

6.3 Champions Cross Mentoring Workshop

Forty three students took part in the workshop held October 4th & 5th. This is a two day workshop that brings together student leaders to talk about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The students in turn are required to go into grade 5 classrooms to educate elementary students in dealing with those challenges. The program has been going for approximately 17 years, however in recent years, numbers have declined. We intend to operate the program as long as the funding continues. There was a recommendation to have a short presentation at our AGM to make the membership more aware of the program.

6.4 Eligibility Appeals

The eligibility appeal committee met in the afternoon of our September 20th, 2007 board meeting and it went smoothly. All appeals that were approved were quite justified.

6.5 Hockey Issues (Female)

Morris met with the Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League. This was as a result of some appeals dealt with at our last board meeting, which created a little animosity with their league and the MHSAA. We hope to work with the league in a positive direction of high school women's hockey.

6.6 High School Sports Hall of Fame

Morris circulated some possible athletes for inclusion. At our AGM, we would like to recognize the first group of inductees. The committee intends on meeting this school year to deliberate on potential candidates. Frank McKinnon will be the Chairperson. Builder, officials, etc. will be added as the Hall of fame grows. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

6.7 Trustee Summit – February 2008?

Morris would like to move this summit to January. The third or fourth week of January seems to be the best time.

6.8 Sports Academies

This does not seem to be an issue in Manitoba at this time, but has been a concern in some other provinces. There are currently a few academies in Manitoba. Question that arises, is should those athletes be allowed to participate in the specific sport that they are attending that school academy for? For example, in Calgary, students that attend a sport academy, cannot participate in the specific high school sport that they are attending that school for. It will become important that we decide what constitutes a sport academy for our purposes.

6.9 Respect in Sport Program

For all NCCP coaches, this course is mandatory. We have decided not to make this mandatory for high school teacher coaches, but very much encouraged. The direction we would like to take is that, non-teaching professionals should complete this course. Don Hurton, Dale Ready, Gord Wooley, Nick Eliuk and Hub Berube volunteered to be on a committee to look into this. Morris will attempt to get input from the membership through a survey. We will continue to promote the program.

6.10 U of M Recreation Students

We may have a University of Manitoba Recreation Studies student doing their placement with us from January to April.

MOTION: To accept the Executive Director's report

Missy Penner/Dave Sigvaldason

CARRIED

7.0 Correspondence

- nothing major

8.0 Provincial Championship Board Representation

This was circulated with the minutes of the last board meeting. Carey reviewed the championship dates and the responsibilities of our board

9.0 Other Business

9.1 MASS Report

Morris has received information that some of the Winnipeg Superintendents are concerned about the MHSAA and it's accountability.

9.2 National Federation Student Leadership Conference

- Indianapolis - July 2008
- We have attended this conference in the past. The National Federation welcomes our students.

MOTION: That the MHSAA subsidize students/chaperones to the National Student Leadership conference for \$100 per student up to a maximum of \$600.

Nick Eliuk/Hub Berube

CARRIED

10.0 New Business

10.1 Shaw Cable TV coverage

Presently, we have SHAW television coverage for the "AAAA" Championships at a cost of \$3000 per championship. Due to budget reasons, Morris asked if we want to continue? The board agreed that this is important and should continue. It was suggested that the "AAAA" Commentators and SHAW present results from the other championships that also take place during that time period.

10.2 Game Plan 2008

Circulated. It was emphasized that we need to continue communicating with school divisions and providing them with information regarding the MHSAA.

10.3 Track and Field

Hub brought up some feedback received regarding the new aggregate point system for track and field.

10.4 Fringe Sports

After our last board meeting, Hub requested that perhaps we need to talk to sports that have high school championships/competitions, that are not sanctioned by the MHSAA at this time. Morris will add it to his Gameplan to be considered.

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn Gabrielle Wiebe

The current Board Meeting dates are

Thursday, **February 21st**, and
Friday, **April 25th**

If you have any conflicts, please advise.