



**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2006, 9:30 AM
4th Floor Board Room, 200 Main Street**

1.0 President's Welcome

1.1 Introductions

In Attendance: Ross Metcalfe, Mark Diboll, Cam Kelbert, J.J. Ross, Ken Friesen, Mark Miles, Don Thompson, Brian Plett, Dale Ready, Don Hurton, Rhonda Young, Kellee Taylor, Morris Glimcher, Carey Lasuik, Ed Federau (U of M Student)

Regrets: Don Hurton, Tony Carvey, Shana Robinson, Jacques Dorge

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

2.1 Additions/changes to Agenda.

MOTION: Adoption of Agenda as presented

Mark Diboll /Don
Thomson

CARRIED

3.0 Review of the November 8 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Accept November 8, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Cam Kelbert/Dale
Ready

CARRIED

4.0 Business Arising from the September Meeting

4.1 Re-classification Committee/proposal

The "AAA" category seems to be the major area of concern. There are some Winnipeg schools that have, just over 400 students, moving them into the

“AAAA” category and they are having difficulty competing. Beginning in September 2006, the two Portage schools will have amalgamated into the “AAAA” category. There is also a concern in the North that the “AAA” schools have to play against larger R.D. Parker Collegiate. Carey and Morris are to put together some comparisons for the presidents meeting.

The “AAA” Urban rule may also need to be revisited. Once the two Portage schools combine, there will be 15 Winnipeg “AAA” schools and 14 Rural “AAA” schools. There are some “AAA” schools that do not host tournaments, and some are difficult to play because of geography. The current “AAA” Urban rule may be difficult to adhere to. Carey is to come up with a motion for the April meeting.

4.2 Soccer - relationship with MSA

- School teams will not be require MSA cards for soccer

4.3 Human Rights Case

Our lawyer has had a preliminary meeting with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission. A hearing has been set for May 4, 5 & 8, 2006.

4.4 Game Plan

As part of sport under the auspices of Sport Manitoba, we have to submit a Game plan to Sport Manitoba. Areas of emphasis include: re-classification, FIBA basketball rules, association & sport marketing, communications, online learning and better utilization of online resources.

4.5 Northern Travel

Morris, Ross Metcalfe and J.J. Ross will be meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss the idea of making funds available to support schools from Southern Manitoba to travel to zone 11 (Northern schools) for competition purposes. Presently, zone 11 schools have to spend large amounts of money to travel to tournaments. It would be a positive experience for Southern schools to travel to zone 11 and a good education for students to see the Northern part of the province. This is an expensive endeavor and not many schools travel to the North. The intent of this meeting is to allocate some funding to assist schools to travel to zone 11 for competition and educational values. A long term dream would be to host Provincial Cross Country in Churchill.

5.0 Financial Report & Investment Summary

MOTION: To accept the financial report as circulated, as of January 31, 2006.

Cam Kelbert/Mark

Miles

CARRIED

6.0 Executive Director's Report

6.1 Sport Manitoba

Sport Manitoba task force has ongoing discussions of a relationship with the

MHSAA regarding an improved delivery for the sport system.

6.2 Sponsorship Update

Morris has just been recently informed that McDonald's Restaurants of Manitoba will be ending their relationship with the MHSAA at the end of this school year. McDonald's has been with the MHSAA for 18 years. Their support includes scholarships, track and field and hockey. The value of their support was in the \$30,000 range. We have enjoyed our many years with McDonald's and the relationship that we have maintained with them and it has long surpassed the average life of a sponsor.

A fairly recent sponsor, FILA has closed their doors in Winnipeg due to their lease expiring. They anticipate reopening some time in the future. We will pursue our relationship with FILA if and when they re open.

Birchwood Automotive Group has officially signed a 3 year relationship with the MHSAA.

6.3 CSSF Update

Manitoba is scheduled to host the CSSF meeting in October of 2007. Morris has begun preparing for this. He will be soliciting board members to assist with the hosting of this event. Morris is president elect of the CSSF and will assume the presidency in October 2006.

6.4 Designated Funds

The board voted at its November meeting to allocate \$50,000 for a designated legal defense fund. A separate account will be set up for that fund.

6.5 Champions Cross Mentoring Workshop

The champions program has been operating successfully for approximately 14 years. Our numbers have decreased over the past few years, especially the winter workshop. With fewer numbers attending, the future of this program will need to be evaluated. We are not running a deficit, as we receive external funding. We will continue to monitor the program.

6.6 NorWossa Update

As a result of the NorWossa delegation to our June 2005 AGM, they are still interested in the possibility of joining the MHSAA. They have meetings in early May, where they will be discussing it. The next step is for them to decide whether or not that they are interested in joining, and then they would make a formal request at our AGM. Carey may be attending their meetings.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Minister of Education

Responding to Morris's letter inviting a delegation to meet with him.

7.2 Minister of Healthy living

Responded to a letter from Morris Glimcher in regards to Crystal Meth and the champions program.

7.3 Manitoba Teacher's Association

A letter was received from Brian Arden, president of MTS, informing us that they cannot financially support our human rights case.

7.4 Crocus Plains - re: SAG 2006

Requested permission to run their hockey tournament on the same date as the volleyball provincials for 2006 only.

7.5 Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

Is not able to host the scholar/athlete awards this year.

8.0 AGM

8.1 2006 - Portage

Morris informed the Board that because of cost and convenience, we will be going to Portage for the 2006 AGM.

8.2 2007 - Brandon

The Victoria Inn in Brandon has heavily pursued Morris to bring our AGM to Brandon. Their prices have become much more reasonable and Morris is working a deal with them for the 2007 AGM. It may also be time for a change of location and this may be a good opportunity to try something different.

9.0 Other Business

9.1 Over aged eligibility

Based on feedback from schools and the survey, the MHSAA eligibility committee will consider over age appeals on a case-by-case basis.

9.2 Good Friday - 2008

It has been brought to Morris's attention that Good Friday in 2008 will be in mid-March, therefore interfering with our March Championships. We will have to consider moving our championship dates up one week, just for March 2008. ie; Curling to be in the last week of February and hockey and basketball to be moved up a week.

9.3 Basketball deadline dates - second semester additions

Morris brings up the concern of athletes, specifically basketball student athletes that transfer in the second semester. It doesn't seem fair for these transfers to join a team three quarters into the season. Sometimes, they will take away the spot of another student athlete that has been with the team for the whole season, or could alter the competitiveness of the team. The board will put forward a motion dealing with deadline dates.

9.4 Tenders

Fewer schools are using the MHSAA tenders. The response from the survey was that the tenders were not that important. It was decided to eliminate tendering.

9.5 Basketball Summit - April 21/06

We will be organizing a basketball summit, in cooperation with Basketball Manitoba in April. We hosted one a number of years ago, and it is time to do so again. Some of the major issues are: the idea of FIBA rules, where we are going with high school basketball, recruitment of coaches and officials, etc.

9.6 Balmoral Hall - Hockey Program Bursaries

Morris has received some phone calls with concerns that Balmoral Hall is offering girls bursaries to play hockey there. Morris requested information from Balmoral Hall, but has not received anything to date.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Future meeting dates - April 26

Our next board meeting will be in conjunction with the zone presidents meeting. It will be on Wednesday, April 26. The board will meet at 9:00 am and the zone presidents will join us at 1:00 pm

11.0 Adjournment