



**Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 23, 2007 - 9:30 am**

1.0 President's Welcome

President Metcalfe welcomed the board to the first meeting of 2007. He introduced new board member, Paul Paquin who replaces Jacques Dorge from Manitoba Education. President Metcalfe also welcomed guest Dennis Pottage, Superintendent of River East-Transcona school division.

The board expressed their condolences to Brian Plett on the sudden passing of his wife.

1.1 Introductions

In Attendance: Ross Metcalfe, Dave Sigvaldson, Ken Friesen, Don Thompson, Dale Ready, Don Hurton, Nick Eliuk Nancy Baker, Gordon Wooley, Amy Brown, Gabrielle Wiebe, Paul Paquin, Morris Glimcher, Carey Lasuik

Guest: Dennis Pottage

Regrets: J.J. Ross, John Potter, Hub Berube, Kellee Taylor, Brian Plett

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be adopted

Don Hurton/Don Thomson
CARRIED

3.0 Human Rights Appeal Update

Nothing further to report at this time. The basis of our appeal will be re-presenting evidence that we do not believe was considered. We anticipate that it will be going to the Court of Queen's Bench in April. The hearing should last two days.

4.0 Review of the November 9, 2006 meeting minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 9, 2006 meeting as circulated

Don Thomson/Ken Friesen
CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from the November meetings

5.1 Zone 15 Track, Badminton

There was discussion with zone 15 regarding their entries for Track and Field and Badminton. In Track and field, they will be considered as an urban zone and enter directly into the Provincial Track and Field Championships.

MOTION: Zone 15 will be allotted two entries, plus any others making the standard into the Provincial Urban Track & Field championships, per category, and in the Badminton championships one entry per category.

Don Thomson/Dave Sigvaldson

CARRIED

5.2 Recruiting Committee report

The suggested guidelines, from the committee were emailed to the board for review. At present, we have guidelines for recruiting but no consequences for violations. Recruiting has been a growing issue over the last few years. The committee developed some distinct guidelines that include consequences. For teacher coaches, we have to be cognizant of the MTS professional code of conduct which all teachers must adhere to. President Metcalfe suggested that this document be monitored.

MOTION: That the recruiting document be accepted and circulated in accordance to the Notice of Motion, as presented by Zone 3 at the June 2006 Annual Meeting.

Nancy Baker/Ken Friesen

CARRIED

5.3 FIBA Rules

The committee recommended that we adopt FIBA technical rules. There are some administrative changes such as half time break that will be modified. These rules, including the wide key, are to be implemented, in the 2007-08 season. The wider key can be placed with tape until a school re-paints their floor. There was considerable discussion regarding the three point line. Carey and Morris are to circulate a questionnaire to solicit feedback on the three point line.

Don Thomson/Ken Friesen

CARRIED

5.4 High School Sports Hall of Fame

Former MHSAA President, Frank McKinnon has agreed to be the Chairperson. This project is ongoing.

5.5 Respect in Sport Program

Sport Manitoba has recently implemented a Respect in Sport Program that has become mandatory for all Provincial Sport Organizations. It is not mandatory for MHSAA because we are a multi-sport organization. We believe that this is a valuable tool and resource for all coaches and the MHSAA supports the program. The administrator representatives on the board believe it should be encouraged and made available to their coaches. We would like the Manitoba Association of School Trustees (MAST) and Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) to consider this an agenda topic. This program is to be further discussed and explored and to be brought back to the table at a future date.

MOTION: The MHSAA endorse the Respect in Sport Program and encourages school divisions to support their coaches to embrace this program.

Nick Eliuk/Gordon Wooley

CARRIED

6.0 Financial Report & Investment Summary

(To January 31, 2007)

MOTION: To accept the financial report as presented.

Dave Sigvaldson/Don Thomson

CARRIED

7.0 Executive Director's Report

7.1 Sport Manitoba

Ongoing dialogue continues with Sport Manitoba. We are trying to work with them to develop officials in Winnipeg and Rural Manitoba.

7.2 Hockey Co-ops (Mountain Mustangs)

Historical co-ops, adopted prior to our present co-op rules will remain until after the 2007-2008 season. After that, all co-ops will be under the current rules.

7.3 Champions Cross Mentoring Program – Thompson February 2007 - 26 students participated in a very successful workshop in Thompson in early February.

The funding for the Champions program has been cut substantially. It has always been understood that this program would exist as long as it did not require MHSAA funding. Since we have already committed to next year, Champions will continue for one more year.

7.4 Trustee Summit – February 2007 – Postponed

We intended to host a summit on February 16. Since the human rights case is still has not been settled, the summit has been postponed to a future date. To ensure that trustees understand the MHSAA's position on the human rights case, they were sent a letter explaining our position.

7.5 Sponsorship Update

Dairy Farmers have come on board as the title sponsor for the “AAAA” basketball, “AAAA” hockey and Provincial Track and Field Championships

- Boston Pizza continues their relationship with dialogue for expansion.
- MTS is continuing their relationship
- Home Run Sports will be sponsoring a track scholarship
- McDonald's has dropped the BEST Scholarships

7.6 CSSF Report

The Canadian School Sport Federation board met in Ottawa, February 1-2, 2007. Some of the programs that they are working on are;

- Promoting citizenship in co-operation with the Canadian Forces.
- A panel of spokespeople promoting school sport
- Manitoba is hosting the CSSF annual meeting on September 26-29 in Winnipeg with the Inn at the Forks as the host site. It is a tremendous opportunity for leaders involved in high school sport to gather to share ideas and concerns from across Canada

7.7 Membership Survey

We received 384 responses. Very good comments, unfortunately these comments are varied and don't necessarily support any common direction or issue. The next survey will be on FIBA rules.

8.0 Correspondence

- We are excited to receive word that Government House, home of the Lieutenant Governor, will host the Credit Union Scholar/Athlete awards luncheon on June 20th. Board members and special guests will be invited.
- Opposition Leader, Hugh McFadyen sent a letter in regards to the Respect in Sport Program

9.0 Provincial Championship Board Representation – Basketball, Hockey

Carey confirmed board representation at Provincial Championships for the remainder of the year.

10.0 Other Business

10.1 Game Plan 2007 Areas of Emphasis

- A continuing struggle is obtaining results and schedules to post on the MHSAA website. We are looking for feedback on how to improve this. It was suggested that at the zone presidents meeting, various options be presented. We also believe that we can improve consistency and accessibility for our provincial championships by standardizing provincial championship websites.
- To promote the importance and benefits of high school sport, developing a promotional poster with The Dairy Farmers of Manitoba
- Develop a DVD/CD about the same topic to be used for school boards, communities, parent groups, etc.
- To update the MHSAA power point presentation.
- Search for funding to host a Student leadership workshop which would bring students together to discuss issues and ideas to further improve high schools and high school sport, citizenship, leadership, etc.
- Post resources on our website, ie; scorekeeping, tournament hosting, info on healthy lifestyles, etc.
- Evaluate membership benefits such as coach's cards, resources, rewards, etc.
- Develop sport specific technical committees to direct and implement sport championships.
- Sport Academies - need to discuss this topic in the near future.

10.2 Students practicing with other schools

Some coaches have contacted our office about spring football practices and student athletes from other schools, who intend to transfer and whether or not that would be allowed. It was agreed that the student must have already applied and be accepted at the new school in order for this to be allowed.

11.0 New Business

11.1 NFHS Student Leadership Conference – July 20, 2007 – Indianapolis

In the past, we have sometimes taken the opportunity to send some students to the NFHS student leadership conference. The students' expenses are paid for once they arrive, but transportation to the conference is their own responsibility.

MOTION: The board to allocate up to \$500.00 to subsidize in these travel costs.

Don Thomson/ Don Hurton

CARRIED

11.2 Revenue Canada

Is addressing fees paid for services over \$500.00. This may require referees, to claim amounts over \$500.00. This could affect fees that the referee associations charge. There is some belief that referee associations will not fall under this jurisdiction. We will have to wait and see. Morris asked that if anybody receives or knows any information to please forward it to him.

11.3 Appeal from Norway House

It was discussed as information. The final appeal will have to be formalized by the school and submitted to the eligibility committee.

12.0 Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn – 12:20pm

Gordon Wooley/Don Thomson

CARRIED

The next Board Meeting date is scheduled for Friday, April 27th with a morning Board Meeting beginning at 9:00 AM, followed by the Zone President's meeting in the afternoon. If you have any conflicts, please advise.