



## **Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, September 20, 2007**

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

**Regrets:** Nick Eliuk, Paul Paquin

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

Introductions

President Hurton welcomed everyone and expressed his enthusiasm, as a new president, to be a part of an association that continues to be beneficial to the education system. He noted the challenges that lie ahead and how this may affect the future direction of our association.

### **2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

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

Hub Berube/J.J. Ross  
**CARRIED**

### **3.0 Human Rights Case**

Morris expressed his concern with the delay of the appeal being filed. The lawyer indicated that it would be filed in early 2007. He met with the senior partner of the firm and since the meeting, they have filed the appeal, and it will be heard by Court of Queen's Bench on November 1. They expect that the judge will take two to three months to render a decision.

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

We were pleased with the AGM being held in Brandon. The hotel was fairly accommodating, but it was a little more expensive than the accommodations in Portage. The response and evaluations were quite positive. We will be returning to Portage for the 2008 AGM.

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

#### **5.1 Discussion Group results/initiatives**

*Recruiting.* It was suggested that a written protocol be posted, specifically the communication process of what to do when a student and/or parent contacts the coach of another school. There is still difficulty when kids make a simple transfer over the summer. Overall, the response has been quite positive.

*ETS Scheduling/Results:* For the most part, most agree that zones should be doing a better job of posting schedules and scores public on our website.

*Respect in sport:* After discussion, our members do not believe that it should be mandatory for teacher coaches, but, we should consider making it mandatory for non teacher coaches.

*Co-op schools:* Some schools want to expand the three school rule to include more, typically for hockey. This creates some issues that will need to be addressed. Their concern is some schools believe that they require more than three schools to form a hockey team due to declining enrollments. The schools were invited to submit a motion, however it did not get through the zone

5.2 2008 Location (Portage) – Canad Inns in Portage la Prairie – June 15,16 & 17, 2008

5.3 Future Format – We will be changing the discussion group format to sport specific group discussions. It is time to try a different approach and provide sessions that may be more sport directed.

5.4 Game Plan – As a result of our game plan, we intended to update our website, but our website company hasn't completed this task. Morris is also searching for a school or group to develop a DVD promoting the MHSAA and the benefits of high school sport. He is hoping to find more time to begin work on the high school online hall of fame.

5.5 AGM Evaluations  
Printed in the September PACER

6.0 Financial Report & Investment Summary  
(To August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007)

That the financial report and Investment Summary be accepted as presented

Mark Diboll/Hub Berube

**CARRIED**

7.0 **Executive Director's Report**

7.1 Sport Manitoba

Wawanesa has purchased this building and as a result, Sport Manitoba must vacate the premises prior to December 31, 2008. Sport Manitoba is still searching for an appropriate location

7.2 Gordon Bell Soccer Incident

As a result of an incident regarding a physical altercation with an official and a Gordon Bell player, the school was found responsible for the action and a \$200.00 fine and suspensions were handed out.

7.3 Bingo Infractions – West Kildonan

West Kildonan was scheduled and confirmed to work an MHSA bingo on the August long weekend. Two days before the bingo, West Kildonan notified us that they could not fulfill their commitment. As a result, we have lost the revenue of that bingo and have been put on probation.

**MOTION:** That West Kildonan be suspended for five years from future bingos.

John Potter/Gordon Wooley

**CARRIED**

7.4 Recruiting violations

As a result of our new recruiting policy, we have two investigations in progress.

- 7.5 Sponsorship Update  
At the start of the school year, MTS suddenly informed Morris that they will not be providing the MHSAA with the \$5000.00 cash that they traditionally have. They will continue providing other services.
- 7.6 CSSF Meeting – September 27 – 29 in Winnipeg  
We are hosting territorial and provincial delegates from across Canada, from September 27-29. Board members are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity for Executive Directors and presidents, and others, to come together to share and collaborate on ideas and issues that occur in high school sports across Canada.
- 7.7 Eligibility Appeals  
The Eligibility appeals committee will be dealing with 12 appeals later this afternoon.
- 7.8 Web site update  
We have submitted design changes for our website. BCG, our website host, did not complete it over the summer and we are deliberating appropriate implementation timelines.
- 7.9 Hockey Issues  
Some girls hockey teams are struggling to find skaters and goalies and have been trying to use students from other schools. We would give consideration to goalies, however skaters must attend the school.

After much discussion, the direction from the board was to maintain the rules as they are.

- 7.10 High School Sports Hall of Fame  
Frank McKinnon has agreed to chair this committee. Morris hopes to develop it shortly.
- 7.11 Trustee Summit – February 2008 ?  
Approximately eight years ago, we hosted a summit for trustees and Superintendents that included approximately 100 delegates. We considered hosting one last year, but decided to postpone it as the court case may have had an affect on the direction of this summit. The board recommended that we host a trustees/superintendents summit in this school year.

**MOTION:** To accept the Executive Director's report as presented

Dale Ready/Dave Sigvaldson

**CARRIED**

## 8.0 Correspondence

- 8.1 Metro Superintendents – Brian O'Leary  
Was emailed to the board, with Morris's response.

### 8.2 Niverville Collegiate

**MOTION:** To accept the request to allow the Niverville JV boys Volleyball team to participate in the Urban JV Volleyball Championships.

Ross Metcalfe/Hub Berube

**DEFEATED**

### 8.3 Niverville request- suspension

**MOTION:** To accept the request from Niverville, with the provision that the boys basketball team remain on probation for the 2007-08 school year. Probation for the individuals involved, will be for all sports in the 2007-08 school year.

Gordon Wooley/Gabrielle Wiebe

**CARRIED**

### 9.0 Provincial Championship Board Representation

Golf in Gilbert Plains	Dave Sigvaldason
Cross Country in Roseisle	Gabrielle Wiebe and/or Don Hurton
Rural Soccer in Stonewall	Amy Brown
JV Urban Volleyball in Winnipeg	Missy Penner
JV Rural Volleyball in Flin Flon	Mark Diboll ??
“A” Volleyball in Deloraine and Wawanesa	Jeff Small and Dave Sigvaldason
“AA” Volleyball in Roblin	John Potter
“AAA” Volleyball in Winnipeg	Hub Berube and Gabrielle Wiebe
“AAAA” Volleyball in Winnipeg	J.J. Ross and Nancy Baker
Curling in Morris	Dale Ready and Shan Dickson
“AA” Hockey in Hamiota	John Potter
“AAAA” Hockey in Dauphin	Dave Sigvaldason
JV Rural Basketball in Portage	Mark Diboll
JV Urban Basketball in Winnipeg	Missy Penner
“A” Basketball in Treherne and Glenboro	Don Hurton and Jeff Small
“AA” Basketball in Teulon	TBA
“AAA” Basketball in Dauphin	Dave Sigvaldason
“AAAA” Basketball in Winnipeg	J.J. Ross
Badminton in Gimli	Missy Penner and Hub Berube
Rural Track and Field in Dauphin	Dave Sigvaldason
Fastpitch in Swan River	Dave Sigvaldason
Baseball in Reston	TBA

### 10.0 Other Business

#### 10.1 MASS Update – Dennis Pottage/Don Hurton

Dennis and Don attended the MASS Executive meeting in the Fall. MASS did have questions regarding the MHSAA budget. They also suggested that they have input on a governance model, but did not provide any suggestions. Don did suggest that the president and MHSAA representative could attend their meetings.

Dennis added, from the perspective of the Metro Superintendents, that there is not a clear understanding of the working relationship between school divisions and the MHSAA. He stressed that communication is critical to repairing this relationship and stressed that the role that the MHSAA plays is vital for all school divisions in the province. Dennis believes that we need to be proactive in taking steps to repair the relationship between MASS and the MHSAA and that as a starting point it was suggested that Morris send updates to the MASS office for distribution.

## 10.2 co-op situation

This will continue to be monitored.

## 10.3 Fundraiser

Marilyn Fraser, a long time MHSAA Track and Field volunteer, has developed Cancer. We would like support her treatment. It was recommended that we make available the opportunity for schools to donate at the Cross Country Running Championships or in other avenues that would be appropriate.

## 10.4 Rural Football

There is a co-op football team out of Birtle, which seems to be community based and operated, independently of the schools. Our understanding is that this team has no accountability to their schools. The board directed Morris to write a letter of concern and potential liability issues that may arise.

Ross recommended that the MHSAA develop a letter that reflects our relationship with other sports, that are not affiliated with us.

## 11.0 **New Business**

### 11.1 Soccer Affiliation with MSA re: Officials

How will we affiliate with MSA Soccer officials in the future? Morris to contact PE Supervisors.

## 12.0 **Adjournment**

### **Motion: To adjourn**

**Gabrielle Wiebe**

The current Board Meeting dates are

Thursday **November 8th**,  
Thursday, **February 21st**, and  
Friday, **April 25th**.

If you have any conflicts, please advise.