

Northwestern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 2, 2014 at **8:30 A.M.**
Victoria Inn – Thunder Bay, Ontario

Present:

NSSSAA	SSSAA	NorWOSSAA
Ellen Jardine; Chapleau HS	Emily Mousseau; Dennis Franklin Cromarty HS	Ryan Bryk; Atikokan HS
Gwen McKnight; Chapleau HS	Brandon Wright; Dennis Franklin Cromarty HS	Patrick Oberle; Bai Bon Beh Anishnabe
Ron Filion, ES Chateau Jeunesse	Claude Camirand; ESC La Verendrye	Reg McDonald; Beaver Brae HS
Chantal Cousineau; ES L'Oree des Bois	Bryan Nunan; Hammarskjold HS	Mike Lalonde; Dryden HS
Mitch Cousineau; ES L'Oree des Bois	Marilyn Ailey; Superior CVI	Geoff Zilkalns; Dryden HS
Dominique Thibeault; ESC Trillium	Scott Masters; S.W. Churchill CVI	Brad Bartlett; Dryden HS
Julian Boucher; ESC Trillium	Liz McKinnon; S.W. Churchill CVI	Carol Gardam; Dryden HS
Tim Griffin; Geraldton Composite HS	Lauri McFarlane; St. Ignatius HS	Shane Beckett; Fort Frances HS
David Jaremy; Hornepayne HS	Frank Ruberto; St. Ignatius HS	Marla Knutsen; Fort Frances HS
Matt Reid; Hornepayne HS	Roger Slomke; St. Patrick HS	George Lotsios; Ignace HS
Virginia McMillan; Lake Superior HS	Erica Lorentz; St. Patrick HS	Shannon Lawrance; Pelican Falls HS
Lindsay Costa; Lake Superior HS	David McCallum; Westgate CVI	Janine Lavoie; Queen Elizabeth HS
Ted Lalonde; Manitouwadge HS	Curtis Michaluk; Westgate CVI	Matt Gaine; Queen Elizabeth HS
Gord Martin; Manitouwadge HS		Michael Still; Queen Elizabeth HS
Noel McQueen; Marathon HS		Nicole Armstrong; Rainy River HS
Nancy Ramsdale; Marathon HS		Jim Chorney; Rainy River HS
Petar Kusic; Michipicoten HS		Mark Wilkins; Red Lake HS
Ray MacGregor; Michipicoten HS		Darrin Bausch; Red Lake HS
Jennifer Dawson; Nipigon-Red Rock DHS		Travis Batters; St. Thomas Aquinas HS
Frank Booker; Nipigon-Red Rock DHS		Kylie Hughes; St. Thomas Aquinas HS

1. Welcome and Presidents Remarks

1.1. President – Noel McQueen

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Scott Masters

Seconded by: Jeff Zilkilns

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1. Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame – Diane Imrie

Diane gave a presentation on the role of the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame. She discussed the objectives of their organization and encouraged all in attendance to look at High School athletes' past and present who might qualify for the Hall of Fame.

4. Review of Minutes 2013 AGM – Errors or Omissions

No errors or omissions were brought forward

5. Adoption of Minutes from 2013 AGM

Moved by: Ron Filion

Seconded by: Lauri McFarlane

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Financial Report – Tim Griffin – Secretary Treasurer NWOSSAA

A written report was tabled. It was reported that the request for member dues went out late this year but that member schools were sending dues quickly. Member schools were reminded that the dues for 2014-15 would be sent out in November after the October count date.

Motion to accept:

Moved by Virg McMillan Seconded by Nancy Ramsdale

Approved: Unanimous

8. Championship Reports – Spring 2013 – Fall / Winter 2013-14

- 8.1. Girls 'A' Soccer – Travis Batters – St. Thomas Aquinas defeated St. Joe's
- 8.2. Boys 'A' Soccer – Noel McQueen – St. Thomas Aquinas defeated Marathon H.S.
- 8.3. Track and Field – Roger Slomke – 46 Athletes went to Oshawa – No OFSSA medals
- 8.4. Golf – Received – Karen Saarimaki – Dryden won the team competition; St Patrick was 2nd
- 8.5. Cross Country – Roger Slomke
- 8.6. Girls 'A' Basketball – Nicole Armstrong – Rainy River defeated Hornepayne
- 8.7. Nordic Skiing – Ryan Bryk – 13 Skiers advanced to OFSSA
- 8.8. Wrestling – Don Slomke – 34 Wrestlers went to OFSSA – There were 3 medalists
- 8.9. Girls 'A' Volleyball – Ryan Bryk – St. Thomas Aquinas defeated Michipicoten
- 8.10. Girls 'AA' Volleyball – Not Held – OFSSA held in Thunder Bay - Report by Lauri McFarlane
- 8.11. Boys 'A' Basketball – Darrin Bausch – Red Lake defeated Manitouwadge
- 8.12. Boys 'AA' Basketball - Mike Lalonde – Churchill defeated Dryden
- 8.13. Curling – Gwen McKnight – Red Lake boys advanced to OFSSA.
- 8.14. Badminton – Wawa
- 8.15. Girls AA Basketball – Marla Knutsen Hammarskjold defeated Fort Francis
- 8.16. Boy A Volleyball – Gord Martin – Manitouwadge defeated Sioux Lookout and La Verendrye
- 8.17. Boys AA Volleyball – Lauri McFarlane – Dryden defeated St. Ignatius

9. OFSAA Reports

- 9.1. OFSAA School Classification – Gord Martin
Gord gave a presentation on the OFSSAA meeting. He explained that it was the goal of OFSSAA to eliminate the AAAA competition category and go down to three categories (A – AA – AAA). The categories will be determined based on school enrolment. There was considerable debate at OFSSAA about how to realign the divisions and a final decision had not been made as of the NWOSSAA AGM. There was a concern that the new categories may put smaller schools at a competitive disadvantage.
- 9.2. Pete Beach Award 2014 – SSSAA – Brian McLeod - Hammarskjold
- 9.3. Pete Beach Award 2015 Nomination – Consistent with the rotation, members schools from NSSSAA would nominate and select the 2015 Pete Beach Award winner
- 9.4. Presentation – Janine Lavoie – Lauri McFarlane OFSSA Award for participation

10. Correspondence

10.1. We received a request from Diane Imrie of the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame via email from Steve Poling about making a presentation at the annual meeting. The presentation was arranged and scheduled for the beginning of the AGM under presentations. (See 3.1 above).

11. New Business

Complete copies of motions are at the end of the minutes. The minutes show the resolution that was adopted.

11.1. Motion 2014-1 NWOSSAA Swimming Regulations

Northwestern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletics Association		
Constitution	By-Laws	Playing Regulations
Article #: Page:	Article #: 1.1 Competition Page:	Article #: Administration Page: 1
Be it Resolved That... By-Law 1.1 include Swimming under sports that NWOSSAA shall co-ordinate inter-association competition. The Swimming Playing Regulations are attached.		
MOVER: Steve Mastromatteo		SCHOOL: St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.
SECONDER: Travis Batters		SCHOOL: St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.
Submitted: Mar. 28 th , 2014		PASSED 27-0-15

11.2. Motion 2014-2 NWOSSAA Curling Regulations

Northwestern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletics Association		
Constitution	By-Laws	Playing Regulations
Article #: Page:	Article #: Page:	Curling May 2012 Page 2 Scheduling
Be it Resolved That... The NWOSSAA Curling Regulations under the Section "Scheduling – Last Stone Advantage" be updated as per the changes suggested submitted by Karen Saarimaki as attached to this motion.		
MOVER: Gwen McKnight		SCHOOL: Chapleau High School
SECONDER: Virg McMillan		SCHOOL: Lake Superior High School
DATE: May2, 2014		PASSED 36-0-7

11.3. Motion 2014-5 Badminton Safety Eyewear Motion

Northwestern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletics Association		
Constitution	By-Laws	Playing Regulations
Article #: Page:	Article #: Page:	
Be it Resolved That... The NWOSSAA badminton playing regulations follow the OFSSA badminton regulations regarding protective eyewear that includes side protection as per ASTM F803 designation.		
MOVER: Reg McDonald		SCHOOL: Beaver Brae H.S.
SECONDER: Mike Lalonde		SCHOOL: Dryden H.S.
DATE: May 2, 2014		PASSED 33-0-0

11.4. Motion 2014-4 Formal medal presentation (By-Law 9.1.6) after NWOSSAA Championships

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<i>Constitution</i>	<i>By-Laws</i>	<i>Playing Regulations</i>
Article #:	Article #: 9.1.6	
Page:	Page: 14	
Be it Resolved That... NWOSSAA By-Law 9.1.6 be included in the By-Laws and state "The hosting school must conduct a formal awards ceremony at the conclusion of NWOSSAA Championship events."		
MOVER: Nancy Ramsdale		SCHOOL: Marathon H.S.
SECONDER: Gord Martin		SCHOOL: Manitouwadge H.S.
DATE: May 2, 2014		PASSED 33-0-9

11.5. Motion 2014-5 Golf

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<i>Constitution</i>	<i>By-Laws</i>	<i>Playing Regulations</i>
Article #:	Article #:	Golf
Page:	Page:	Page 2 Scheduling
Be it Resolved That... All players play from their gender's regular tee, even if they are competing for the team championship.		
MOVER: Liz MacKinnon		SCHOOL: Churchill
SECONDER: Scott Masters		SCHOOL: Churchill
DATE: May 2, 2014		PASSED 33-0-9

11.6. Number of Entries per school – Track and Field – Roger Slomke

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<i>Constitution</i>	<i>By-Laws</i>	<i>Playing Regulations</i>
Article #:	Article #:	Track and Field
Page:	Page:	
Be it Resolved That... The number of entries per school be raised to 3 entries and 1 alternate at NWOSSAA Track and Field Events		
MOVER: Roger Slomke		SCHOOL: St. Patrick H.S.
SECONDER: Bryan Nunan		SCHOOL: Hammarskjold H.S.
DATE: May 2, 2014		PASSED 29-0-6

11.7. Clerical error in NWOSSAA Constitution

There was a discussion about an apparent clerical error in the Constitution and By-Laws. Past President, Geoff Zilkalns, explained that the wording in Article 11, Section 11.2 and 11.3 is written in error. They should read as follows:

11:2 Notices of motion to amend the constitution **and by-laws** must be circulated to all members of this association at least two weeks before the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

11.3 Amendments to the constitution **and by-laws** require the approval of two-thirds of the membership present at the annual board of directors meeting.

The changes were made at a previous meeting but the error was not immediately noticed. It was agreed unanimously by the NWOSSAA representatives that the constitution should read as shown above. This change will be reflected in the updated constitution as the request for motions that will be sent out prior to the annual meeting.

12. 2014-15 NWOSSAA Calendar – Noel McQueen

13. 2015-15 NWOSSAA Directory – Tim Griffin

14. Association Reports

14.1. SSSAA – Scott Masters (on behalf of Dave Pineau)

SSSAA recognized Liz McKinnon for her long time contribution to NWOSSAA on the occasion of her retirement.

Issue with Curling and arranging travel when location is determined less than two weeks before event. Suggestions:

That the region hosting the championship try to determine their champion (host site) earlier.

That consideration be given to sending 1 Boys and 1 Girls team to NWOSSAA

There have been issues with booking hotels for different championships. Suggestion to have host sites take responsibility for booking hotels on behalf of visiting teams. No consensus on this issue but most agreed that improved communication between host and participants would help with this issue.

Other issues facing SSSAA – Coach Recruitment and support; Potential work to rule, decreasing enrolment

14.2. NorWOSSAA – Mike Lalonde

Mike reported that NorWOSSAA will be hosting three OFSSAA Championships next year.

14.3. NSSSAA – Frank Booker / Ted Lalonde

Frank Booker of Nipigon Red Rock DHS reported that he was the new President of NSSSAA.

15. Next Meeting Dates and Location

16. Executive Meeting: Thursday, April 30, 2015

17. Annual General Meeting: May 1, 2015 Victoria Inn

18. Adjournment: Moved: Lauri McFarlane Second: Gord Martin Carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM