

Northwestern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association

Annual General Meeting

Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:30a ~~EST~~†

Virtual through Zoom

Attendance

SSSAA: Dave Pineau (SSSAA); Lance Jones (SSSAA); Roger Slomke (St. Patrick); Matt Valley (Second Fire); Dave McCallum (Westgate); Julie Beach (St. Patrick); Paul Wojda (Hammarskjold); Michael Busch (St. Ignatius); Marilyn Ailey (Superior); Catherine Paquette (la Verendrye); Warren Nieckarz (Superior)

NSSSAA: Frank Booker (Nipigon-Red Rock); Gwen McKnight (Chapleau); Mark Szekely (Saint-Joseph); Jen Huhta (Nipigon-Red Rock); Matt Reid (Hornepayne); Gord Martin (Manitouwadge); Nancy Ramsdale (Marathon); Wayne Pittman (Manitouwadge); Julian Boucher (Trillium); Dave Kyle (Chapleau); Renee Weber (Trillium)

NorWOSSA: Geoff Zilkalns (Dryden); Michael Still (Dryden); Michael Lalonde (Dryden); Brooks Mejia (Beaver Brae); Reg McDonald (Beaver Brae); Jen Leishman (Fort Frances); Tyson Grinsell (Fort Frances); Pam Bujold (Atikokan); Brad Gascoigne (Atikokan); Megan Derouard (St. Thomas Aquinas); Jeff Richards (STAHS); Janine Lavoie (Sioux North)

1. Welcome and Presidents Remarks – Mike Lalonde

2. Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to Adopt **Moved by: Zilkalns** **Seconded by: Ramsdale** **Motion: CARRIED**

3. Presentations – sponsorship presentation not ready re: official balls

4. Financial Report – David Pineau

-Gallagher is no longer charging per capita so it will be a steady fee

-this covers NWOSSAA and leagues

-OSBIE is thinking of taking this insurance over

Motion to Accept **Moved by: Slomke** **Seconded by: Reid** **Motion: CARRIED**

5. OFSAA Reports

5.1. OFSAA Report – Dave McCallum, Jennifer Huhta, Andy Schardt, Mike Lalonde. *See attached*

5.2. Pete Beach Award 2022 (NorWOSSA) (2023 – SSSAA; 2024- NSSSAA; 2025- NorWOSSA)

Janine presented it to Mike Lalonde

6. Correspondence *none*

7. New Business

7.1. Introduction of 2022-23 NWOSSAA Executive *new CBA is Tyson Grinsell (NorWOSSA, FFHS)*

7.2. Badminton (Motion- see attached) *Jones motion withdrawn; Slomke/Pineau Motion: CARRIED*

7.3. NWOSSAA Fees (Motion- see attached) *Pineau/Booker Motion: CARRIED*

Going forward NWOSSAA costs will be split equally 3 ways and invoiced prior to spring AGM. Executive will clean up Constitution language in fall.

7.4. NWO Sport Hall of Fame Representative *Dave Pineau- Huhta/Zilkalns Motion: CARRIED*

8. Review 2022 NWOSSAA Championships (Badminton, Soccer, Track & Tennis) *schedule picked up from 2020 due to Covid*
9. 2022-23 NWOSSAA Calendar – David Pineau
10. 2022-23 NWOSSAA Directory – shared Google doc sent to Presidents- David Pineau
11. Association Reports
 - 11.1. NSSSAA – ~~Nancy Ramsdale~~ Matt Reid -*managed some local play*
 - 11.2. SSSAA – David Pineau -*participation is up but coach recruitment is challenging; Boards are looking at building sports program Gr 4-12; girls hockey has been successful – next steps being decided*
 - 11.3. NorWOSSA – Janine Lavoie -*local games only but tried to make regular season as normal as possible*
12. Next Meeting Dates (*planning for in person*)

Executive Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 8:30 AM

Annual General Meeting: Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 9:00 AM
13. Adjournment

Motion to Accept **Moved by: McCallum** **Seconded by: Slomke** **Motion: CARRIED**

ATTACHMENTS:

OFSAA Report

- OFSAA would like to thank all of the coaches and volunteers for everything they have done to make sports happen in such a difficult year!
- Thank you to Dave McCallum for representing us as CBA for the past 6 years
- Some of the candid discussions we heard indicated that participation is down all over the province, and that shortages in supply teachers and bus drivers are adding to the difficulty of running sports everywhere.
- Doug Gellatly is retiring and has been replaced by Shamus Bourdon.
- Hosts are required for the following 2022-2023 championships ASAP; if they are not filled by June 10th those championships will be cancelled:
 - Boys' A Volleyball, Boys' AA Volleyball, Boys' AAA Volleyball
 - Girls' AAA Soccer
 - Boys' AA Soccer, Boys' AAA Soccer
 - Plus lacrosse, rugby and ultimate which we don't currently run
 - 2023-2024 is still accepting bids for: Nordic, alpine, snowboarding, swimming, wrestling, badminton, ultimate, track and field let us know if you'd like more information on placing a bid to host. You can contact Shamus Bourdon shamus@ofsaa.on.ca with questions or bids or Jen jhuhta@sgdsb.on.caInformation on hosting for potential bidders can be found here:
<https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/championships-festivals>
- OFSAA virtual student forum was once again a success so they will do it again (virtual)
- Virtual Coaching in Ontario Schools has also been successful and they will be continuing with the virtual option and looking to expand the program, as well as reach out to school boards as PD opportunities.
<https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/programs/cios-coaching-ontario-schools/cios-online>
- There will be an OFSAA championship committee meeting in May to discuss balance within championship calendar in a way that will also benefit student academic success.

- Girls slow pitch was adopted as a festival, dates being the Monday and Tuesday the second week in June. Draft playing regs should be showing up and will remain in draft for 1 year for potential necessary changes. Info is on the ofsa website.
 - Once again the discussion of mental health being a factor in eligibility for transfer students came up; the motion was once again defeated as it stipulated that to be eligible students must have been diagnosed with a mental health condition and be undergoing treatment by a regulated mental healthy professional with documentation (it removed diagnosis documentation being presented to the school from last year). It was noted that in many jurisdictions students don't have access to these people and services.
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- Motion 2 from SSSAA about inviting ADs from each association to attend the AGM along with the CGA and CBA reps was defeated; there is inconsistency in which associations have full time ADs, if they're paid or volunteer etc. It would be expensive to have an extra 18 or so people there in person. There were also gender equity concerns as the bulk of ADs are male. It was also suggested that OFSAA's structure could potentially do with a wide scale overhaul and so that will be looked in the coming years.
 - Motion 2 in the standing rules was defeated. It aimed to remove alternate means of qualifying for OFSAA where associations didn't host their own qualifying events. Their goal was to encourage associations to host more qualifiers and thereby grow the sports (ie alpine, rugby field hockey, lacrosse and others) but most agreed it would have the opposite effect and kill those sports in smaller leagues.
 - There were changes to weight classifications in girls wrestling for safety and equity and those will be included in the report I send for the minutes. Wrestling points allocation were also changed to ensure that people weren't entering wrestlers who weren't well-prepared simply to gain place points.

WRESTLING – 2 motions

MOTION 1

MOTION MACDOUGALL/KIRBY

Page V-1, Section 1 (b)(i) - Events and/or Classifications

Page V-3, Section 3 (f) - Entry

Page V-4, Section 6(a)(i) - Rules and Officials

WHEREAS safety is the first priority for all our student-athletes. The current girls' weight class categories present a significant and unnecessary risk for the girls' wrestling between 83 and 115 kg. The addition of the 89 and 95kg weight classes will reduce the chance of injury to the lighter weight student-athletes.

AND WHEREAS to ensure equitable opportunities for all student-athletes, adding the 3 weight classes to the girls' division (38kg, 89kg, 95kg) ensures girls and boys the same opportunities to compete.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Page V-1, Section 1 (b)(i) be changed to read as follows:

(b) Girls' Events

(i) Seventeen (17) weight classes will be conducted: 38, 41, 44, 47.5, 51, 54, 57.5, 61, 64, 67.5, 72, 77, 83, 89, 95, 115, OVER 115 "kgs.

(ii) In order to compete in the 115 kg class, a competitor must weigh in over 95 kg and in order to compete in the highest weight class, a competitor must weigh in over 115 kg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following weight classes be added to section 3(f): 38, 89, and 95 kg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED section 6(a)(i) be changed to read as follows:

Boys': 38, 41, 44, 47.5, 51, 54, 57.5, 61, 64, 67.5, 72, 77, 83, 89, 95, 130, OVER 130 kg

Girls': 38, 41, 44, 47.5, 51, 54, 57.5, 61, 64, 67.5, 72, 77, 83, 89, 95, 115, OVER 115 kg

Mover: Guy MacDougall

Second: Jason Kirby

School: Cairine Wilson

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Association: NCSSAA

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Speaker: Brian Riddell

Action: CARRIED

MOTION 2

MOTION MACDOUGALL/KIRBY

Page V-4, Section 6 (b)(iv) - Rules and Officials and Page V-8, Section 2(c)(iv) - Scoring

Page V-4, Section 6(b)(i) - Rules and Officials and Page V-8, Section 2(a)(b) - Scoring

WHEREAS safety is the first priority for all our athletes. Ensuring athletes are well prepared and follow the practice requirements set out by OFSAA's playing regulations, and not be participating for the purpose of acclaiming place points due to low entry numbers. Recommending that place points be prorated based on entry numbers per weight division **is fair for determining championship awards.**

AND WHEREAS to ensure we provide equitable opportunities for all athletes to earn points for their respective teams, and provide a fair allocation of place points given the amount of entries in each weight division.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 6(b)(iv) be changed to read as follows:

Place points are 24, 18, 13, 9, 6, 4 and will only be awarded if 17 or more wrestlers are entered in a weight division. 13, 9, 6, 4, 2, 1 will be awarded if 9 - 16 wrestlers are entered in a weight division. 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 will be awarded if 8 or less wrestlers are entered in a weight division. Winners of the third and fifth place bouts can only receive consolation round win points.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT replace section 6(b)(i) of the playing regulations with the following:

(i) The top **seventeen (17)** boy wrestlers may score points for a team. The top **seventeen (17)** girl wrestlers may score points for a team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that section 2 (a) & (b) within the sport specific directives are replaced with one subsection and read as follows:

(a) The top **seventeen (17)** boy wrestlers may score points for a team. The top **seventeen (17)** girl wrestlers may score points for a team.

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NWOSSAA Motion

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Whereas...

Thunder Bay is able to access 12 courts in nearby locations to host the NWOSSAA Badminton (including evening practice times) in a timely manner so that teams can minimize travel and length of hotel stay;

And whereas...

Thunder Bay has the hotel capacity to meet the needs of schools from the east and west coming in to compete, sometimes with little time to book accommodations;

And whereas..

Travel to remote edges of our association could mean 12+hours of travel to attend NWOSSAA followed by similar travel to attend OFSAA

And whereas

SSSAA hosts the NWOSSAA Badminton at no cost to the attending teams other than their accommodations

And whereas

A consistent host minimizes any issues in coordinating OFSAA entries, expectations around the event

Be it Resolved That...

Thunder Bay be host site for the NWOSSAA badminton on an ongoing basis similar to wrestling

MOVER: Roger Slomke SCHOOL: St. Patrick

SECONDER: David Pineau SCHOOL: SSSAA

DATE: May 18, 2022

CARRIED 31-5-1