

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rosalie Flynn at 2:30 PM. Rosalie welcomed those present, including: Carson Benallack (Burstall), Marc Benjamin (Consul), Brian Bernauer (Leader), Colleen Carleton (Cabri), John Cazakoff (Shaunavon), Jamee Coupe (Val Marie), Dave Dornstauder (Chinook SD), Bev Dutton (Gull Lake), Rob Englot (Vanguard), Stu Esson (St. Angela's, Prelate), Rosalie Flynn (SCCHS), Jennifer Foley (Shaunavon), Aaron Foster (Hodgeville), Dennis Franz (Fox Valley), Cindy Glenn-Schultz (Abbey), Val Gordon (Eastend), Darcey Huyghebaert (Herbert), Adam Jackson (Swift Current), Adele Kirwan (Gull Lake), Terry Klippenstein (Waldeck), Darren Lehmann (Fox Valley), Randy McCulloch (Herbert), Tim Miller (Shaunavon), Roger Morgan (SHSAA), Colin Richert (Wymark), Terry Ross (Ponteix), Bryan Schlamp (Morse), Chris Sharp (Maple Creek), Derek Targerson (Tompkins) and Chris Wenner (Swift Current).

2. The meeting agenda had been previously circulated.

**MOTION 06/07-018:** Wenner/Franz that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

3. The minutes of the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting were circulated on the SWAC web site.

**MOTION 06/07-019:** Benjamin/Miller that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

4. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. The financial report was circulated (attached). Income for the period September 1, 2006 to January 10, 2007 was \$6866.23, while expenses totaled \$1652.35, leaving a balance of \$7087.23 as of January 10, 2007. In addition, total of \$1 500.00 was held in reserve for track and cross country uniform purchases.

**MOTION 06/07-020:** Esson/Schlamp that the Financial Report be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

6. The following reports were presented:

a) In her President's report, Rosalie Flynn reported on the following:

- 1) She indicated that this past year had been one of change and challenge for SWAC including amalgamation, funding negotiations, implementation of SWAC Junior Sports and the implementation of SHSAA Conference play. Rosalie emphasized that there continue to be growing pains and encouraged everyone to work as a group to turn obstacles and challenges into successes.
- 2) Rosalie encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Athletic Directors Group email set up on the ChinookSD web site. Anyone not on the mailing list wishing to be included should talk to Rosalie. Other group emails could also be arranged as needed.
- 3) Rosalie indicated that Junior Section Reps for the Cypress Hills and Whitemud Sections needed to be found. The Senior Section Reps for those areas were responsible to find Junior Reps to SWAC.
- 4) Rosalie presented a discussion paper regarding transportation guidelines for Regionals and Provincials (those events paid for from the ChinookSD Central Fund). Discussion followed and a final proposal was developed (attached).

**MOTION 06/07-021:** Gordon/Franz that the revised guidelines be approved by SWAC..

**Carried.**

Rosalie would submit this proposal to ChinookSD Senior Administration for approval before distributing the guidelines to all schools.

b) Roger Morgan (SHSAA Section 1 Rep) presented a report from SHSAA Executive/Presidents/Officials Meeting, including:

1. SHSAA Financial update

- a. Grass and sand golf – loss of \$5600 (expenses up due to cart rental costs and purchase of new tee markers)
- b. Cross country – loss of \$282

- c. Soccer (including conference and regional) – loss of \$77
  - d. Football – profit of \$12 750
  - e. Volleyball – incomplete due to recent championship information not submitted – anticipated significant loss (-\$10 000 for conference playoffs)
2. MAP grant information
- a. Districts should have received 50% of MAP grant total before special allotments (symposium, etc.)
  - b. Spending plans have been submitted, so remainder of MAP grant should be paid in January
    - Team fees should be returned before Christmas
    - District membership fee will be billed at that time
3. Fall Activities
- a. Golf
    - use of facilitators – coaches assigned to foursomes
    - very helpful for inexperienced golfers
    - no complaints about scoring
    - took care of etiquette problems
    - list of responsibilities will be forwarded to districts for reference
  - b. Cross Country
    - error in team medal presentation (bronze)
    - next year in Prince Albert
  - c. Soccer
    - conflict between provincial cross country and conference soccer for a number of students – some schedules were adjusted
    - some schools thought that a four team championship was less significant than an eight team tournament
      - SHSAA executive recommendation to eliminate conference play and advance all teams to a regional playoff leading to an eight team provincial championship (may require some pre-regional playoff games)
  - d. Football
    - concern regarding play on Remembrance Day
      - an announcer's script will now be sent out to all host schools describing the connection between high school football and war veterans, as well the Bud Weaver Memorial Trophy story will be sent to schools to include with the program
    - tinted visors are not allowed without a doctor's prescription
      - Regina is making up an information/permission form that must be signed by the doctor
    - 9 man football will move from five conferences to four in 2007
      - information in on the SHSAA web site
    - may be some changes in 12 man football
      - Saskatoon league schools possibly splitting to 3A/4A
  - e. Volleyball
    - district organizations did a great job hosting 120 volleyball playoffs this fall
    - attempts may be made to name regions by direction (NSEW) and numbering groups and conferences within the region
    - regional scheduling was not ideal (long breaks, long days) because quarter finals and third place games were necessary to advance three teams to 12 team provincial tournaments
      - SHSAA executive will resubmit a motion to advance two teams per region to a ten team provincial tournament, this would cut time and expenses
      - may be a resolution forthcoming to make the third game be played to 15
    - scheduling problems for some conference tournaments occurred due to team withdrawals
    - some teams had significant travel for conference playoffs

#### 4. Officials

- great work done by DOCs to assign the large number of playoffs this fall
- SHSAA executive recommendation to increase volleyball pay to non-SVA officials from \$8 to \$10
- upcoming pilot project for training and mentoring of new officials

#### 5. Withdrawals

- seven withdrawals from conference soccer; 22 withdrawals from conference volleyball (after the final conference schedule was announced)
- \$200 fines assessed, though some appealed due to discipline issues or ignorance of conference playoff responsibilities
- remember that you can click “No” on your E5, or you can withdraw six weeks prior to the provincial championship

#### 6. Forward Planning

- agreement with SABO is upcoming for assignment of officials to Hoopla.
  - They have agreed to abide by SHSAA rates for game fees, mileage and meals.
  - Arrangements for official selection and evaluation for Hoopla
- basketball playoffs have been published, and schools have been asked for any comments or concerns
  - conference playoffs are single elimination
  - regional and provincial tournaments will have consolation sides
- SHSAA executive initiatives
  - officials development
  - involvement of females in athletics
  - visibility of the SHSAA in new school divisions as well as the public
  - increased sponsorships
  - coaching development for non-teacher coaches
- SHSAA Coaches Symposium
  - August 20-21, 2007 in Saskatoon
- SHSAA AGM
  - Lloydminster
- Future open bids (accepted by January 30)
  - 5A girls volleyball 2007
  - 2A boys volleyball 2007

#### 7. New Districts

- many districts experiencing challenges regarding finances for competition, athletic administrative support
- many frustrations regarding not being able to use 15 passenger vans

#### 8. Upcoming Sports

- Badminton
  - Rally point will be in effect for 2007
  - Hand out included for doubles serving rotation

#### 9. District Concerns

- Numerous divisions have lost the use of 15 passenger vans
- Funding for sports have a wide disparity
- Athletic Commissioners are hired in roughly half of the divisions
- District vs Division \$ issues and clarity of \$
- Some districts weren't able to provide league play in the fall

#### c) Chris Wenner presented the Officials Commissioner's Report indicating:

1. The Volleyball Official's Clinic was very well attended.
2. Thanks to Todd Anaka for serving as Referee in Chief for Volleyball,
3. Volleyball officiating went well at Regionals and Provincials. Chris stressed the need to develop more

Volleyball officials, especially those willing to work the stand and not just the floor. Chris wondered if schools were adhering to the policy of paying all officials SHSAA rates. Chris also suggested that perhaps SWAC needed to set standard pay rates for Junior Officials. The feeling of the meeting was that this was not necessary, since often Senior players who volunteer are used as Junior officials.

4. Chris thanked the Section leaders for distributing information about Basketball.
  5. The Basketball Officials clinic had reasonable attendance considering a change in date and poor weather. Only 6 or 7 Officials have registered with SABO and are taking the exam. Tim Miller is Referee in Chief. Officials for the one Conference playoff SWAC is hosting (Shaunavon) have been arranged. There may be a problem if SWAC hosts more than one Regional.
  6. Chris implored **all schools** to register **all officials** for **all sports** with the SHSAA Officials Registry. Unless they are on the Registry, they cannot be used for Conference/Regional/Provincial play. This caused a bit of a headache for Volleyball when officials that could be used weren't registered.
  7. A Track and Field Officials Clinic was still in the process of being arranged.
  8. Badminton Coaches should note the change to rally point scoring and a change in doubles serving rotation.
  9. For SWAC Senior Curling Sectionals, each host site must have a referee on site.
  10. Football coaches should note the rule change for no yards on punts.
- d) Rosalie Flynn reported on the Forward Planning Committee Meeting held in November. The committee discussed several items to be forwarded to Chinook SD Administration including release time for teacher-officials, SHSAA Conference play to be covered by Central funds, a part time athletic coordinator, a Chinook SD Central Fund to cover the costs of SWAC championships in Golf, Curling, Track and Field, and Cross Country (since these sports could incur extra costs due to facility and equipment rentals), and funding from Chinook SD to help SWAC host the SHSAA AGM (possibly in 2011).
- e) Reporting on the SWAC Web Site, Marc Benjamin noted that information was coming in better than previously, but some areas were still a concern. Some School Coaches lists had not been updated. Some Junior Volleyball results were not in yet. Sport Commissioners were reminded to use the online form to get information to Marc as soon as possible after the event is completed.
- f) The following Fall Activity Reports were verbally submitted:
1. **Soccer:**
    - 1A Girls
      - Travel distances for Conference play were a concern.
      - It is hoped that Provincials return to an 8 team format. This might eliminate the Conference level play.
      - Shaunavon Girls won Provincial Bronze Medals
    - 3A Girls
      - There was concern expressed over a confusing qualification structure at Regionals. Swift Current did not medal.
    - 3A Boys
      - Swift Current did not medal.
  2. **Sand Golf** - SWAC Championship had 30 participants.
    - Frontier finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Morse 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Herbert 3<sup>rd</sup> in team competition
    - No medals at provincials.
  3. **Grass Golf** - Swift Current 1<sup>st</sup>, Shaunavon 2<sup>nd</sup>, Maple Creek 3<sup>rd</sup> and Herbert 4<sup>th</sup> at SWAC playoffs
    - Swift Current was 4<sup>th</sup> in team standings at Provincials.
  4. **Cross Country**
    - The meet was a huge success despite poor weather.
    - There were 114 athletes from 14 schools taking part. Younger age categories were particularly well represented.

**MOTION 06/07-022:** McCulloch/Foster that 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons be awarded for SWAC Cross Country in addition to 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold Medals.

**Carried.**

5. **Volleyball** - 1A Girls - Expectations for Conference hosts seemed excessive.  
 e.g. having Mayor/Director of Education present.  
 - Finding registered Level Officials was a problem  
 - Scheduling flexibility by the host committee to accommodate travel distances would be a nice idea.  
 - Having no awards for Conference level play trivialized the Championship.  
 Recommendation was the SWAC submit a resolution to have SHSAA have Conference awards.
- 1A Boys - Concern was expressed that the 6 team format of 2 pools was too few games for the distance traveled to Conference play. A full round robin would be preferred.  
 - Inconsistent officiating at Conference Championship was a concern.
- 2A Boys - Travel distance for Conference play was a concern.  
 - Hosts should have flexibility to adjust schedule to accommodate for distance and time of travel.  
 - Concern was expressed that there were too few games for the distance traveled to Conference play. A full round robin would be preferred.
- 3A Boys - There was frustration expressed that elementary students were used as linesmen. Their inexperience caused some issues with close calls.  
 - Concern expressed that both Conference and Regionals were at the same location, with Leader being dropped from hosting.
- 4A Girls - Conference tournament was an extremely long day. Format change suggested.  
 - Travel distance for Conference play was a concern.
- Jr. Girls - Frontier won SWAC Championship.  
 - The following changes were suggested for next year (report attached):  
 a) The Sub-Sectional groups should be fine-tuned to have at max of 4 teams.  
 b) Sectional playoff could be eliminated and have 7 Sub Section winners plus a host school in an 8 team SWAC final.  
 c) SWAC should set the dates for playoffs at the June meeting.  
 d) Playoffs should be held on weekdays.  
 e) Lists of coaches/supervisors should be available at the start of the season.
6. **9 Man Football** - Shaunavon won SWAC medals.  
 - Next year will see changes since Lumsden and Caronport will be added to the Conference.  
 - Coaches have until January 31<sup>st</sup> to submit comments to SHSAA on this new structure.
7. **12 Man Football** - Swift Current failed to register a win in their conference.

**MOTION 06/07-023:** Wenner/Ross that the Reports be approved as presented.  
**Carried.**

7. The Winter Activities were reported on as follows:
- a) **Basketball** - Senior - Sr. League running with 6 Girls and 6 Boys teams, plus a Coed team from Eastend in the Boys league.  
 - Junior - Two separate leagues running (Frontier, Maple Creek, Shaunavon)(Fairview, Herbert, Hodgeville, Irwin, Waldeck, Wymark) with both boys and girls teams.  
 - At present there are no plans yet for a SWAC Championship.
- b) **Curling** - Senior - February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> were confirmed as the dates for the SWAC playoffs in Swift Current.  
 - Junior - Sectional Championships were set as follows:  
 Cypress Hills – Cabri, Feb 12/13  
 Rolling Hills – Herbert, Feb 12/13  
 Whitemud – Shaunavon, Feb 13/14

c) **Badminton** - Senior

**MOTION 06/07-024:** Carleton/Franz that Sectional Badminton Championships be run as two Pools with the top 2 from each pool advancing to SWAC Playoffs.

Carried.

**MOTION 06/07-025:** Wenner/Carleton that the each school must accurately seed their entries to Sectional Badminton Playoffs.

Carried.

**MOTION 06/07-026:** Gordon/Franz that the tie breaking procedure for Badminton Sectionals be the same as used by SHSAA.

Carried.

- Junior

**MOTION 06/07-027:** Gordon/Carleton that for SWAC Junior Badminton, the Sectional Playoff be eliminated and 1 winner in each category from the Sub Section Playoff advance to the SWAC Playoff.

Carried.

- d) **Track and Field** – An Inservice on the HyTek program has been planned for Thursday February 22 at Convention. Roger Morgan would conduct the Inservice. The first hour would be for those who need to make entries, while the remainder of the day would be for those who need to compile the final statistics.

8. The following items of New Business were discussed:

- a) The list of Activity Sites, Commissioners and dates for the Spring Activities was updated as follows:

***2007 Hosting sites for Senior Level Sectional and Districts***

***Curling Sectional Championships***

<b>Section</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Date of Competition</b>
Cypress Hills	Maple Creek	Gaylene Senft	Feb 12/13
Rolling Hills	Herbert	Darcey Huyghebaert	Feb 12/13
White Mud	Shaunavon	Connie Allemand	Feb 12/13

***Curling District Championships***

Swift Current – Commissioner: James Kissick

Date: Feb 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>

***Badminton Sectional Championships***

<b>Section</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Date of Competition</b>
Cypress Hills	Cabri	Colleen Carleton	April 21
Rolling Hills	Herbert	Curtis Schultz	April 21
White Mud	Fox Valley	Dennis Franz	April 21

***Badminton District Championships***

Swift Current

– Commissioner from Rolling Hills

Date: April 28<sup>th</sup>

– Herbert School: Curtis Schultz/Darcey Huyghebaert

**Track and Field Sectional Championships**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Date of Competition</b>
Cypress Hills	Abbey	Cindy Glenn-Schultz	May 16
Rolling Hills	Gull Lake	Adele Kirwan	May 16
White Mud	Shaunavon	John Cazakoff	May 15

**Track and Field District Championship**

Swift Current –Commissioner from White Mud: Jenn Foley/Val Gordon Date: May 23

**2007 Hosting sites for Junior Level Sectional and Districts**

**Curling Sectional Championships**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Date of Competition</b>
Cypress Hills	Cabri	Colleen Carleton	March 5/6
Rolling Hills	Herbert	Darcey Huyghebaert	March 5/6
White Mud	Shaunavon	Connie Allemand	March 5/6

**Badminton Sub Sectional Championships**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Date of Competition</b>
Cypress Hills A	Cabri	Colleen Carleton	Thurs April 26
Cypress Hills B	Maple Creek	Chris Sharp	Thurs April 26
Rolling Hills A	Herbert	Aaron Foster	Thurs April 26
Rolling Hills B	Gull Lake	Chad Striker	Thurs April 26
White Mud A	Frontier	Mike Puszkas	Thurs April 26
White Mud B	Eastend	Val Gordon	Thurs April 26

**Badminton District Championships (Cypress Hills)**

Maple Creek High School Commissioner: Chris Sharp

Date: May 5

- b) The 2006-2007 Budget was reviewed.

**MOTION 06/07-028:** Esson/Miller that the Budget be approved.  
**Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-029:** Foley/Gordon that a new set of 100 Track/Cross Country singlets be ordered for SWAC.  
**Carried.**

- c) Discussion was held regarding SWAC Medals. The assumption was made that all Junior Sports will be awarded SWAC Medals next year. The Secretary should proceed to order on this assumption. Attempts should be made to purchase ribbons only and use up the excess inventory of Volleyball medals currently on hand.
- d) Awards nominations for SWAC Male and Female Coach of the Year, SHSAA Service Award, SHSAA Merit Award and SHSAA Officials Award were to be submitted by February 16 to Rosalie. Rosalie would develop a nomination form for the Officials Award. The Committee would meet at the February Convention.

9. The date for the winter meeting was set for Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 2:30 PM in Gull Lake High School.

10. Marc Benjamin moved adjournment at 6:15 PM..