

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), Rea Carlson (Gull Lake), John Cazakoff (Shaunavon), Joanne Cosgrove (Climax), Jamee Coupe (Val Marie), Dave Dornstauder (Chinook SD), Bev Dutton (Gull Lake), 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), Larry Lafrentz (SHSAA), Darren Lehmann (Fox Valley), Randy McCulloch (Herbert), Tim Miller (Shaunavon), Josh Munan (Vanguard), Mike Puszkar (Frontier), Colin Richert (Wymark), Terry Ross (Ponteix), Bryan Schlamp (Morse), Patti Shannon (Hazlet), Blair Simpson (Maple Creek) and Chris Wenner (Swift Current).
2. The meeting agenda had been previously circulated. Addition included:
  8. e) SWAC Executive positions for 2007-08
  - f) LINC items pertaining to SWAC

**MOTION 06/07-030:** Wenner/Ross that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**Carried.**

3. The minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting were circulated on the SWAC web site.

**MOTION 06/07-031:** Carleton/Franz 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 April 25, 2007 was \$10599.75, while expenses totaled \$6 662.27, leaving a balance of \$5 810.83 as of April 25, 2007. In addition, total of \$1 500.00 was held in reserve for track and cross country uniform purchases. Treasurer Cazakoff indicated that anticipated income to the end of the year included \$3 287.50 in MAP grants, while expected expenses included approximately \$4000.00 for track uniforms, \$2600.00 for the AGM, \$450.00 for honouraria and \$500.00 in miscellaneous expenses, leaving an anticipated balance of ~\$3000.00 to start 2007-08.

**MOTION 06/07-031:** Puszkar/Esson that the Financial Report be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

6. The following reports were presented:

a) Larry Lafrentz presented information from the SHSAA office:

- 1) Thank you to all schools who hosted Conference and Regional Basketball Tournaments, and to those who officiated and arranged officials.
- 2) Curling Championships went well in all three venues, despite some weather issues.
- 3) Wrestling numbers continue to decline, especially in rural schools.
- 4) Hoopla in Regina was very successful, yielding the highest ever gate proceeds. It is hoped that when it returns to Regina in 2009, that all there U of R gyms can be utilized.
- 5) Provincial Championship projections for 2007-08 involving SWAC included a successful bid from Ponteix fro 2A Boys Volleyball.
- 6) Open bids for 2008-09 available to SWAC schools included all Curling, both Sand and Grass Golf, all Soccer (these were likely to return to an 8 team format) and Regional Wrestling.
- 7) There was one position open on the Provincial Executive, the Women's Rep, available to a SWAC member.
- 8) Resolutions to the AGM must be submitted to the office by May 9, for discussion at the May 13 & 14 Executive meeting. They would be posted on the SHSAA web site shortly thereafter.
- 9) The Coaching Symposium was again set up for August 20 & 21, 2007 in Saskatoon. A \$600 MAP grant was once again available to SWAC.
- 10) High School Sport Week was set for October 14-20, 2007
- 11) The SHSAA AGM was set for June 20-22, 2007 in Lloydminster.

- a) Cost of Hotel Rooms was expected to be higher than usual.
  - b) Delegates were reminded about the business attire requested for the Awards Banquet.
  - c) Nominations for the Merit and Service Awards were due by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
  - d) Nominations for the SWAC Outstanding Coaches Awards and SWAC Outstanding Officials Award were due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. These were to be presented at the June SWAC AGM.
  - e) Delegates to the AGM had to be declared by May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- 12) The sponsorship agreement with Yonex had been renewed in March. This coincided with the report from the Badminton Shuttle investigation committee recommending that the Mavis 300 (a change from the 350) be approved as the shuttle for use in SHSAA play beginning in 2007-08.
  - 13) A new 3A Football League involving North Battleford Comprehensive, Prince Albert Carleton, Prince Albert St. Mary's, Saskatoon Bedford Road, Saskatoon Marion Graham, and Saskatoon Centennial schools was approved, despite several of these schools being classified as 4A. The Regina league would travel North in 2007 for playoffs against this league. Moose Jaw league (which includes Swift Current) was set to host Provincials.
  - 14) The SHSAA Message Board was shut down due to the excessive amount of Spam being posted. It was hoped that a new version, currently being tested, would be up and running in time for a discussion of AGM Resolutions.
  - 15) SHSAA would likely not be continuing their licensing of the Hy-Tek computer program for Track & Field. Districts were encouraged to budget for their own purchase.
- b) Chris Wenner presented the Officials Commissioner's Report indicating:
    - 1) All three Regionals in Basketball went well. Thanks to Referee-in-Chief Tim Miller for his help. Two Officials from SWAC worked at Hoopla.
    - 2) A Football Officials' Clinic was being set up soon by the Swift Current Minor Football League. SWAC Officials were welcome to participate. Announcement of the date would be on the SWAC web site.
    - 3) A very successful Track & Field Officials clinic was held during Convention with 17 participants. Officials sheets were ordered and distributed for use at each of the SWAC Section meets.

**MOTION 06/07-032:** Wenner/Jackson that the payment of officials for SWAC Basketball games be based on the following:

- a) For all SHSAA level basketball games:
  - i) SHSAA Handbook amount (\$31.00/game in 2008) for SABO registered officials who have attended a clinic within the past two years and have written the current SABO exam.
  - ii) SHSAA Handbook amount from the previous year (\$30.00 in 2007) for SABO registered officials.
  - iii) SHSAA Handbook amount (\$20.00 in 2008) for non SABO registered officials.
 Note: This would include games involving Grade 9's.
- b) For all games involving Grade 8 and under:
  - i) \$25.00 for SABO registered officials who have attended a clinic within the past two years and have written the current SABO exam.
  - ii) \$20.00 for SABO registered officials.
  - iii) \$18.00 for non SABO registered officials.

**MOTION 06/07-033:** Carleton/Esson that Motion 06/07-033 be amended to remove the "Note" in part a) and to change Grade 8 to Grade 9.

**Carried.**

**The amended motion 06/07-032 was Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-034:** Wenner/Jackson that the payment of officials for SWAC Volleyball games be based on the following:

- a) For all SHSAA level basketball games:
  - i) An official who is an SVA member, has attended a clinic within the past two years and has taken the appropriate exam for his/her current level and, who acts as a referee **and** an

- umpire during the same competition, be paid at the SHSAA handbook rate (currently \$15.00/match) for all matches in that competition.
- ii) An official, who is an SVA member, has attended a clinic within the past two years and has taken the appropriate exam for his/her current level, but who acts only an umpire during a competition be paid \$12.00/match.
- iii) An official who is not an SVA member be paid the current SHSAA handbook rate (currently \$8.00/match).
- b) For all games involving Grade 9 and under:
  - i) An official who is an SVA member, has attended a clinic within the past two years and has taken the appropriate exam for his/her current level and, who acts as a referee **and** an umpire during the same competition, be paid \$12.00/match
  - ii) An official, who is an SVA member, has attended a clinic within the past two years and has taken the appropriate exam for his/her current level, but who acts only an umpire during a competition be paid \$10.00/match.
  - iii) An official who is not an SVA member be paid the current SHSAA handbook rate (currently \$8.00/match).

**Carried.**

- c) Reporting on the SWAC Web Site, Marc Benjamin noted that information was coming in better than previously, but some areas were still a concern. The Coaches list from Frontier had not been updated. Curling results were reported promptly. Basketball and Football results were still not completed. He noted that the Forward Planning section of the site contain all the documents presented to the Chinook Administration team by the Committee.
- d) The following Winter Activity Reports were verbally submitted:
  - 1) **Basketball** - There were concerns about forfeited games near the end of the season.
    - There was a suggestion that the number of playoff teams be limited in future. It was decided to continue as is and monitor things next year.
    - Concerns were expressed about the ranking procedure for SHSAA Conference play, especially in the 3A category.
    - Shaunavon Boys captured the 2A Silver Medal at Provincials, while SCCHS earned the Gold Medal in 4A Girls
  - 2) **Wrestling** - SCCHS hosted over 200 athletes for a very successful Regional Meet. Numbers were down, especially rural school entries.
    - No medals were earned at Provincials.
  - 3) **Curling** - Because of facility issues, the District playoffs were held over 3 days in Swift Current.
    - Several recommendations (attached to minutes) were made for future championships.

**MOTION 06/07-035:** Carleton/Foley that for future SWAC Curling Championships, the A side Section winners play the B side winner from a different Section in their first game.

**Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-036:** Carleton/Benjamin that future SWAC Curling Championships be a full double knockout (B side winner must defeat the A side winner twice to capture the Championship).

**Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-037:** Esson/Franz that in future SWAC Curling Championships any tie games be broken through an extra end(s).

**Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-038:** Coupe/Carleton that future SWAC Curling Championships be 8 end games with no minimum number of ends to concede.

**Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-039:** Dutton/Carleton that for future SWAC Curling Championships a 10 minute/team practice session, including the opportunity to throw rocks, be available prior to a team's first game with colours of rocks designated.

**Carried.**

- e) Rosalie Flynn and Val Gordon reported on behalf of the Forward Planning Committee.
  - 1) The committee had, over the course of the winter, developed proposals for presentation to the Chinook School Division Administration Team. These were presented on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The proposal for release of teacher-officials was approved (apparently this was approved in 2006, but was not communicated clearly.) Proposals for a 0.50 Athletic Coordinator position, and the inclusion of Conference play (and District play where there is no Conference playoff) in the Central Athletic Budget were received and would be reviewed by as part of the Budget process. Total cost for these items was estimated at \$90 000.
  - 2) Through Rosalie, Director Liam Choo-Foo relayed his thanks to SWAC and its representatives for their hard work in promoting Athletics in the Chinook School Division.
  - 3) A committee of Tim Miller (Whitemud Section), Cindy Glenn-Schultz (Cypress Hills Section), Adam Jackson (Speedy Creek Section), Bev Dutton (Rolling Hills Section), Val Gordon and Rosalie Flynn, was struck to meet through email to review the current SWAC Section structure and the playoff formats from 2006-07 in all sports. The committee was to report back at the June SWAC Meeting.

7. The following Spring Sports were discussed:

a) **Badminton**

- 1) **Senior**
  - Set for April 28<sup>th</sup> in Swift Current.
  - Information had been emailed to schools.
  - Coaches were reminded about the uniform code in place for Badminton.

**MOTION 06/07-040:** Puszkar/Glenn-Schultz that the "on deck" system be used for SWAC Senior Badminton tournaments.

**Carried.**

- 2) **Junior**
  - Sectional tournament information was on the SWAC Website.
  - Districts were set for Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> in Maple Creek.
  - Concerns were expressed about the variety of start times for the Section Tournaments. It was noted that this was mainly due to the number of entries in the various tournaments. The Forward Planning Committee was to review the issue.

**MOTION 06/07-041:** Simpson/Franz that the SWAC Junior Badminton playoff structure be changed to allow for two teams to advance to the SWAC Championship from each Sub-Section Tournament.

**Carried.**

- b) **Track & Field** - Dates for the Section Meets were listed on the SWAC web site.

**MOTION 06/07-042:** Puszkar/Glenn-Schultz that times from the Section meets be used to seed heats for the SWAC meet in Hurdles timed finals, 400 m timed finals, 100 m heats and 200 m heats.

**Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-043:** Puszkar/Glenn-Schultz that advancement from the 100 m heats and 200 m heats at the SWAC meet be the heat winners and the next fastest times.

**Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-044:** Benjamin/Foley that former Division meet records be combined to form the Section meet records for 2007, and that the SWAC and South Central meet records (held by Morse, Hodgeville and Herbert athletes only) be combined to form the new District records.

**MOTION 06/07-045:** Benjamin/Glenn-Schultz that Motion 06/07-044 be amended so that only the District records would be combined.

**Carried.**

**The amended motion 06/07-044 was Carried.**

**MOTION 06/07-046:** Esson/Franz moved that the Legacy School Division records be held in perpetuity and published on the SWAC web site, and that new Section records be established in 2007.

**Carried.**

- The information for the SWAC meet was on the web site.
- Coaches were reminded that mileage to, and accommodations at, Provincials will only be paid for athletes and coaches who travel with the SWAC team on the bus(es).
- Coaches were reminded that the method of advancing Relay teams from the Section meets to Districts and from Districts to Provincials would be at the discretion of the Coach of the winning team: the winning team could advance as a unit, or the Coach could decide on a new relay combination based on the fastest runners.
- New SWAC track singlets should be ready for the Provincial meet.

**MOTION 06/07-047:** Esson/Benjamin that the old track singlets be sold at the SWAC meet on a first come-first served basis for \$5 each.

**Carried.**

8. The following items of New Business were discussed:
- a) **Resolutions to the SHSAA AGM**

**MOTION 06/07-048:** Miller/Esson that SWAC endorse and present the following resolutions for discussion at the SHSAA AGM:

- a) Basketball: Be it resolved that the SHSAA send out ranking forms 3 times a year in a pilot project in all basketball categories. The rankings would go out in December, January and February. To ensure coaches filling out rankings forms have all the necessary information, SHSAA needs to provide a separate page for each category for all teams in each category to list their scores, to allow coaches to properly rank teams.
- b) Basketball: Be it resolved that only the winning team in each of the 8 Conference Tournaments will automatically advance to the Regional playoff. The other 8 available spots in the Regional Tournaments will be wild card spots that are to be determined by SHSAA based on the latest rankings.  
Background: This will allow for the top 16 teams to be at the Regional playoffs. This eliminates the negative effect of playing in a tougher conference, and limits the advantage of a team hosting a Conference tournament. This will also value a team's season more than a single Conference Tournament or game.
- c) Basketball: Be it resolved that SHSAA move the highest ranked four teams into four separate Conferences if possible, due to the possibility of affecting seeding for Regionals.

**Carried.**

- b) The Awards Committee has selected SWAC Coaching and Officials Award winners and submitted Merit and Service Award nominations from SWAC to SHSAA.
- c) Tim Miller volunteered to arrange for the door prize sponsored by SWAC to the SHSAA AGM, cost in the range

of \$100.

d) Delegates to the SHSAA AGM from SWAC were designated as follows:

- 1) Incoming President – Val Gordon (Rosalie Flynn as alternate)
- 2) LEADS Rep – Dave Dornstauder
- 3) Trustee Rep – Tim Ramage
- 4) Administrator – Mark Benesh (Val Gordon as alternate)
- 5) Officials Commissioner – Chris Wenner
- 6) At Large Delegates – Colleen Carleton, Adam Jackson, Rosalie Flynn.

e) The Forward Planning Committee was directed to work through LINC to ensure that extra-curricular issues were a focus in the next local contract.

9. The date for the SWAC June meeting was set for Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 2:30 PM in Gull Lake High School.

10. Stu Esson moved adjournment at 5:40 PM.