



MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHSAA
Zoom Meeting
JUNE 24, 2021



2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DELEGATE LIST

BATTLE WEST

Tonya Lehman	Living Sky SD	DEL
Ryan Nickell	Maymont	DEL
Greg Mamer	Wilkie	DEL
Greg Knot	Medstead	DEL
Mary Linnell	Living Sky SD	DEL
Graeme Giemi	Unity	DEL
Tyson Volk	Light of Christ SD	DEL
Vic Stynsky	JP II Collegiate	OBS
Brad Nemish	Spiritwood	OBS
Ken Parker	Unity	OBS
Lane Buswell	Spiritwood	OBS
Rob Cey	Unity	OBS
Jeff Barrett	Cut Knife	OBS

CENTRAL VALLEY

Syd Laskowski	VCA - Osler	DEL
Sandra Schatz	Dalmeny	DEL
Chris Anderson	Allan	DEL
Mitch Luiten	Rosthern	DEL
Pam Wieler	Prairie Spirit SD	DEL
Scott Cory	Hanley	DEL
Brad Nichol	Prairie Spirit SD	DEL
Paul McTavish	Prairie Spirit SD	OBS
Myles Loeffler	CVAC	OBS

EAST CENTRAL

Dan Alspach	Melville	DEL
Curtis Spelay	Yorkton Regional	DEL
Shauna Wirl	Churchbridge	DEL
Bryce Krawetz	Yorkton Columbia	DEL
Evan Rostotski	Norquay	DEL
Alisa Leidl	Good Spirit SD	DEL
Luke Krienke	Langenburg	OBS
Kevin Kitchen	Yorkton Dr. Brass	OBS
Alicia Chewka	Esterhazy	OBS
Garrett Karcha	Yorkton Sacred Heart	OBS
Cory Johnson	Yorkton Regional	OBS

HORIZON CENTRAL

Curtis Strueby	Lake Lenore	DEL
Brian Grest	Horizon SD	DEL
Erin Bernhard	St. Brieux	DEL
Travis Flahr	Raymore	DEL
Cheryl Vertefeuille	Horizon SD	DEL
Tessa Jordon	Wynyard	DEL
Todd Gjevre	Horizon SD	DEL
Rex Selby	Bruno Central	OBS
Ryan Trumbley	St. Brieux	OBS

NORTH CENTRAL

Tori Glynn	PA Carlton	DEL
Rene Quintal	PA Ecole St. Mary	DEL
Rylan Michalchuk	Birch Hills	DEL
Bill Yeaman	Sask Rivers SD	DEL
Gabe Andrews	La Ronge - Churchill	DEL
Cory Trann	Sask Rivers SD	DEL

NORTH EAST

Dwight Wrubleski	Naicam	DEL
Tim Johnstone	Melfort	DEL
Kandace Little	Tisdale	DEL
Trevor Davidson	Choiceland	DEL
Lori Kidney	North East SD	DEL
Lane Gerwing	Melfort	DEL
Stacy Lair	North East SD	DEL
Ian Clark	Creighton	OBS

NORTH WEST

Brad Lejeune	St. Walburg	DEL
Ryan Sklapsky	Lloydminster	DEL
Kelsey Rogers	Lloydminster	DEL
Brad Freyman	Loon Lake	DEL
Barb Seymour	Northwest SD	DEL
Rob Kozinski	Meadow Lake	DEL
Aaron Oakes	Northwest SD	DEL
Lonnie Mercredi	Eagleview	OBS

QU'APPELLE VALLEY

Trevor Viergutz	Indian Head	DEL
Matthew Zomer	Notre Dame	DEL
Elizabeth Ingram	Fort Qu'Appelle	DEL
Jason Weitzel	Balgonie	DEL
Verne Barber	Prairie Valley SD	DEL
Kayla Vargo	Broadview	DEL
Mike Embury	Prairie Valley SD	DEL

REGINA

Katie Rosenkranz	Campbell	DEL
Lance Ford	Winston Knoll	DEL
Kelley Ehman	Regina Catholic SD	DEL
Bill DeRosier	Thom	DEL
Adam Hicks	Regina Public SD	DEL
Aaron Anderson	RHSAA	DEL
Jason Coleman	Regina Public SD	DEL

SASKATOON

Jenny Holtsman	Evan Hardy	DEL
Tony Michalchuk	ED Feehan	DEL
Ryan Okrainitz	Tommy Douglas	DEL
Shaun Nechvatal	ED Feehan	DEL
Diane Boyko	Saskatoon Catholic	DEL
Jud Heilman	SSSAD	DEL
Dean Newton	Saskatoon Public SD	DEL
Kent Muench	Saskatoon Catholic	OBS

SOUTH CENTRAL

Mitch Singleton	Rouleau	DEL
Leigh Pethick	Prairie South SD	DEL
Joanne Feeley	Assiniboia	DEL
Derek Zacharias	Caronport	DEL
Darcy Pryor	Prairie South SD	DEL
Levi Broda	MJ Vanier	DEL
Derrick Huschi	Prairie South SD	DEL
Tana Arnott	MJ Peacock	OBS

SOUTH EAST

Clarke Tavanetz	Oxbow	DEL
Margie Gibson	Moosomin	DEL
Nathan Johnson	Estevan	DEL
Ryan Nichols	Carnduff	DEL
Kevin Keating	South East SD	DEL
Andrea Kerr	Weyburn	DEL
Shelley Sargent	South East SD	DEL
Jacinda Drew	Midale	OBS
Jody Kerr	Weyburn	OBS
Jos Risling	Wawota	OBS
Bryce Birch	Redvers	OBS
Colin Wilson	Carlyle	OBS
Fred Jerred	South East SD	OBS
Jessie Smoliak	Estevan	OBS

SOUTH WEST

Adam Jackson	Swift Current	DEL
Katrina Letwiniuk	Frontier	DEL
Lana Marshall	Leader	DEL
Ian Rewcastle	Hodgeville	DEL
Ken Duncalfe	Chinook SD	DEL
Tyson Krause	Maple Creek	DEL
Ken Garinger	Chinook SD	DEL
Jennifer Foley	Shaunavon	OBS
Talena Scott	Ponteix	OBS
Valerie Gordon	Chinook SD	OBS

WEST CENTRAL

Lance Morrison	Dinsmore	DEL
Becky Dubasov	Beechy	DEL
Shannon Stephenson	Outlook	DEL
Jill Long	Loreburn	DEL
Sue Lytle	Sun West SD	DEL
Phil Guebert	Kenaston	DEL
Darren Gasper	Sun West SD	DEL
Jeff Sopczak	Rosetown	OBS

OTHERS

Ashley Howard	Curl Sask	OBS
Aaron Demyen	Sask Volleyball	OBS
Larry Lafrentz		OBS

EXECUTIVE

Jeff Kitts	President	Executive
Al Wandler	Section I	Executive
Ryan Fowler	Section II	Executive
Nathan Noble	Section III	Executive
Darren Nordell	Section IV	Executive
Dave Earl	Saskatoon	Executive
Sandra Surkan	Regina	Executive
Graham Comfort	Officials' Rep	Executive
Angela Mallory	Women's Rep	Executive
Cathy Morrow	SSBA	Executive
Vicki Moore	LEADS	Executive

OFFICE

Lyle McKellar	Regina	Office
Dave Sandomirsky	Regina	Office
Jessica Blair	Regina	Office
Stefanie Lewis	Regina	Office

GENERAL SESSION #1

- a) Jeff Kitts called the 2021 AGM to order at 1:03pm. Special Guests were introduced and welcomed. A moment of reflection in memory of the lives lost at Indian Residential Schools.
- b) **MOTION** by Dan Alspach (EC) / Trevor Viergutz (QV) to adopt the 2021 AGM agenda.
CARRIED
- c) **MOTION** by Clarke Tavanetz (SE) / Margie Gibson (SE) to adopt the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting as circulated.
CARRIED
- d) **Striking of Committees:**
Nominations – Vicki Moore & Cathy Morrow
Bids to Host – Dave Sandomirsky
Moderators and Scrutineers – Jessica Blair & Stefanie Lewis
- e) Nominations for Executive positions closed on June 4, 2021. The positions open are: President, Women's Rep, Section 1, Section 2, Section 4, and Saskatoon. All candidates for executive elections were introduced.
- f) **ACTIVITY REPORT:** The 2020-2021 Activity Report, including calendars for 2021-22 and 2022-23 was presented.

g) President's Address:

I would like to welcome everyone to the 73rd annual Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association annual general meeting. What a year 2020/21 has been...

This school year proved to be an extremely difficult one. The music stopped. There were no whistles, wind-sprints, parents in the stands, or a buzz in the building. 2020/21 has emphasized the importance of school sport and the benefit it has for everyone involved. School sport gives students, coaches, parents, and officials a sense of purpose, belonging and focus throughout the school year.

The connections gained while competing were not possible this year. Leaving a big hole for those who love to be involved.

Those who were fortunate enough to engage in some form of competition this year will value the opportunity. Those who did not, will remember that loss forever. Grade twelves will graduate without having their "final season". Many will feel like the pandemic took more from them than others. But what our graduating athletes need to remember are the lessons they learned throughout their high school career and the citizenship skills they developed. The pandemic will teach them resiliency, understanding, and prepare them for the unknowns they will face as they enter the next chapter of their lives.

I want to sincerely thank the many coaches across the province who "weathered the storm" this year. Coaches do it because they are just as passionate as the student-athletes. Many teachers would have felt a void this school year without sports. For many coaches, when the bell rings at the end of the day, their day has only just begun. This year, the bell rang, and the gyms remained empty. My hope is that next year you will be able to dust off the whistle, inflate the balls, and give those freshly washed jersey's some use! Coaches are going to be a

major factor in renewing the school culture, energizing the building and re-engaging our students!

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the SHSAA executive council for their professional commitment throughout the school year. They endured triple the number of meetings, extremely difficult decision making, and learned to adapt as fast as the ever-changing landscape. These volunteers answered the call every time they were asked, and for that I am eternally grateful. To the retiring executive members, thank you for your commitment to school sport and the SHSAA.

To the SHSAA office staff – THANK YOU! You learned to navigate a fluid situation and understood how to adapt on the fly. You remained optimistic and positive throughout the entire year – even when answering those tough calls. Working from home is a difficult task, but you never complained, you just made the best of the situation.

On behalf of the entire province, I would like to thank Lyle McKellar for his unwavering commitment to the SHSAA for the past 13 years and his dedication to student-athletes for the past 35 years. Lyle, you were a passionate leader of the SHSAA. Your dedication provided thousands of student-athletes with their most memorable experiences while attending school. You worked tirelessly to ensure that schools could offer programs and compete in SHSAA competition. You are the definition of Servant Leader. Enjoy your retirement! Thank you for attending the 73rd annual, hopefully final virtual, SHSAA annual general meeting. My hope is that we will begin enjoying all the positives related to school sport again in 2021.

Jeff Kitts - President

h) Executive Director's Report:

Good afternoon, welcome to the 73rd Annual General Meeting of Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association. When we met last June there was tremendous uncertainty about school sport. Unfortunately, that theme continued throughout the year. Although we still face uncertainty, there is now significant optimism that school sport opportunities will again be available for our students in the fall.

This past year has been highlighted with transition for SHSAA office staff as Jeff Kitts has been hired as the Assistant Executive Director to work alongside Dave Sandomirsky (who begins his new role as Executive Director), Jessica Blair, and Stefanie Lewis. Thank you to Dave, Stef, and Jess for taking on new tasks and roles within the office as we adjusted to work without activities and championships. The pandemic year has allowed for website upgrades, a new look to the annual yearbook, and a concerted effort trying to secure additional sponsors for SHSAA. The very best wishes to the three of you that I have had the good fortune of working with these past few years and congratulations to both Dave and Jeff as they move into their new roles.

President Kitts and your Executive Council have been remarkable this past year. Meetings throughout the summer turned into "meetings on demand" throughout the year. There was always a topic to tackle or a decision to be made regarding the framework that SHSAA would put in place to match the response to Covid-19. This group

of volunteers have acted with integrity and honesty in the most difficult of times. The SHSAA took many 'body blows' this year as individuals and organizations sought out an easy target to direct their frustration upon, look for loopholes, or enact entitlement but your Executive stood steadfast in their values and beliefs of school sport and the benefits that can be accrued with or without league play, tournaments, playoffs, or championships. The safety and welfare of everyone in our schools and communities was always at the forefront of Executive decision making.

SHSAA remains grateful to be recognized as a multi-sport organization eligible for funding from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund. In addition to Lotteries funding, major corporate sponsors of SHSAA, which include Sask Milk and Sask Tel, have also continued to make significant contributions to the Association in the past year. We have also been able to continue positive relationships with the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, Centaur, Just Volleyball, Sport Logo, Spalding, and Yonex, and look forward to continued support from these groups in upcoming years.

This past year, the Government of Canada released funds through Canada Heritage to assist Sport, Culture, and Recreation groups during the pandemic. SHSAA was fortunate to receive some of that funding that was administered by Sask Sport Inc. This was just one of many leadership roles that Sask Sport provided for PSO's and MSO's. Thank you, Sask Sport, for your patience and committed leadership to amateur sport in Saskatchewan.

Although field of play highlights were limited this year there were a few noteworthy accomplishments for school sport that need to be recognized.

- Angela Mallory and her committee did an outstanding job of providing a virtual Women in Sport Conference. Hundreds of female student-athletes from across Saskatchewan were able to participate in a webinar that highlighted career paths influenced by school sport participation.
- Many Saskatchewan athletic directors were involved with the CIAAA national conference that was conducted in April. The conference was a great success and brought together AD's from across Canada.
- SHSAA was a significant contributor in the development of a new eLearning coaching resource that is being housed in the Coaching Association of Canada Locker. The course called "Coaching School Sport: Redefining Winning" will serve as the foundation for understanding, and coaching, educational athletics. This new course replaces "Fundamentals of Coaching" previously housed on schoolcoach.ca.
- Outstanding work continued this year in the production of video tributes to recognize the Service and Merit Award recipients. These award winners have provided years of servant leadership through their volunteer roles in SHSAA. Thank you to Al Wandler, SHSAA office staff, and the Districts for making these tributes possible.
- And, in the most trying of circumstances, in some areas of the province, there was the opportunity for Saskatchewan students to experience school sport at some level. As expected, due to the educational environment in which it occurred these sporting opportunities were some of the safest experiences that

our students had to develop both sport and citizenship skills.

As mentioned previously, there is significant optimism for a return to school sport. It will be imperative on all of us to tell, and re-tell, the story of the virtues school sport provides for our students, schools, and colleagues in the teaching profession. Educational athletics is one of the most impactful opportunities for teacher-student-school connections. And, there is no better way to educate our students about the skills of citizenship that will serve them well in the years ahead. Be intentional, make a positive impact, and create lasting change within your school communities.

As I close out my final year of school sport with SHSAA, I am once again honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to serve you, the membership, and the students of our province. I wish you a successful annual meeting.

Lyle McKellar - Executive Director

- j) **AGM Procedures Review and Declaration of Delegates:** Darren Nordell reviewed AGM procedures. Darren reviewed voting procedures and called for a declaration of voting delegates.

The official count was 96.

Battle West	7
Central Valley	7
East Central	6
Horizon Central	7
North Central	6
North East	7
North West	7
Qu'Appelle	7
Regina	7
Saskatoon	7
South Central	7
South East	7
South West	7
West Central	7
Total	96

- k) **Financial Report:**

The 2020-2021 audited financial report was presented by Lyle McKellar. The financial report had been previously discussed at the Presidents Meeting held on June 22, 2021. The floor was open to questions.

MOTION by Fred Jerred (SE) / Trevor Viergutz (QV) to accept the audited financial statement as of April 30, 2021. **CARRIED**

- l) **Selection of Auditor:**

MOTION by Shelley Sargent (SE) / Brad Lejeune (NW) to renew Virtus Group as the auditors for the SHSAA. **CARRIED**

- m) **Vote on Bids to Host:**

Notification of bids received and open activities for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Bids to host closed at 4:00pm on June 23, 2021.

The following schools were added as host venues for the 2022-23 championship events:

Regional Badminton:

RG	TBD
EC	Yorkton Regional
NE	TBD
NW	Meadow Lake

Provincial Badminton:

Basketball: Prince Albert

Cross Country: OPEN

Curling:

Boys Rosthern

Girls Langham

Open Mixed Hanley

Football:

5A 12 Aside Football Saskatoon

6A 12 Aside Football Regina

Golf: OPEN

Soccer:

3A Boys SE

3A Girls WC

4A Boys NW

4A Girls CV

5A Boys Yorkton Regional

5A Girls OPEN

Track & Field: Saskatoon

Volleyball:

1A Girls Rose Valley

2A Girls Gull Lake

3A Girls BW

4A Girls NE

5A Girls QV

1A Boys WC

2A Boys RG Harvest City

3A Boys NC

4A Boys SE

5A Boys OPEN

Regional Wrestling: OPEN

Provincial Wrestling: Regina

AGM: Qu'Appelle Valley

MOTION by Syd Laskowski (CV) / Phil Guebert (WC) to accept the completed Activity Report. **CARRIED**

- n) **Election of Officers:**

President (2 years):

Al Wandler (Assiniboia) - Elected

Women's Representative (2 years):

Angela Mallory (Regina) - Acclaimed

Section 1 Representative (1 year):

Lance Morrison (Dinsmore) - Acclaimed

Section 2 Representative (2 years):

Dan Alspach (Melville) - Acclaimed

Section 4 Representative (2 years):

Brad Nemish (Spiritwood) - Acclaimed

Saskatoon Representative (2 years):

Dave Earl (Marion Graham) - Acclaimed

- o) **Resolutions:**
Voting and discussion began at 3:15pm.
- p) **Adjournment:**
MOTION to adjourn by Graeme Gieni (BW) / Jason Coleman (RG) at 3:47pm.

SHSAA AWARDS

2021 Merit Awards

VICKI MOORE
(WEST CENTRAL)

CORY SCHMALTZ
(NORTH EAST)

GREG MAMER
(BATTLE WEST)

BRAD CAMERON
(EAST CENTRAL)

BLAKE JOHNSON
(SOUTH EAST)

Service Awards were presented to honour the Service Award recipients.

2021 Service Awards

Tom Hawboldt	Light of Christ SD	Battle West
Mark Anderson	Hanley	Central Valley
Jason Payne	Yorkton Regional	East Central
Shaun Gardiner	Humboldt	Horizon Central
Tim Strom	PA Carlton	North Central
Dave Christiansen	Nipawin	North East
Karen Johnstone	Pierceland	North West
Trevor Viergutz	Indian Head	Qu'Appelle Valley
Blaine Pearce	Martin	Regina
Janet Christ	Walter Murray	Saskatoon
Jeff Kitts	MJ Riverview	South Central
Ryan Nichols	Carnduff	South East
Tyson Krause	Maple Creek	South West
Shannon Stephenson	Outlook	West Central

Retiring Executive Members

The following were recognized for their contributions to the SHSAA:

Jeff Kitts – President
Ryan Fowler – Section 2 Representative
Darren Nordell – Section 4 Representative
Vicki Moore – LEADS Representative

COACH/OFFICIAL AWARDS

The individuals receiving the awards were recognized on the program and the awards are presented at meetings held in each District.

2021 Awards

Outstanding Female Coaches:

Kandice Walker	Maymont	Battle West
Sandra Labrecque	Martensville	Central Valley
Celene Kirk	Langenburg	East Central
Wendi Collins	Watrous	Horizon Central
Aleece Anderson	Big River	North Central
Pam Cummings	Nipawin	North East
Diane Gow	Lloydminster	North West
Caren Gilroy	Balgonie	Qu'Appelle Valley
Amanda Foraie	Riffel	Regina
Kristen Lafreniere	Tommy Douglas	Saskatoon
Laurie Hawkins	Assiniboia	South Central
Wendy Hoffart	Gladmar	South East
Kerri Keenleyside	Hazlet	South West
Angy Johnson	Kindersley	West Central

Outstanding Male Coaches:

Greg Mamer	Wilkie	Battle West
Brian Matisz	Clavet	Central Valley
Nolan Matthews	Melville	East Central
Terry Gaudet	Bellevue	Horizon Central
Victor Thunderchild	Carlton	North Central
David Rogers	Melfort	North East
Wade Worman	Neilburg	North West
Kyle Mackin	Whitewood	Qu'Appelle Valley
Patrick Reed	LeBoldus	Regina
Dan Dewar	Walter Murray	Saskatoon
Lee Behrns	MJ Cornerstone	South Central
Bryan Fleck	Weyburn	South East
Greg Shwaga	Vanguard	South West
Randy McCulloch	Herbert	South West
Richard Berezowski	Rosetown	West Central

Outstanding Officials:

Ken Parker	Unity	Battle West
Rob Regier	Rosthern	Central Valley
Brent Brown	Yorkton	East Central
Yves Lalonde	Wynyard	Horizon Central
Brett Corneslson	Prince Albert	North Central
Jodee Gray	Carrot River	North East
Brennan Becotte	Maidstone	North West
Dean Harcourt	Kipling	Qu'Appelle Valley
Jim Langen	Regina	Regina
Ryan Elder	Saskatoon	Saskatoon
Paul Thoroughgood	Moose Jaw	South Central
Blake Johnson	Weyburn	South East
Kent Stenson	Gull Lake	South West
Jason Johnston	Davidson	West Central