

1. The meeting was called to order by President Val Gordon at 2:35 PM. Val welcomed those present, including: Carson Benallack (Burstall), Marc Benjamin (Consul), Curtis Biem (Swift Current Irwin), Lindsey Binner (Frontier), Colleen Carleton (Cabri), John Cazakoff (Shaunavon), Jamee Coupe (Val Marie), Rob Englot (Vanguard), Rosalie Flynn (SCCHS), Jennifer Foley (Shaunavon), Cindy Glenn-Schultz (Stewart Valley), Megan Hayes (Leader), Darcey Huyghebaert (Herbert), Adam Jackson (Swift Current), Tyson Krause (Eastend), Darren Lehmann (Fox Valley), Amy Martin (Waldeck), Randy McCulloch (Herbert), Tim Miller (Shaunavon), Lyle McKellar (SHSAA Section Representative) (arrived at 5:30 PM), Leanne Nelson (Success), Brenda Park (Hodgeville), Mike Puszkas (Frontier), Deb Reamer (SWAC Athletic Coordinator), Colin Richert (Wymark), Terry Ross (Ponteix), David Russell (Maple Creek), Patti Shannon (Hazlet), Chris Sharp (Maple Creek), Julie Shaw (Abbey), Kyla Siemens (Ponteix), Clarke Tavanetz (Gull Lake), Dale Udal (Maple Creek Sydney Street), Janna Walker (Morse) and Chris Wenner (Swift Current).

2. Val introduced the SWAC Executive for 2008-2009 including President Val Gordon, Vice President Chris Sharp, Past President Rosalie Flynn, Secretary-Treasurer John Cazakoff, Officials' Commissioner Chris Wenner, Senior Section Representatives Colleen Carleton (Cypress Hills), Darcey Huyghebaert (Rolling Hills), Rosalie Flynn (SCCHS) and Marc Benjamin (Whitemud), and Junior Section Representatives Patti Shannon (Cypress Hills), Rob Englot (Rolling Hills), and Jamee Coupe (Whitemud).

3. The meeting agenda had been previously circulated.

**MOTION 08/09-001:** Puszkas/Englot that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

4. The minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting were circulated on the SWAC web site.

**MOTION 08/09-002:** Benjamin/Flynn that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

5. There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. The audited financial report for 2007-2008 was circulated (attached). Income for the 2007-2008 year was \$14 818.40, while expenses totaled \$11 354.97, leaving a balance of \$7 871.59 as of July 31, 2008.

**MOTION 08/09-003:** Jackson/Lehmann that the Financial Report be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

As a result of motions past at the June 2008 meeting, the 2008-09 budget required changes. A revised budget showing a deficit of \$1000.00 was circulated. This deficit would be easily covered by the healthy balance remaining from 2007-08.

7. The following reports were presented:

a) Marc Benjamin reported on the SWAC web site, as follows:

- 1) Coaches lists from several schools were still needed.
- 2) The past champions area was missing information, especially Curling, Badminton, Football and Golf. Anyone with such information was to forward it to Marc.
- 3) The District Executive needed to be updated.
- 4) Forward Planning documents from the past 2 years would be archived with the Athletic Coordinator and removed from the site.
- 5) SWAC meeting minutes from 2003 would be maintained on the site.
- 6) Hosting responsibilities for various sports would be maintained on the site and expanded to include other sports.

b) Athletic Coordinator Deb Reamer reported the following:

- 1) Deb circulated information on how to contact her.
- 2) Deb confirmed which teams were interested in being part of the SWAC Senior Volleyball Leagues. A tentative schedule would be circulated by Friday. Games would be mini tournaments on Tuesdays.
- 3) Deb confirmed details about the new SWAC Championship plaques that were to be ordered. SWAC would be responsible for the engraving costs each year.

- 4) Deb reviewed what levels of play were covered by Chinook central funds and what fell under local school budgets.
- 5) Deb reviewed the procedure and policy for room allocations for Provincial championships, and outlined what had already been booked and what needed to be booked.
- 6) Deb indicated that Excel Bus Lines from Swift Current had been booked to provide transportation to Provincial Track in Prince Albert.
- c) There was no report from the Forward Planning committee. The meeting confirmed that the role of the Forward Planning Committee was to provide a lobby/liaison to Chinook Administration, as well as to monitor the organization of SWAC sports, especially at the Junior level.
- d) Chris Wenner presented the Officials Commissioner's Report indicating:
  - 1) Volleyball Officials Clinics had been organized for Swift Current, Shaunavon and Cabri. Information about the clinics was on the web site.
  - 2) Todd Anaka was the Referee in Chief for SWAC Volleyball. All Officiating assignments for Regionals and Provincials must be done through Todd and Chris.
  - 3) Suggestions were needed as to how to develop mentorships for beginning Volleyball officials. Contact Chris with ideas.
  - 4) Dale Udal was the Referee in Chief for Football.
  - 5) Adam Jackson was SWAC Referee in Chief for Soccer.
  - 6) Athletic directors were encouraged to register all their officials on the SHSAA web site.
  - 7) A Basketball Officials Clinic had been tentatively set for November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Swift Current.
  - 8) Schools were reminded to adhere to the SWAC policies on payment of Volleyball and Basketball Officials.

**MOTION 08/09-004:** Miller/Sharp that for SWAC football league games, officials payment may exceed SHSAA guidelines.

**MOTION 08/09-005:** Tavanetz/Englot that Motion 08/09-004 be amended to replace "SWAC football league games" with "all football games involving SWAC schools"

**Amendment was Carried.**

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- 9) Tim Miller was SWAC Referee in Chief for Basketball.
- 10) A Track & Field Officials clinic was to be arranged.
- 11) Chris indicated that this would be the last year she would serve as the SWAC Officials Commissioner. Volunteers were encouraged to come forward now so they could job shadow Chris for a year before assuming the role next year.

8. The following items of New Business were discussed:

- a) Val outlined the procedure for registering teams (both Junior and Senior) on the SHSAA Exnet system.
- b) Val indicated that High School Sports Week was set for October 12-18, 2008. This would be a short week in SWAC since Monday was Thanksgiving and Tuesday was a PD day.
- c) Discussion was held regarding proposals to change Curling Bylaws. (attached)

**MOTION 08/09-006:** Carleton/Coupe that the proposed Bylaw changes to Junior Curling be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

**MOTION 08/09-007:** Carleton/Coupe that the proposed Bylaw changes to Senior Curling be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

9. The Meeting recessed to allow Sections to meet and a supper break. Upon resuming the meeting, Lyle McKellar, SHSAA Assistant Executive Director addressed the meeting. Lyle reported the following:

- a) Changes to the SHSAA Executive membership.
- b) Changes to the SHSAA Office Staff.
- c) Packages of information were distributed to schools.
- d) AGM Resolutions that were passed (details on SHSAA web site) and their impact on the Association and SWAC, including:
  - 1) Violations of the eligibility rule shall be at the discretion of the Executive Director. This allows a possible appeal process to be heard by the Executive Council.
  - 2) Schools will be classified for team activities based on the school enrolment of the previous year.

- 3) Should a school's current enrolment increase or decrease by 25% or more from the previous year, the school will be placed in the proper classification immediately.
  - 4) All Saskatchewan schools in good standing that register a team, be afforded the opportunity to compete in play downs advancing toward a provincial championship.
  - 5) Officials' mileage rate is \$.35 per kilometre.
  - 6) Football official's pay scale has been changed to: SAFO Member: \$40.00 for Head Referee and other referees \$30.00; Non-member: Head Referee: \$30.00 and other referees \$25.00.
  - 7) The conference medals for volleyball and basketball will be eliminated once the current supply is exhausted.
  - 8) The Provincial Tournament responsibilities have been amended (see handbook pp 61 - 62).
  - 9) The SHSAA is to seek associate title/presenting sponsorship for Provincial Championships.
  - 10) A consolation side will not be scheduled at SHSAA Conference basketball playoffs.
  - 11) The SHSAA will adopt the 24 second shot clock and the 8 second rule to advance the ball across half court.
  - 12) The SHSAA will appoint a three-person ranking committee for each basketball category and gender. The purpose will be to rank each category three times per season in which the top ten in each category will be posted on the SHSAA web site.
  - 13) There will be a mandatory three-minute break in curling following the conclusion of the fourth end.
  - 14) The E-5 deadline for curling will be the second Wednesday in January.
  - 15) Any football player that must be attended by team personnel on the field of play must remain out of the game for at least three plays.
  - 16) In six-man football, the game shall consist of four 12-minute quarters.
  - 17) In nine-man football, the officials shall stop the running game clock after a first down is attained as well as on change of possession.
  - 18) In nine-man football, the conference match-ups shall rotate in a three year cycle.
  - 19) In football, any player that uses a tinted visor must provide a note from a licensed optometrist. A note from a family physician or a physician from a medical clinic will not be accepted.
  - 20) At provincial soccer, overtime shall consist of two ten-minute periods before the shootout for the Saturday medal games only.
  - 21) Provincial Soccer Championship hosts should make an effort to provide shelter for pre-game, half-time and post game conferences for teams and officials.
  - 22) In Cross-Country and Track, the cut-off date for age classes will be August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - 23) Teams in conference and regional volleyball tournaments will be seeded, however distance and protection of instructional time will be used to determine the schedule of games.
  - 24) Provincial Volleyball tournaments will have a 15 minute buffer built into every third game of the round robin tournament.
  - 25) In the city wrestling qualification tournament, the wrestlers must weigh-in on site the day prior to the event.
  - 26) The high amplitude throw in wrestling will only be awarded three points.
  - 27) Any wrestler wearing braces must wear a mouth guard in competition.
- e) Awards presented at the SHSAA AGM and to SWAC members included:
- 1) Merit Awards: Basil Hughton – Saskatoon and Bill Crossman – Carnduff, South East
  - 2) Service Award: Rod Siemens – Swift Current, South West
  - 3) Coaching Awards: Jenn Foley – Shaunavon, South West and Dennis Franz – Fox Valley, South West
  - 4) Officials Award: Darwin Seidler – Swift Current, South West
- f) Lyle discussed the SHSAA web site highlighting the information on the site, the Message Board, the ExNet area and in particular the forms that needed to be filled out on the site. As well, Lyle indicated there would be several new initiatives on the site this year including the possibility of having multiple email addresses for a school to receive information, an updated officials' area and a logo depository of school logos.
- g) The Coaching Symposium had another successful year. Plans will be put in place to continue next year. Contact executive or office if you have suggestions for sessions for next year.
- h) The Women in Sport Conference had fewer participants but still had positive feedback. It's continuation was being re-evaluated, but it would likely be continued, possibly at a different time of year or with a different format.
- i) Lyle highlighted the details of the Coaches card.
- j) School were reminded that Non – Faculty coaches must be approved by Division Director and SHSAA office.
- k) Rulebooks, score sheets, etc. may still be ordered from the SHSAA office or through the web site.

- l) SHSAA had agreements with two chains for hotel rooms
  - 1) Silver Birch hotels – contact sales and catering and ask specifically for SHSAA block.
  - 2) Westmount Hospitality – Comfort Inns need to be contacted directly and ask for SHSAA rates.
- m) Dues dates were highlighted as follows:
  - 1) Fall sport E-5 due September 10
  - 2) Officials registry due September 12
  - 3) Bids to host for 2008-2009 due September 17.
    - i) 2A Boys Soccer
    - ii) 5A Volleyball Regional
  - 4) Team registration due September 30
  - 5) School enrolment declaration due September 30
  - 6) Applications for joint sponsorship and/or reclassification due October 1 for fall activities.
  - 7) School Sport Week – October 12 - 18
  - 8) Bids to host for 2009 – 2010 due November 28.
    - i) Sand Golf
    - ii) Cross Country
    - iii) Mixed Curling
  - 9) Applications for joint sponsorship and/or reclassification due December 1 for winter activities.

10. Following Lyle’s report, the New Business portion of the meeting was resumed.

d) Section representatives to the SWAC Executive were designated as follows:

Cypress Hills: Senior - Colleen Carleton Junior - Patti Shannon  
 Rolling Hills: Darcey Huyghebaert Junior - Rob Englot  
 SCCHS: Rosalie Flynn  
 Whitmud: Marc Benjamin Junior - Jamee Coupe.

e) The following list of Activity Sites and Commissioners for 2007-2008 was updated as follows:

**Senior Sports**

SECTIONAL PLAYOFF SITES					SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP SITES				
Sport	Section	Location	Commissioner	Date	Sport	Section	Location	Commissioner	Date
					Grass Golf	RH	Swift Current	Curtis Schulze (Herbert)	Sep 17
					Sand Golf	RH	Morse	Mike Francis	Sep 16
					Cross Country	WM	Shaunavon	John Cazakoff/Jennifer Foley	Sep 30
					Wrestling	RH	Swift Current		
					Curling	CH	Abbey/Burstall	Kendall Wicks/Brenda Garthus	Feb 27/28
Curling	CH A	Leader	David Thorburn						
	CH B	Maple Creek	Gaylene Senft						
	RH A	Morse	Jana Walker						
	RH B	Ponteix	Trish Carleton						
	WM	Consul/Eastend	Marc Benjamin	Feb 6/7					
Badminton	CH A	Maple Creek	Chris Sharp	Apr 21	Badminton	CH	SCCHS	Dennis Franz (Fox Valley)	Apr 25
	CH B	Maple Creek	Chris Sharp	Apr 21					
	RH A	Morse	Mike Francis						
	RH B	Ponteix	Chad Striker						
	WM	Shaunavon	Gail Evenson						
Track & Field	CH	Leader	Chris Sharp	May 20	Track & Field	RH	Swift Current	Terry Ross	May 28
	RH	Ponteix	Terry Ross	May 21					
	WM	Eastend	Val Gordon	May 21					

## Junior Sports

Sport	Section	Location	Commissioner		Sport	Section	Location	Commissioner	Date
Volleyball Boys	CH A	Leader	Steve Bueckert	By Nov 1	Grass Golf				
	CH B	Maple Creek Sydney	Dale Udal	By Nov 1	Sand Golf Volleyball Boys	RH	Ponteix	Rob Englot/Terry Ross	By Nov 8
	RH A	Gull Lake	Greg Balas	By Nov 1					
	RH B	Wymark	Chris Grainger	By Nov 1					
	WM	Shaunavon	Kaleb Armstrong (cc)	By Nov 1					
Volleyball Girls	CH A	Hazlet	Patti Shannon	By Nov 1	Volleyball Girls	CH	CH A Winner	Patti Shannon	Nov 6
	CH B	Fox Valley	Pat Wilde	By Nov 1					
	RH A	Morse	Nikki Hartog	By Nov 1					
	RH B	Vanguard	Rob Englot	By Nov 1					
	WM	Eastend	Shelly Morvik	By Nov 1					
Curling	CH A	Cabri	Colleen Carleton		Curling	CH	Leader/Fox Valley	Donalda Deitrich/Susan Koslofski	Mar 6/7
	CH B	Cabri	Colleen Carleton						
	RH A	Gull Lake/Herbert	Bev Dutton/Darcey Huyghebaert						
	RH B	Hodgeville/Vanguard	Michelle Senicar						
	WM	Frontier	Lindsay Binner	Feb 27/28					
Badminton	CH	Leader	Steve Bueckert		Badminton	WM	Shaunavon	Colleen Reynolds (Consul)	May 2
	RH	Gull Lake	Clarke Tavanetz						
	WM	Val Marie/Frontier	Jamee Coupe						

f) Updates to the SWAC manual will be sent to Athletic Directors via courier.

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**MOTION 08/09-008:** Flynn/Glenn-Schultz that the SWAC mileage rate for 2008-09 be set at \$0.3906/kilometer.

**Carried.**

- h) Coaches who attended the Symposium could apply to John Cazakoff before September 20<sup>th</sup> to have their costs reimbursed.
- i) Deb indicated that the SHSAA AGM was set for Elkridge Resort on June 17-19, 2009. All rooms would be booked and assigned by SHSAA.
- j) Val requested feedback on how to streamline meetings. She had several proposals that would be brought to the next meeting.

11. The date for the winter meeting was set for Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:30 PM in the Cedar Restaurant in Gull Lake.

12. Benjamin moved adjournment at 7:30 PM.