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To: SAC Reps
From: Don McEwen & Amanda Maks
Date: Thursday, August 28th, 2014
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Place: Royal Vale High School Auditorium
5851 Somerled Ave. NDG (Draper entrance)

MINUTES

GMAA Staff changes

Amanda will be leaving on maternity leave on September 12th.

Hughanna Gaw is in the office as a new Secondary Coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year, and hopefully for following years as well.

We are also currently looking for a new secretary / elementary coordinator for this year since Robin is no longer in the office.

100 Additions to and approval of Agenda

408 – WIC Cross Country Run

Motion to Approve: Chris Viau – LCC Seconded: Marie-Claire O'Neill Unan.

200 2014-15

201 Calendar

Each school has copies of the calendar in their packages. It is also posted on the website. If things have to change through the course of the year, they will be posted on the website calendar in red. Right now the only thing that we for sure have to adjust is the date of the Teacher's Convention. It is on the calendar for November 21st and it is actually scheduled on November 28th.

The date of the June SAC meeting was questioned since some of the LBPSB schools will still be in classes on that date. We will discuss at the December SAC meeting to see if it's an issue for schools and possibly change the time of the meeting to after school hours to accommodate. It was originally scheduled on June 10th but the board did not have any rooms available.

We will keep people posted of any other changes throughout the year.

202 Entry deadlines / Pre-season meetings / Scheduling meetings

You will find a printed sheet in the packages with all the meeting dates, entry deadlines and pre-payments due. This is also posted on the website. Please take note, most entry deadlines are a few days before the pre-season and scheduling meetings. We need the forms in at that time in order to make up the sections. In those cases, please do not show up with registration forms at the scheduling meetings.

It was requested that the Softball and Touch football coaches try to send their registration forms in at least the morning of the meeting so that we can make up sections before the meeting.



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203 Age categories

You will find a printed sheet in the packages with all the age categories. Please note that Rugby, Basketball and Hockey have different ages than our other sports. Please make sure you double-check the ages before submitting the player registration forms.

204 Starting times/early dismissals

No team is required to start a game before 3:30pm. If both teams agree to an earlier starting time, the game can begin earlier. Please be aware that in term of referees, the later the starting time, the easier it is to get officials. Early dismissals are difficult to come by, so please try to schedule your games as late as possible. Spring sports will start at 4:15pm as a general rule.

205 Statements / Pre Payments

Each school should have a copy of their statement of account for the beginning of this school year. If you owe money, please get that into the office as soon as possible. If you have a credit, please use it towards one of your first entries for this year. Simply write a note on the team registration form (using credit) and write a check for the difference. (A credit shows up as a negative number on the statement).

We are working with a new accounting person this year so please be patient with us in the transition.

206 Non Member Schools & regular season/playoff travel

Each package also has a letter to the principals of non-member schools explaining the travel rules for non-member, off-island schools. GMAA member schools are not required to travel to off-island, non-member schools for their games. They can choose to travel to the schools, but they are not required to do so. We will announce the non-member schools at the scheduling meetings so people are aware. (HSBHS, KSS and WWHS are all GMAA member schools).

All playoff games will be at the home of the member school, regardless of their rank in the standings. If a non-member, off-island school is in first place they would still have to travel to a GMAA member school in fourth place.

207 Coaches Commitment Forms

Only send a form for a coach once – we do not need one for each sport (exception is Rugby). You can also list several people on one form to cut down on the paper work. SAC reps can check on the GMAA website under the Forms Checklist section to see if their coaches have been sending in the appropriate forms. Each sport has a Forms Checklist on the site.

208 Media coverage / Championship Photos

We will once again get coverage from the Suburban this year. If a reporter approaches you for information, please make sure to help out as much as you can. If there are photographers at the game and you have students who are not permitted to have their photos posted online or in print, please make sure the photographer knows that.

If you have photos taken at various GMAA games, please send them into the office and we will post them on the website.



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209 Sportsmanship / Carry over suspensions / Sanctions

Schools that appear to have suspensions that were not completed should have a letter in their packages outlining the rest of the suspension. These carry over to this year, including CEGEP in some cases, so we need to know if the student has graduated as well.

Please be reminded that any student who receives a suspension **is not eligible for any GMAA activity until the suspension has been served in the sport it was received.** (This means that they could miss games in other sports as well until the suspension is served).

There is also a letter from Don and Amanda to all coaches and referees in the association concerning communication between coaches and officials. Please make copies and send it to all your coaches. We will make sure each official in the association also receives a copy. It will also be posted on the website. It is basically to encourage open communication between the officials and coaches.

210 Concussion Package

Each SAC rep should have received another Concussion Package from the Montreal Children's Hospital. A letter was also included describing an evaluation process that will be done by the doctors. Please encourage your coaches to take advantage of this service. Contact the office if you need another kit. It is also on the MCH website and can be copied so everyone has it.

The RSEQ has 'recommended' that each region have a concussion program in place and we are staying with this one.

211 Handbook Revisions / June minutes

All hockey proposals to come out of the June SAC meeting were approved by the BoD.

The following motions were amended:

#1 - Fighting/violent behavior a motion was put on the floor that reads, The aggressor and/or instigator who is named in a fight will be suspended for the remainder of the season (or its equivalent).

If no instigator/aggressor is named, both students who are active and willing participants in a fight will receive a minimum of 6 games of suspension.

If a student is the 'non-aggressor/instigator' but is still a participant in the fight, they will receive a minimum of 2 games of suspension.

After much discussion, this proposal was amended to read:

The aggressor and/or instigator who is named in a fight will be suspended for the season (or its equivalent).

All other participants in the fight will be suspended for either 2 games or 6 games based on the referee report

#2 - **Multiple forfeits from the same team** a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'Any team who defaults more than one game in the season will incur a fine that is doubled each time. The fine for the first default is \$50, for the second \$100, for the third \$200, etc.'

There was no motion to approve this proposal.



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#3 - Multiple forfeits from the same school a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'After 3 forfeits per season for the school the fines will then double for each subsequent forfeit. The total number of forfeits will reset at the beginning of every season (Fall, Winter, Spring).

Example: Forfeit #1 for School A in Bantam Girls Soccer - \$50

Forfeit #2 for School A in Juvenile Boys Soccer - \$50

Forfeit #3 for School A in Midget Boys Volleyball - \$50

Forfeit #4 for School A in Juvenile Girls Softball - \$100

Forfeit #5 for School A in Bantam Boys Touch Football - \$200 etc

After discussion, this motion was amended to read that:

Fines for multiple forfeits from the same school will double right away for each subsequent forfeit. The total number of forfeits will reset to zero at the beginning of every season (Fall, Winter, Spring).

#4 - Multiple withdrawals from the same school a motion was put on the floor that reads, 'If a team pulls out of a league after the schedule has been made and posted on the website, for the first offence, the penalty for the withdrawal for the school will be a fine of \$100. For all subsequent withdrawals of teams from that school, there will be no fine, however, the pre-season payment to the GMAA will be non-refundable.'

There was no motion to approve this proposal.

The following motion was put on the floor:

'If a team pulls out of a league after the schedule has been made and posted on the website, for the first offence, the penalty for the withdrawal for the school will be a fine of \$100. For all subsequent withdrawals of teams from that school, the fine will be doubled.

The following motions were passed as outlined in the June Minutes.

#5 - Forfeit but game played

#6 - Coach carry-over suspension

7 - Review of ages

#8A – D2 Eligibility - A motion was put on the floor that reads, 'In GMAA Division 2 Basketball each team is permitted to play one AAA player per game. This AAA player must be indicated on the game sheet by writing AAA beside their name. A team can register more than 1 AAA player, but they are only permitted to play 1 per game. AAA players must also be indicated on the GMAA player registration form by writing AAA beside their name.'

#8B – motion was denied and D3 Eligibility rules will stay the same for this year (no AA or AAA players)

#9 - motion to have only one division in Bantam Basketball with a two-tiered playoff was denied, Bantam Basketball will stay the same for this year (D1, D2, D3 with distinct playoffs)

The following motions were passed as outlined in the June Minutes.

#10 - Indoor Soccer minimum to start

#11 - Rugby - Field markings and playoffs

#12 - Playoff eligibility

#13 - Track - 1500s and 3000s



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A request came in from a school to allow schools to enter more than one team in Division 1 and Division 2. Currently our rules allow teams to enter two teams in Division 3 but not D1 or D2. If a school has enough strong players to field two D1 or D2 teams, why do we not allow them to?

A motion was put on the floor by Jeff Bateman to allow schools to enter up to two (2) teams in Division 1 and/or Division 2 in all sports. The same rules governing two teams in D3 would apply (distinct rosters, different sections, etc).

Moved: Jeff Bateman – ROYAL Seconded: Chris Viau – LCC

Vote: For → 35

 Opposed → 1

 Abstentions → 0

Motion is passed. Don will send the motion to the Board of Directors before the September 9th meeting so that fall sports teams can benefit from this new rule if it's passed.

300 Procedures

301 Score sheets/Sports line

Score sheets are to be sent in as soon as possible and the sports line (the number is on every score sheet) MUST be called the night of the game. These are the responsibilities of the Home Team. All score sheets are to be signed by the staff member responsible for the team. A blue star beside the game number means we have the scoresheet, a red box means we don't have the form.

302 Schedule Changes

Please send your coaches to the scheduling meetings with all conflicts so that there are as few changes as possible. Schedule changes that are made after the 5-day grace period following the posting of the schedule will carry a charge of \$10.00 if they are not because of an emergency. These must be agreed to by both coaches before noon of the school day prior to the scheduled start.

303 No home field

Schools with no home field could be asked to cover the cost of the additional rental fees. A school is not obliged to host someone that does not have a field a second time. In this case, it will be the responsibility of that school to find a neutral site.

304 SAC Responsibilities

The SAC guideline was distributed. Please refer to it carefully and be sure that you follow the procedures outlined. You are responsible for making sure that all forms are sent on time. All team entries must have your signature as well as that of the Principal. We need you to make sure that there is one person per team to do the scheduling at the scheduling meetings and that everyone has a calendar with all of the necessary information – all games for other teams in you school, Ped. Days, Carnival, parent interviews etc. You also need to check the posted schedules for every team in your school to ensure that there are no conflicts (home volleyball and basketball scheduled on the same day etc.).

Also once the SAC Rep list is updated for this year, it will be sent out to all schools.



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305 Website update

Don't print each school's website from the GMAA website. Please make any corrections on that sheet and drop it off before you leave the meeting. Please send us all changes pertaining to your school – New Principal, Fax numbers, bus routes etc. Also make sure that we have the names and locations of your home facilities.

306 Entry into Division 2 & 3 – guidelines

The letter regarding guidelines for entry to Division 2 and 3 was distributed. This is a problem every year because teams that enter Division III should not be in Div III; this will also apply this year for teams entering Division II who should not be in Division II. There have been far too many lopsided scores in past. You are responsible for making sure that your teams are in the correct division. Divisions 2 and 3 are for weaker inexperienced teams and should be participation leagues. Being competitive, not necessarily winning should be the criteria for team entry.

307 Derogation procedure – B of D meets Sept. 9th

In order for a girl to play on a boy's team in the GMAA leagues a request must be made to the GMAA board of directors prior to that teams' first game.

There is also a procedure in place for derogation. If a student is too old to play in an age category, but you would like that student to be able to 'play down' for whatever reason, the Board of Directors will discuss applications for derogation.

For your information (Fall Sports) the first Board of Director's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th. Most meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month. This year the Board of Directors will not discuss any derogations outside of their meetings. In the past if a request came in between meetings, this discussion was done by email, however that will not be done this year. Please make sure any requests are in early so that students don't miss half to season waiting for the next board meeting.

400 Various

401 RSEQ Report

There is a Badminton Coaches Clinic in Montreal in late September, if anyone is interested. There is no Golf Provincial Championship tournament this year. Also the Track and Field Provincials will still be held in early June (between the end of classes and the beginning of exams.)

402 Fall Championships – Div. 1

Soccer Division I will be held in LaSalle at Riverside Park or in Pointe Claire at Terra Cotta Volleyball Division I we aren't sure yet.

Riverdale will check with the North Shore football teams to see if they can host the Touch Football Championship games and get back to us.

Softball and all Division II and III Championship games will be held at the home of the higher seeded team.

403 Accident insurance

Please INSIST that the parents of your athletes are covered for the costs due to accidents & injuries during GMAA games. The GMAA does not cover these costs.



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404 Physiotherapist

If anyone is looking for a contact for Athletic Therapists to cover their events, contact the office for information. We can get you the information on the company that we use for all our events and they are exceptional; very knowledgeable and very professional.

405 Spartan Race (MCHF)

A letter from the organizers is in each package for this year's race. Unfortunately it is now a banned activity for LBPSB schools. If people are interested, please contact the organizers directly.

406 Sun Youth Basketball

Each package also has an information sheet concerning basketball tryouts at Sun Youth for boys and girls. For more information please contact Sun Youth directly.

407 Badminton coaching clinic

There is also an information sheet from Badminton Quebec concerning a badminton coaching clinic being offered at the end of September in case you have any badminton coaches who are interested in attending.

McGill Track and Field has offered to come in to give a mini coaching clinic to GMAA Track and Field coaches if that is something we might be interested in. They also are offering to go into the schools to give school clinics to the Track athletes if that is something that interests our schools.

408 – WIC Cross Country Run

West Island College is organizing their Cross Country Run again this year. It will be held on September 23rd in DDO at Centennial Park. Walk around is at 1pm and races start at 1:30pm. The cost per runner is \$5. For more information please contact Chris Merritt at WIC.