

CMSAA SPRING MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 13th, 2014

Kwayhquitlum Middle, 4:00 p.m.

1. Sign-In and Attendance: Call to order: 4:06pm (sorry if I spelled your name wrong®)

Banting	Kevin Menic/Cory Cleto	Maillard	Mark Clay
Citadel	Richard Rasmussen	Maple Creek	Ron Lee & Dana Asher
Como Lake	Terry Argotow	Minnekhada	Sue Nishamara/ Jeff Brovo
Hillcrest	Tu Loan Trieu	Monty	Anders Nordby
Kwayhquitlum	Ian Robertson/Evan Culpit/Kim Swanson	Pitt River	
Scott Creek	Scott Turner/Brad Downy/Brad Christenson	Summit	Jodi Pope & Rick Dhaliwal (track)
Moody	Kate Zubick		

2. Tim Laidlaw – Lionheart Sports

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- Canadian based Sports Brand – based out of Vancouver
- used to be just Rugby but now work throughout sports
- want to help streamline a process
- brought a form for everyone to fill out so he can follow up
- like to get involved in the community and get involved in community outreach
- can do smaller replacement numbers
- buying direct – process is cut down – personal attention – easily accessible

3. Scott Laliberte - Cycling BC

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- trying to get more young kids into the sport b/c it's aging
- need more kids to get funding and to get back into BC Summer Games
- running school groups for last 2 years
- interest in Middle School age - so they can transition into the sport as they get older
- would love to get a program running/starting in Middle Schools (Cycle Cross League)
- ***see attachment outlining Cycle Cross***
- Can be done off road or on a field so safer than road riding
- has some ideas about how to make cycling to all kids without them having to purchase bikes – maybe some sponsorship etc
- practices and competitions
- 2-3 meets per season with weekly practices or practices with a wind up meet at the end
- would also like to set up clubs at each school

- Cycling BC willing to waive fees for now
- has a process through which he could get bikes and could even maybe lend bikes to kids for practicing at home.
- pamphlets to come
- schools who have had Scott in (MCM and Hillcrest) say the program via PE delivery has been really successful
- Scott has EVERYTHING you need to get started, running programs etc...all he needs is a teacher sponsor at each school to support

4. Track & Field Preparation – Kim Swanson (Rick Dhaliwal will help coordinate – its official b/c now I wrote it down....heehee)

Each school should have its primary track & field rep attend, or the AD will be attending on his/her behalf.

-Sign up coming around – if you don't have a rep at your school yet, please forward their name to Kim once a teacher has volunteered

-Districts: May 14th (Wed) Town Centre

-Mini Meets (losing tracks and access to tracks)

-Monty maybe & MCM & Minnekhada are a go

-Can Como Lake and Monty check it out?

Mini Meets:

April 16th: Maple Creek for East

TBA (Como or Banting) for West

April 30th : Minnekhada for East

Monty for West (Kate will help out)

-Kim will touch base with track contacts re: which events you want at your school at each meet

-Javelin hosting is up to you – will be at Districts (only for grade 8's)

5. Winter Sports Reports and Coordinators Recognized

a. Gr. 6 Basketball – Melissa Burdock

Grade 6 basketball was very successful this season. Pinetree Secondary hosted the event this year and they were very helpful in helping to organize refs, concession and general set-up. Thanks to Ron Lee for coordinating the day of.

Ron's suggestion: Have districts at a few middle schools instead, then we get the benefits of the concession etc. It would also be easier to coordinate as often it is hard to get high schools to host.

Tu Loan: Maybe communicate with TCYBA b/c they had their junior tournament that same day so lots of kids had to leave early.

Thanks Melissa – Starbucks for you☺

b. Gr. 7 Basketball – Terry Argotow & Anders Nordby

Nordby, Argotow and Associates thought the Grade 7 Basketball season went well. On the girl's side, we had 13 schools and the boy's, 12 schools represented. Organizing went quite well, particularly in light of the fact that the season was fit into a ten-week slot. We received no emails or due to senility, we can remember no emails in regards to the needs of our athletes not being met. In fact, it was more the opposite, with coaches at the various locales stepping up if needed.

For playoffs, a limited number of coaches got back to us in a timely fashion regarding the strength of their teams. This hindered slightly the ability to set up the playoffs with the higher seeds spread out. The set-up of three teams (for the most part) per location worked very well in terms of giving each team at least two playoff games and also allowed Ad's and coaches to see their families/loved ones at a reasonable hour. Refs for the finals were fantastic (thanks Brad!). All in all, a good season!

Suggestion:

- move grade 7 to 4 minutes shifts with stop time
 - working with TCYBA to get maybe some of our grade 8's to reffing clinics
 - when teachers ref they also let kids know what they did (teaching)
 - when students ref just blow whistle
 - Kate:Moody had a great year for refs – PMS and Heritage both sent grade 11 & 12's for refs
 - Cory: can't get around having high school refs so if we as coaches could help out these high school refs as well.
- ***Thanks Terry and Anders – Starbucks for you☺ ***

c. Gr. 8 Basketball – Chris Davies

Good year. Big thanks to Brad Christianson for providing quality referees. The Fraser Valley refereeing coordinator was on break so he had to contact the referees by himself.

Suggestions:

Keep certified referees for the quarter-finals as long as we can afford it. Quality referees makes a big difference.

Everyone books their gym for the Tuesday of playoff week. – This is a must because if your boys are playing away your girls should be playing at home. One suggestion to me was to do it all in one night but players would become exhausted. In a tournament style format, usually only a maximum of two games is played in one day.

Ending the season the week before spring break worked well, and ending the 7's before the 8's also works well – it is a good time to get the Port Moody Senior Gym. As long as the 7's are fine with starting their playoffs on Monday?

Suggested rule change for next year (suggested by a referee): There is no 30 second shot clock so when a referee feels as if a team has held the ball for around 25 seconds, they give a 10 second warning and begin counting down.

Final note: The issue of playing up is not a basketball issue but an issue for all sports. I feel as if some people in the CMSAA, not associated with basketball, have a pre-judged opinion about the sport when I hear comments like – oh another basketball problem, basketball always has problems.

The basketball season was a great success!

Thanks Chris – Starbucks for you☺

Brad C: as far as reffing goes more than happy to put on a reffing clinic will be a little bit in class then out at the gym. Maybe around second week in December ish?

- been around b-ball for so long and frustrated b/c think that we could better facilitate stronger and weaker basketball player – so just as many kids will be able to participate but we are facilitating more efficient growth in correlation with their abilities
- next meeting need to look at this – won't lose kids there's a way to do this with a competitive league and a more recreational league
- Totally possible – can do this
- Have a great idea on how this would work – would like to be heard on this and have it be considered

Ian: When we talk of getting more competitive, it does not align with our current philosophy of having

school teams, in a publicly funded middle school. Rather, we want teams that have diverse physical activity skill levels so that students can work on social skills, including being a leader. While physical activity skills have value, we are focusing on other values that should be our priority in middle school sports

Kate: Great idea – needs to be talked about further but at a different venue. Where and when would something like this be heard and organized and possible changes made?

Scott: Would like to see these rules align – 15 players consistent or not consistent...not sure why they go to 15 for districts only and doesn't make sense that grade 7's and 8's are not allowed to play together unless there isn't enough on the grade 8 team for districts so grade 8's have to play districts with kids they haven't played with all season just to make up the 15.

Mark: Not clear what the problem is...see a very successful season. Could have a school that can do the A/B thing, could have a school that has the numbers but not the coaches, could have a school who doesn't have the numbers

Cory: would love to talk about.

d. Wrestling – Darren Faulks

Highlights:

Pitt River Middle gets its first wrestling program – thanks to Anne Gibbons (community coach) and Lorenzo Cirillo (Pitt R's AD)

Hillcrest keeps going with Rebecca Innis and Chris Ren (TOC and starting teacher) with Tu Loan Trieu's help as well.

Approx. 400 kids involved across district.

Kway held District meet on Feb 20. Great forum; shows off our sport to their school, and they had a strong program. Very successful. Thanks Ian Robertson and Andrew Graham.

Great sport spirit – gracious, healthy behavior mixed with intense competition.

Awesome Coaches the season-long, articulated focus on respecting our opponent paid off.

Some Issues:

Mat moves – done pretty much by one person, which was onerous. Can we get the district to move mats? Who do I talk to?

Like to create a district wide push to grow the connection b/w middle and high school levels – vast # of our wrestlers don't wrestle at High School. Like to solve that problem.

Looking to grow the sport next year – 11 schools had programs, but Como and Summit did not. Like to get coaches in there next year.

Possibility of holding Districts at Port Moody High School – closer to SFU for refs, defray responsibilities, good articulation for POMO – but there are benefits to hosting our own. To be discussed at the first Wrestling Coaches meeting, 2014.

Thanks Darren – Starbucks for you☺*

6. Spring Sports

a. Badminton – Terry Argotow

b. Rugby – Andrew Graham & Ian Robertson

-Meeting April 2nd for coaches – at Scott Creek at 3:45pm

-RE: opening tourney

-refs

-addressing how we want to run our year – last year everything was at Scott Creek but some would like it at their school

c. Track & Field – covered earlier in meeting

7. Finances

- \$9000 ish (will finish with this)
- please make sure you get receipts
- most expense came from b-ball refs and wrestling (mat moving)

8. Procedures involving Secondary Schools

Ian

We recognize that some coaches feel that the communication they got was that the Executive made a decision totally on its own, and then communicated it only at the last minute.

The process that did happen is that members of the executive have been attending meetings with the DLT (district leadership team) & CSSAA association, and the executive did inform the association at our winter meeting that it has been pointed out to us that our jurisdiction does not extend beyond middle school. We have the right to control what we do in our own association. Along with this right is that we can only set constraints around a student participating that are directly related to our jurisdiction, which is middle schools. While we fully encourage students to play at their own grade level, the fact is we do not have the right to control what a student does outside of their participation in middle school athletics. A threat of a human rights claim instigated these discussions becoming more detailed and the process being more at the forefront.

At the winter meeting, the association was informed about these discussions and clarity over what we can control, and what we cannot control. It was not meant to suggest that coaches would change their current practice of applying consistent and equitable commitment levels upon players. Attending practices, adherence to team values, these have been and continue to be what coaches and schools are encouraged to use as their guidelines for allowing students to participate.

-the discussions between the DLT, CMSAA, & CSSAA around the establishment of a single recognized process for SD43 grade 8 students and parents of these students that are seeking other secondary athletic opportunities is continuing. Right now, it is looking like this will be a committee. The executive will continue to update the association about how this process is established. These updates will occur at regular CMSAA meetings. Questions about this process should be directed to Ian Robertson or Andrew Graham.

-if coaches and AD's have feedback about the communication of the association, please feel free to contact the executive. AD's are encouraged to remember that they are representatives of the association in their schools, not just representatives of their own school. Please keep up to date on communication and information that the association needs to pass out to its coaches, and ask for clarity when necessary.

Cory

- this rule is different than how it used to be (have big concerns about this rule)
- would be great to have some clarification regarding how decisions are made
- used to be that this stuff would come up for discussion, AD's would take this back to their coaches and there would be a vote or a decision made
- frustrating that this happened in the middle of the year – didn't affect the volleyball season but then was

affecting the b-ball season

Andrew

- can still tell a kid they can't play on the middle school team if they play up but could be overruled if parent decides to take it further (district level)
- can tell a kid they have to make the commitments on the middle team in order to play

Kevin

- 'commitment' looks very different from one coach to another
- frustrated that this was changed in the middle of the year and didn't feel it was communicated well

Cory

- can't imagine a parent whose kid is playing up would also be insistent they also play with their middle team

Mark

- Don't see this as a 'rule' change per say

Brad

- when was this meeting? (with Tom Grant)

Mark

- Fall, then came to admin from Tom

Brad

- feel like this wasn't communicated properly

Kevin & Cory

- think we should keep saying no and if a kid goes above (to district) we send out an email just letting other coaches know
- should be consistent across the middle schools

Mark

- hard time telling a kid telling kids they can't play with their middle school
- may not be a huge amount of kids – what are the numbers?

Cory

- would be best if tidy things up...would like to know how everyone is doing things
- need to know what to tell our kids across the board

Tu Loan

- what is best for the kids?
- if a kid plays with TCYBA, do we not let them play at our schools as well?
- if a kid can make the commitment and wants to play with their peers, that's what is best for the kids

Richard

-same thing with Cheetahs in track or Ducks in volleyball.

Anders

-remember the days of Brenda saying they could not play up and with middle as well
-had kids this year who wanted to play at middle just as much as wanting to play up

Brad

-understand but had to tell a few kids already this year they couldn't play up so now I feel bad when I've got kids coming to me asking why other kids are able to play up but they were told they couldn't – puts me in a brutal position.

Andrew

-agree with the idea of consistency – this is something being discussed at the committee level (CSSAA, DLT and admins at middle)

9. AGM

Choosing a date and location for late May or early June:

Tentatively set for Wednesday June 4th at 4:00pm location TBA

Committee(s) for AGM recommendations - **Ian to send out an email to organize a date – will be after Spring Break (email and meeting)**

Including a new school and accommodating a decreased Moody Middle

10. Recognition

- a. Coaching
- b. Builder

Adjourned: 6:16pm -