

CMSAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, June 6, 2013
Location: Orrange
4:04 pm

See below for notes on agenda items

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Meeting procedures
For voting: a show of hands will be counted 1st, then we will count the proxies – these will be held up in show of vote
3. Adoption of Spring Meeting minutes
4. Reports from Spring Sports Coordinators
 - a. Badminton – Alayne Armstrong & Maureen Davies

With last year's strike, we didn't have the kind of momentum coming into this year that we've had in past years, but it was still a good season.

A total of 8 schools took part in the badminton league (with the other 5 schools choosing to run in-school clubs instead) which lasted about 4 weeks. We continued the policy from 2011, whereby each week the schools competing against each other each hosted the matches for a particular grade (for example, if Pitt and Como were competing, Pitt might have hosted the Gr 7s while Como Lake hosted the 8s). This meant more playing time for everyone, but may have been logistically difficult for schools with only one coach running both grades' teams (although I didn't hear of any complaints from the coaches).

12 middle schools participated in the Gr 7 and 8 District tournaments, both hosted by Moody Middle. The caliber of play was high (as it always is!) at both tournaments, and player behavior on and off the courts was excellent. Congratulations to the following District Champions:

Gr 7 Girls Doubles:	Hillcrest
Gr 7 Boys Doubles:	Maple Creek
Gr 8 Girls Doubles:	Summit
Gr 8 Boys Doubles:	Monty

Some thoughts for next year

- Unfortunately, we didn't have anyone host a Grade 6 playday this year. Run as a round-robin with no designated winners, this kind of event can be a lot of fun. In the past, not all of the middle schools have fielded Grade 6 teams, which means that even schools that have 3 or 4 courts can host this (hint, hint).
- There seems to be a definite interest in having mixed pairs compete in tournaments. However, in order to run the District tournaments in a timely fashion (i.e. we all get home before midnight!), the venue would need to change to a location that has more court space (i.e. a high school). A few years ago, Maureen and I hosted the Grade 8 tournament at Charles Best in order to have a mixed draw as well (boys doubles and girls doubles competed in a large gym; the mixed pairs competed in a smaller gym off to the side). The athletic department at Best was wonderful, giving us a big hand in getting the courts, tables, etc. set up, and parent volunteers helped us with the officiating.

- There was a definite shortage of grade 7 girls' participating this year. Hopefully, there will be a bumper crop coming up from the Grade 6s! Perhaps coaches can share ideas for nurturing female players (in my own experience, I've found that if the girls have to compete with the boys just to get court space during practices, they are more likely to drop out . When I started designating court time and space specifically for girls, it made a huge difference).

Thanks to all the coaches for their time and effort. Badminton is a beautiful thing ☺

Alayne Armstrong (Moody Middle) and Maureen Davies (Maple Creek)

-Ian says thank you so much to Alayne and Maureen for coordinating

- b. Rugby – Craig Geddes & Andrew Graham
 - different format this year – all feedback was positive
 - all rugby was based out of Scott Creek – centralized location very helpful for running events
 - coaches and parents alike felt this was a great idea
 - Craig had fun☺
 - tried to de-emphasize the district competition and this did not hurt any type of participation or competitive nature.
 - if teams showed up with low numbers, they were able to combine with other teams to play and create new team names
 - brought larger community into the event – other students/volunteers etc
 - very visible – ties into the community well
 - Andrew also had fun
 - Thanks to Art and Wendy for hosting, Craig and Andrew for coordinating

- c. Track & Field – Kim Swanson & Louise Manton
 - great showing for special T this year☺
 - great MC Ian – thanks☺
 - had a visit from Assistant and Superintendent
 - all district TOC's were covered which was awesome!
 - depreciating track conditions is a concern and new schools not being built with tracks
 - season went really well☺
 - Thank you to the track committee: Louise, Corine, Rick, Melissa and Richard for helping with the organizing
 - Ian says thanks to Kim and Louise for co-chairing

5. President's Report – Ian Robertson

President's Report 2012-13

Ian Robertson

Overall our association had another successful year. We were able to return to operations smoothly after not having spring sports due to job action in 2011-12. This is due to the high level of cooperation and support that members of the association provide each other in order to provide positive opportunities for youth in sport.

In September Christine Hilliard resigned from the position of Treasurer as she pursued a new job and responsibilities at the secondary level. Cam Comeau resigned from the position of Vice-President as he also obtained a new job at the secondary level. Anders Nordby assumed responsibilities as acting Vice-President, and I became acting Treasurer.

The following is a short breakdown of sports and seasons. For full details in any of these areas please refer to the coordinator reports within the winter, spring, and AGM minutes.

Fall

Field hockey

- 8 teams – one of the stronger years for number of schools participating
- We will have to pay for fields next year.

Swimming

- 12 schools had teams
- 150 swimmers at final meet – strong numbers

Cross Country

- New coordinator did an excellent job.
- Biggest turnouts in recent memory – all most schools had teams, very strong participant numbers.
- Cross-country planning committee was formed at end, and will make venue suggestions for the Fall.

Volleyball

- Gr. 6 went to two venues for the first time for volleyball, after it was tried with basketball last year. Very successful. Collaboration with high schools is integral to this, and we hope it can continue.
- Gr. 7 Boys 11 schools (all A teams) - about same as last year
- Gr. 7 Girls 13 schools (13 w/ A, 10 w/ B) – about same as last year
- Gr. 8 Girls 13 schools (13 w/ A, 11 w/ B) – about same as last year
- Gr. 8 boys 13 schools (13 w/ A, 7 w/ B) – about same as last year
- Volleyball committee was formed to look at rules that could encourage more hits and continued play, as well as being in line with rule changes at other levels.

Winter

Basketball

- Grade 6 – went to three high school venues for the grade 6 play-night. Able to enter more teams, ran very smoothly. Collaboration with high schools is integral to this, and we hope it can continue.
- Gr. 7 Boys: 11 teams
- Gr. 7 Girls: 13 teams in regular season – 12 in playoffs. That is up in grade 7 girls.
- Grade 8 boys: 13 teams – same as last year
- Grade 8 girls: 10 teams in full play, plus additional two teams that played exhibition games.
- First time coordinator for grade 8 did a great job.
- Basketball committee was formed to look at defense rules.

- Number of discussions on the format of basketball have taken place at different meetings. It is set as an agenda item at this year's AGM.

Wrestling

- 12 schools participated
- Overall number of individual participants a bit down from last year, but still approaching 4:00.
- Smaller number of schools hosted to help with mat movement.
- Great collaboration among coaches in organizing and hosting meets.
- Beginning final tournament at 1:00pm again favourable.

Spring

A return to spring sports for the CMSAA as last year there was job action.

Badminton

- Two brand new coordinators that did a fantastic job.
- High number of individual participants.
- Waiting for final report from coordinators for exact number of schools.

Track & Field

- A new co-chair to assist returning coordinator in chairing the track & field committee.
- All 13 middle schools had teams through all grade three of our levels.
- Shared responsibilities of hosting went well.
- Very successful district meet.

Rugby

- Went to a central hosting location (Scott Creek) for all games. Helped with refereeing and growing the sport as a community.
- 6 schools with girls teams. Moody combined with loaned players for game play.
- 6 schools with gr 6/7 boys teams (began with 7).
- 7 schools with gr 8 boys teams – Hillcrest & Monty combined for game play.
- Coaches collaboration and combining of teams just some of the many measures that went into a district wide club feeling for rugby.

While there were a number of positives within our sports and seasons, we faced a few challenges. Securing host schools for volleyball and basketball play-offs can be a bit of a process. Athletic Directors and administrators are encouraged to view hosting as shared responsibilities for all member schools and do their best to take on part of the load. Some isolated incidents reminded us that the focus of our association is participation, fair play, and sporting spirit. All member schools, coordinators, athletic directors, coaches, officials, are reminded to place our philosophy and code of conduct at the core of all decisions.

That being said, there were numerous positives that our association and its members should take pride in. New coordinators stepped in to help. Thanks to Arun Angl (gr. 8 basketball), Alayne Armstrong (badminton), Maureen Davies (badminton), Paige Perry (gr. 8 volleyball), Louise Manton (track & field), and Kate Zubick (cross-country). Their energy and efforts are much appreciated, and it was great to see coaches and athletic directors eagerly support them in their new positions. We thank Brad Christianson for volunteering as basketball referee

coordinator. Veteran coordinators like Jeff Tvergyak (field hockey), Scott Turner (swimming), Melissa Burdock (gr. 6 basketball, gr. 6 volleyball), Ron Lee (gr. 7 basketball, gr. 7 volleyball), Anders Nordby (gr. 8 volleyball), Kim Swanson (track & field), Andrew Graham (rugby), and Craig Geddes (rugby and wrestling) all did outstanding job in leading our association and the specific sports they facilitated. Their dedication is much appreciated.

As I attended almost all of our district events, meets, and tournaments, I saw countless examples of volunteers giving of their time and energy to create positive experiences for middle school athletes. Hundreds of times I overheard and watched athletes thank volunteers, cheer on teammates, support opponents, and show appreciation to officials. There were also many times when athletes and student volunteers would pitch in to help at events whether it be with set-up, clean-up, score-keeping, or in many other ways. All of these actions, by our athletes, are due to the leadership of everyone involved in the association. Thank you to everyone for teaching and promoting positive values in our athletes, and for setting outstanding examples of collaboration, sporting spirit, and respect.

Thank you to our members at large who supported the executive this year: Arun Angl, Evan Cupit and Frank Lore.

Thank you to all of our Athletic Directors for representing their schools, and our association with strong commitment.

Thank you to Andrew Graham for representing the middle school administrators on the executive. Thank you to Dana Asher for sitting as Secretary on the executive, and for booking the AGM venue. Thank you to Anders Nordby for taking on the responsibilities of Vice-President.

The core strength of our association rests on the volunteer coaches who give their time to work directly with athletes and teach them the values of respect, teamwork, and commitment. We had 288 coaches in our 13 middle schools this year. We could not have achieved such a successful year without them.

Thank you.

Andrew: A huge thank you to Ian for his leadership.

6. Treasurer's Report – Ian Robertson
CMSAA Treasurer's Report – 2013
Submitted by acting Treasurer Ian Robertson

I served as acting Treasurer from September 2012 – June 2013.

At the 2012 a AGM fees were lowered for a single year, to accommodate for the fact there were no Spring Sports in 2012, due to job action, and thus limited spring expenditures.

The fees for 2012-13 were \$350 per school.

In addition some amounts are paid to the association by schools participating in the wrestling league to cover the cost of officials, just as host schools may compensate officials for regular scheduled games in other sports.

Arch Bishop Carney also pays a fee to participate in the CMSAA's wrestling mini-meets.

If we allow for the fact that the association charged \$350.00 to member schools this year because it was felt that a credit of \$300 per school be carried over from the previous year because there were no spring sports in the association, then the fees to work with for this year's budget totaled \$8,450. At this point in time (June 6, 2013) the association has spent approximately \$6785.94. These numbers are approximate because there are a few debits that will not be finalized until the end of June. (See attached document).

An amount is also currently in an account at Scott Creek Middle that is ear-marked for swimming expenditures.

This puts the association in healthy financial terms. A carry forward from previous also secures a healthy financial picture for the near future.

It is recommended that the association consider collecting approximately the same amount (\$8,450 total) in fees for the 2013-14 year even though expenditures in the past year were below this amount. Things considered in this recommendation:

- No evidence to suggest any costs will go down.
- The association will have to pay more for Field Hockey Fields next year.
- Not all eligible schools applied for reimbursement for volleyball and basketball hosting, but they may in future.
- A choice this year not to spend any money on grade 6 basketball may be changed next year.
- Swimming, and Track & Field rentals may go up.
- We may have to cover the costs of TOCs for Track & Field committee for the District Track meet (district has done this for past two meets, but have not guaranteed it will continue)
- There have been discussions at meetings about the association making a capital expenditure, either alone or in partner with member schools.

Maintaining a healthy balance would prepare the association for any of the above considerations.

7. Fee Structure – Ian Robertson

-refer to proxy document sent out

-the vote is whether to keep the current structure at \$650/school or whether to change it to a new fee structure of: \$375.00 together as an additional \$0.50 per student at the school.

-motion: Ian

-second: Dana

Discussions

None

Votes

By proxy: For: 16 Against: 3

Present: For: 24 Against: 1 Abstain: 1

Total:

For: 40 Against: 4 Abstain: 1
Motion Passed and Carried

8. Committee Reports

a. Volleyball Rules – Melissa Burdock

CMSAA Volleyball rules review committee – 2012-13

Members: Jessica Bell, Melissa Burdock, Simon Kwok, Anders Nordby, Ian Robertson
Report written by Melissa Burdock. These will be recommendations forwarded to the volleyball coaches meeting in the fall of 2013:

1. When decreasing the number of stoppages in a Volleyball game, this will encourage athletes of all skill levels to contribute and allow for longer rallies and a greater number of touches on the ball for each athlete. Rule changes in other jurisdictions of Volleyball have adopted fewer violations; therefore we are proposing the following:
2. Net rule change - Players MAY contact the net as long as it does not interfere with the game play, any touching of the white tape will also not be allowed.
3. Centre line rule change - A player may cross over the centre line with any body part as long as it doesn't interfere with the play OR endanger the safety of another athlete.
4. First contact rule change - First contact off of a hard driven ball ie. Play with the hand off first contact - anything goes unless it is an obvious carry, the ball MAY spin backwards on a hard driven ball.
5. Foot rule change - The ball MAY contact any part of the body during a rally, including the foot.

V-ball coaches will still have to approve these rule changes at the coaches meeting in the fall*

Motion to have the v-ball committee accepted:

First: Evan Second: Anders

b. Basketball Rules – Arun Angl & Anders Nordby

-grade 8 double teaming rule that was a trial this year will be implemented as a rule in effect for next year as well as for grade 7 players beginning in the 2013/2014 school year.

-will continue to pay for referees in semi finals as well as finals, will look into this for quarter finals as well.

-motion for report to be accepted: Scott : Seconded: Cory

-motion carried

9. Discussions

a. Basketball Structure

-from executive discussion:

-we are moving towards technical rule changes at a reasonable rate within basketball

- association remains open to these types of technical rule changes
- hope that we will not judge ourselves based on other associations but rather what is best for us as an association
- goal to have lots of kids participating
- agree that low numbers for a sport/team is disappointing however there are past remedies that do work for this for example: combining teams
- development of youth and respectful people is one of our goals
- other associations focus on sport skill development

Cory:

- some do feel that the structure is broken at the core
- losing numbers and struggling to keep them
- such a wide variety of skill levels
- how about combining 7/8's together and having teams of different levels
- have not noticed v-ball dwindling as much maybe b/c there is an A and B team
- want to coach kids where they're at
- overwhelming support at b-ball meeting in favour of this.

Chris

- think this should be left this to basketball coaches as they know the sport and the dynamics of the sport
- think coaches should be able to vote and change this rule
- truly believe that basketball coaches know best as they know about their sport

Cory

It seems to be okay for kids to play up in certain situations, unclear as to why it's okay sometimes but not other times

Ian

At the core – our responsibility is not to develop athletes but rather to develop participation, sportsmanship and respect

Andrew

From admin: general consensus from admin was that tiring b-ball would not be best – would create inequality b/c of such a variety of numbers/abilities in certain areas/schools

- in favour and support rule changes
- support to school community support – all about school activity
- develop athletes as individuals as opposed to ability

Scott

- in swimming students in middle school are ranked according to ability
- this benefits quality of game, enjoyment of game

Cory

- kids know where they're at
- blended classes and this idea would be an extension of this
- not proposing that kids are cut and won't be able to play
- want to provide an opportunity for all students to participate at a level they feel comfortable participating

-kids are used to being together in the classroom – why can't they play together

Kate

-talking to staff at her school – make sure kids' self-esteem is protected

-sounds like this is something that needs to be discussed further and perhaps voted on well before the season begins

Evan

Why only change basket ball? Why not do A/B in basketball?

Cory

Not all schools can field both teams....while some schools may have had a ton of kids this year, that is not the case for other schools and some actually did have 7/8 teams b/c such low grade 8 numbers

Craig

Most concerned about the changing the culture of basketball in our schools

Ian

Don't think this is way to move forward for our association. Rather than a drastic change the executive encourages basketball to communicate with the coordinator and consider constructive ways to deal with grey areas.

Cory

Will not move forward then, but will stay the same?

Andrew

Why is this an issue only in basketball? Don't feel that it has anything to do with how teams are made. A tired system will not address the basketball cultural issues

Lorenzo

Would like to see compromising happen in basketball the same way it does in other sports

Cory

Why can other sports fudge with that the principles but not basketball

Andrew

Never experienced a kid saying they don't want to play on a team...have to decide if we stick with the current system or change our principles to accommodate another system.

Ian

It is the executive's job to guide the association forward. To help us move forward will again encourage basketball coaches to communicate and be constructive within grey areas, like other sports, while staying within the philosophy of the association.

Motion for calling this agenda item to its end: Ian

Seconded: Evan

Motion passed

10. Association Positions

Sport Coordinators - volunteers 2013-14

- a. Cross-Country
-Kate Zubick
- b. Field Hockey
-Jeff T
- c. Swimming
-Scott Turner
- d. Volleyball – grade 6
Melissa Burdock
- e. Volleyball – grade 7
Leanne O’Grady (Pitt River)

- f. Volleyball – grade 8
-Anders and Paige
- g. Basketball – grade 6
Melissa Burdock
- h. Basketball – grade 7
Anders & Terry A
- i. Basketball – grade 8
Arun
- j. Basketball – refereeing
Brad Christianson (have been nominated)
- k. Wrestling
Craig Geddes
- l. Badminton
ALayne and Maureen (not present, have been nominated, will be asked)
- m. Rugby
Andrew and Craig stay together☺
- n. Track & Field
Kim Swanson (with committee)

Executive Positions - elected 2013-2015

- President - Ian
- Vice President - Anders
- Treasurer - Evan
- Secretary - Dana
- Admin-Rep – Andrew

Support Positions - volunteers 2013-2014

- Members-at-large
Chris Davies, Arun Angl (large member),
- Website Coordinator
Andrew Graham

11. Coaching Recognition

-please share these with you staff at the last staff meeting of the year.

12. CMSAA Builder Award

-Richard Rasmussen - ‘Raz’

13. Other

Closing Remarks:

The fact we had 288 coaches out this year is amazing! Please thank all you coaches on my behalf

14. Adjournment: 5:52pm

Notes for 2013 CMSSA AGM

In preparation for the CMSAA AGM, the executive met to set the agenda, and consider possible resolutions based upon the fall, winter, and spring meetings, as well as feedback throughout the year.

For resolutions sent out before hand, motions made on the floor of the AGM, and elections of officers, each member school shall have a maximum of four votes. Schools may send proxy-votes for resolutions set by the executive prior to the AGM.

- a.) The possibility of altering the association’s fee structure will be introduced under item #7 in the agenda. This item was introduced at last year’s AGM and the consensus was that the association wanted to consider it over the course of the year, and re-evaluate at the following AGM. The executive has laid out a clear resolution that will be voted on.

Whereas there are diverse population numbers within the 13 middle schools of the association, and; Whereas almost all schools in the association pay fees to the association based on fees charged to students;

Let it be resolved that each member school pay an annual base fee of \$375, plus a fee of \$0.50 per student thereafter, based on student population at the end of September.

If the resolution does not pass, the current fee structure will be maintained. The table below is intended to help display why these amounts were put forward.

SCHOOL	Student population (May 2013) used to illustrate different structures	CURRENT FEES	\$300 base fee plus \$0.5 per student TOTAL	\$375 plus \$0.5 per student TOTAL	\$400 plus \$0.5 per student TOTAL
Banting	574	650	587	662	687
Citadel	487	650	543.5	618.5	643.5
Como Lake	334	650	467	542	567
Hillcrest	552	650	576	651	676
Kwayhquiltum	595	650	597.5	672.5	697.5
Maillard	409	650	504.5	579.5	604.5
Maple Creek	602	650	601	676	701
Minnehada	477	650	538.5	613.5	638.5
Montgomery	384	650	492	567	592
Moody	750	650	675	750	775
Pitt River	400	650	500	575	600
Scott Creek	619	650	609.5	684.5	709.5
Summit	712	650	656	731	756

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED		8450	7347.5	8322.5	8647.5
Under old fees, each school pays \$650.		BASE FEE Only – Current payment structure		Proposed Payment structure	

- b.) Under item 9a the executive will respond to discussions regarding the structure of basketball within the association. This item has been placed under discussions, as there are a number of issues involved, and a number of different pieces of feedback that the executive has received.

There has been a suggested proposal regarding a change in the format of ages and skill level. There has been a range of feedback to the executive on this, and then further suggestions for changes from different stakeholders. In reflection of our association's philosophy, guiding principles, and after discussion, the executive has decided the issue best fits as a discussion going in to the AGM rather than there being a single specific resolution to be decided upon.

- c.) The executive encourages volunteers to come forward for sport coordinator positions. These positions may be shared.
- d.) Each of the elected executive officers are (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) are at the end of their two year term. These four positions are filled by election or acclimation. Nominees shall be sent out prior to the AGM. The fifth position on the executive – Admin-rep – is appointed by Coquitlam Middle School Administrators.
- e.) Members-at-large, and website coordinator are support positions that are typically volunteered for at the AGM.