

CMSAA Winter Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 24, 2015

Chair: Anders Nordby (President)
Location: Maple Creek Middle
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Minutes prepared by: Alex Abello (Secretary)

1. Attendance:

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| Banting | Jill Vincent | Maillard | Andrea O'Neill |
| Citadel | Ralph Goring | Maple Creek | Ron Lee |
| Como Lake | Terry Argotow | Minnekhada | Phil Hughes |
| Eagle Mountain | Anders Nordby | Monty | Paige Perry |
| Hillcrest | (None) | Moody | Alex Abello |
| Kway | Ian Robertson | Scott Creek | Dave Devaney |
| Pitt River | Rob Mackenzie | Summit | Jody Pope |

2. Acceptance of Fall minutes

- a. Andrea – moved to accept
- b. Dave – seconded motion

3. Treasurer's Report – Paige Perry

- a. School fees outstanding: Banting and Eagle Mountain

4. Reports from Fall sport coordinators (Attached below)

- a. Field Hockey – Kelly Murray and Jeff Tvergyak – great season, looking at having a jamboree at the end of the season much like rugby does next year.
 - i. Fields – question of whether we have paid or not. We have not been invoiced yet.
- b. Swimming - Scott Turner and Trevor Cheng
 - i. Struggle to start up but when things got running all went well
 - ii. No dip or loss from the year end
 - iii. Swim meets are now run by clubs which helps us in terms of set up and necessary
- c. X-Country – Kate Zubick (Report 2)
 - i. Terry – At Mundy park, many volunteers came out to help out to line the courses. Great helps.
- d.
 - Gr. 6 Volleyball – Bart Vanstaalduinen (Report 3)
 - Terry – Dave Jones at Best was amazing. Volunteers and everyone was good, session good, clock good, etc.

- Ron – Parent was so refreshing to see this at middle, was impressed with how the tourney ran and how it ran.
- Andrea – skill level seems to be getting better

Gr. 7 Volleyball –Tu Loan Trieu and Evan Cupit

Tu Loan say's, "We had another great season for grade 7 girls and boys triple-ball. We had 12 schoolss in the girls league and 9 schools for the boys league and we played for 5 weeks. The girls' play day ran smoothly and on time at Charles Best with much kudos to Dave Jones and his leadership crew. They reffed and score kept and it didn't cost us a penny. We had 20 teams participate with some schools entering 2 teams. That's about 180 screaming girls in one gym!

The boys played at Heritage and much thanks to Evan Cupit and his crew from Kwayhquitlam for arranging the tournament there as it was more work than the girls' tourney. Again, a smooth tournament with lots of play time for the 9 teams.

The only frustration that we had as coordinators was the number of teams that dropped after the schedule was set. It got very complicated to redo the schedule, especially with an odd number league. My recommendation is to take our time before schedules get drawn up. This may mean a 5 week season as opposed to a 6 week season.

We did not have a championship, which was decided earlier in the season. This made sense as triple-ball was a trial modification. We also did not have the minimum limits for players. We could have this discussion again next year?

From my experience, triple ball seemed to be well received by players and coaches. Some feedback from coaches:

"I did feel that I got to know the girls and other teams a bit better"

"Not 100% convinced it makes for better volleyball players yet, but am willing to give it a few years"

"It was great to have more interaction with the other coach and students"

"I liked triple ball for the fact that the students had a chance to touch the ball more often."

"I didn't like the fact that I was not able to be on the bench and coach the girls when they needed."

I did a survey with regards to whether they would like to see triple ball for next year. From the coaches who responded before 4pm on Monday, we had 8 YESs and 3 NOs."

Ian reads some comments from Evan, similar to Tu Loan's report

- Have rules printed on hard copy for your refs to have available at even games.
- Rob – no complaints at all from the gr.7 night! Is it the competition for the "banner"?

Gr. 8 Volleyball – Anders Nordby, Paige Perry (Report 5)

- Dave - Rules seem inconsistent. Can we put out the rules sooner. Can we keep with one set of rules.
- Refing seems inconsistent depending who is refing. Different calls are being used for different rules
- Anders – Coaches meetings are very important so that we can get rules out soon, then get input from all coaches.
- Paige – refing payments? Most host schools paid from their athletic funds. Continue working with highschoools? Yes, the big gym experience was good

5. Winter sports & scheduling coaches' meeting

a. Gr. 6 Basketball – Ron Lee

- i. The season is more relaxed.
- ii. Looking to continue to work with highschoools
- iii. No dates out at this point for the 6s. But Do not have 7s and 8s on the same week.

Gr. 7 Basketball – Jill Vincent

- Start on Jan 19th
- Feb 9, bye week
- Mar 1 week finals

Gr. 8 Basketball – Alex Abello

- Start on Jan 19
- Feb 9, bye week
- Mar 8 week finals

Referee Coordinator – None at this point, depending on the bball meeting we may no longer need a ref coordinator

Basketball meeting: Dec. 14, 4pm, at Moody Middle

b. Wrestling – No coordinator at this point (contact Paige Perry)

- YES, we will have a team this year: Kway, Monty, Maillard, Banting, Summit, SC, MC, Hillcrest, Moody/Eagle
- Paige suggests having wrestling coaches have a meeting and delegate different jobs for each
- Corey Hampton (SFU) could possibly help again
- Usually 3 mini meets
 - o No dates given yet for mini meets
 - o Districts on Feb 25

Wrestling meeting: Dec 10, 4pm, at Monty

6. Procedures involving Secondary Schools – Anders Nordby

- a. Seems like many of our kids are playing at high School
- b. Anders was pleasantly surprised at how high schools were approaching kids playing up. They were supportive of middle and our middle level teams
- c. Athlete has to decide if the kid will be playing both, and the middle team has to be a priority

Next CMSAA Meeting: March 31, 4pm, 2015 at Moody Middle

Report 1

From: Murray, Kelly

Subject: Field Hockey

- a. great season, looking at having a jamboree at the end of the season much like rugby does next year.

Report 2

From Kate Zubick

2015 Cross Country Season

Another wonderful season under our belts!!

It was perfect conditions for our mini meets and districts, no rain and no tears☺

We regularly had over 200 athletes at all the meets and I noticed there seems to be more girls participating than in past years.

After all these years I still find it so inspiring to cheer on our sweaty kids as they are running their guts out on the race course. I occasionally run into former students who like to let me know that though they are going crazy at university they still find time to run. What we do as coaches really does make a difference!!

SOOO Thank you to the schools that volunteered to have a mini meet AND a big Thank you to all of the cross country coaches and your volunteer parents for helping out at the mini meets and districts.

I don't really feel like I did much as a coordinator other than boss a few people around and then just stepped back and everyone took the initiative. I guess that's why they pay us the big bucks ;)

Any and all feedback is appreciated. Only 19 more school days until Winter Break☺

Kate Zubick

District Results: Remember to have your trophies engraved!

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| Gr 8 B | 1. Minnekhada | 2. Scott Creek |
| Gr 8 G | 1. Maple Creek | 2. Kway |
| Gr 7 B | 1. Minnekhada | 2. Scott Creek |
| Gr 7 G | 1. Minnekhada | 2. Monty |
| Gr 6 B | 1. Banting | 2. Maple Creek |
| Gr 6 G | 1. Eagle Mtn | 2. Banting |

Report 3

From: Vanstaalduinen, Bart

Subject: Grade 6 VB Report

Hi Anders,

Here is my report on the Grade 6 VB season,

The Grade 6 VB season came to an end on October 30th with the District Play dates hosted by Charles Best and Terry Fox Secondary Schools. Many thanks to the Administration, Athletic Directors, and leadership students at both secondary schools for hosting 2 terrific Grade 6 VB tournaments.

We played Triple Ball at both tournaments, and considering that many of the coaches didn't have any experience with this format of the game, it took a couple games to figure out. Once we did, it appeared to be a good experience for everyone.

In total at both school, 40 teams competed, which means we had approximately 400 grade 6 students playing VB that night.

Thanks to everyone for your time, effort, and patience with the grade 6 VB season.
Bart Vanstaalduinen

Report 4

From: Trieu, Tu Loan

Subject: Grade 7 triple ball

See above

Report 5

From Paige Perry

Grade 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball Report

Thank you to all the coaches for volunteering their time in our volleyball season. After the initial meeting, it was decided that the Grade 8 would continue to play regular volleyball instead of Triple Ball.

The season seemed to go smoothly even after Anders and I tried to make the league schedule with varying numbers of schools. This resulted in having some teams travel to other schools more often.

Thank you to Banting, Monty, Eagle Mountain, Kway, Moody, Maillard, Citadel, and Summit for hosting the playoffs this year. Last year, the executive proposed a tentative budget that set aside some monies for volleyball. We used this money to pay for the high school referees and scorekeepers to a total of \$180 in gift cards for Charles Best Secondary and \$_____ for Port Moody Secondary.

Congratulations to Scott Creek Grade 8 Boys A and B

Congratulations to Minnekhada Grade 8 Girls A and to Maple Creek Grade 8 Girls B

Some of the concerns that were emailed for discussion:

The cost of having to pay for referees is becoming the new normal. Do we want to continue to use the high schools for the Districts or do we want to use middle schools so that we don't have to pay? The emphasis is to not pay for adult referees.

Some coaches were unaware of the 2014 decision to play with a no minimum number despite it being highlighted in our package at the beginning of the season.

Talking with some people-do we keep volleyball the same for the Grade 8s instead of moving towards Triple Ball.

Some of the rules seem to be changing all the time. How do we stay consistent i.e.) kicking the ball with our feet, tossing the ball and letting it drop on the serve, touching the tape and not the net, etc.

A strong voice would like it to be known that we are in favour of no minimum number of players. Less pressure on coaches to chase player to make sure they don't get disqualified. It guarantees that small schools can play. It gives maximum playing time to teams with fewer players. It is not an unfair

advantage. Some people may be too concerned with the final outcome that more playing time. So perhaps they should create more teams for your school so that you players get more time. It may mean recruiting more coaches.

One person offered a GR8. VB recommendation: Only have a Grade 8 A Championship with a set number of players. Pull up Grade 7's to fill a team. 8, 10, Or 12- no excuses for less players. Every school that submits a team must send a team to the A. There would be no B Championship- have B play night with 2 hosts, with no minimum numbers or maximum. All B team must be balanced as there is No winner of the tournament. No B final as this is now a FUN tournament. Everyone still gets a final tourney and it will help to eliminate the stacking complaint.