# Northeast Alberta Schools’ Athletic Association

## Spring Meeting Agenda

**St. Paul Regional High School**

**Monday, May 4, 2015**

**In Attendance**

Tim Yakiwchuk Johathan Randall Lenny Halfe

Daryn Galatiuk Dale Hunter Alain Mahe

Brad Tillapaugh Cody Riley Curtis Paulichuk

Hank Smid Kelly Eagles Heather Bartling

Daryl Venance Aaron Canfield Brittany Partington

Rueben Baker Calvin Anhorn Nicole Polishuk

Brent Wasylik Mike Kardas Andrew Przybylski

Etienne Vaillancourt Steven Reid Shayne Midford

Cory Kokotailo Krista Strom Megan Kelm

Jim Salsbury Chris Manderson Kevin Fleming

Jamie Landry Brent Easton Frank Power

Peter Peraino Geoff Petley-Jones Kim Boheme

Tim Turko Jen Machetchuk Lee Woodward

Kurt McLean Tyler Collins Tyler VanBerkel

John Patton

Meeting called to order at 1:36 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

 President’s remark

Darren thanked all of the people who have volunteered for zones, commissioners, volunteers in our zone who hosted championships this year. Darren acknowledged how proud he is of the north east zone in their representation at the provinicial level and the sportsmanship that is shown by our athletes and coaches.

2. Establishing voting strength

Established at 39 votes

3. Minutes from the fall meeting

Aaron motions that the minutes be accepted. Hank 2nd. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

4.1 ASAA Report

John was present to outline ASAA initiatives and upcoming dates and such that are occurring

at the ASAA level.

4.2 Volleyball Refereeing update at Zone Championships

- we assigned our own refs to zone championship

- all of the reffing seemed to be good with little issues of the reffing

- no real feedback was given to the NEASAA executive

- we still have not received a bill for the St. Jeromes and the Veg Comp zone championships

- we do not know what will be happening for the zones next year but will continue to work

for a positive relationship with the volleyball officials

4.3 Zone Basketball Issues, Provincial Questions

- Shayne posed a question about the missed date of appeals for due to ASAA, and why dates were randomly changed

- rankings of the appeals

5. Financial Report

Daryl believes that we are looking at a surplus for the year. Currently our bank account is sitting around approximately $20, 000.

Handball and cheer squad do not have zone competitions but we need to set fees incase we do end up having a zone competiton..

Shane moves to accept the financial report accepted. Cody 2nd. Carried

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Cross-country Running Chris Manderson

 - worked well and was a good day

6.2 Volleyball

6.2.1 A Girls St. Jerome’s

- 10 teams was a great tournament

6.2.2 A Boys Ecole Beausejour

- everything went well

6.2.3 2A Girls Veg Comp

- went well

6.2.3 2A Boys F.G. Miller

- well smooth three teams to provincials

6.2.4 3A Girls & Boys Father Merc., Westwood

- all went well local officiating positive feedback

6.2.5 4A Girls & Boys Lloyd Comp

- good championship with schools opting up

6.3 Curling Vegreville

 - some issues with the times and venues

6.4 Basketball

6.4.1 A Girls Marwayne

- appreciate the teams understanding and it ended up being a great tournament

6.4.2 A Boys Vilna

- 6 teams that played and was a good tournament

6.4.3 2A Girls J.R. Robson

- good tournament and the third place game wasn’t played

6.4.4 2A Boys Assumption

- everything went well

6.4.5 3A Boys & Girls Cold Lake

- used ecole voyageur school as well no major issues

6.4.6 4A Boys & Girls Lloyd Comp

- no boys championship for girls three teams with 2 schools opting up

- overall went well

- need to look at a three team championship to be set up

6.5 Badminton Holy Rosary

 - overall went very well

 - got some ideas for provincials and made the little tweaks

6.6 Team Handball Bonnyville

 - issue is still facilities and officials which incurs a large cost

 - great handball

7. New Notices of Motion

 A.S.A.A. Notices of Motion – went through the ASAA notices of motion and did a straw

 vote of the membership.

 Dealt with through the zone

8. Upcoming Events

 8.1 Track & Field - May 27 hosted by District 4 in Fort Mac

 8.1.1 Fee: $10.00/athlete

 – test event for Western Canada Games

 Officials – Districts need to be running field events

 Zone package to be sent out

9. New Business

9.1 North East Notices of Motion

**Notice of Motion 1 - General**

Put forward by Kim Boheme

Motion:  Be it moved that the fall NEASAA meeting begin no later than 10 AM on the day it is set.

Rationale: This will allow the four - eight delegates from Fort McMurray to attend in person, remain till the meeting is completed for full participation and still be able to drive home at a reasonable hour to reduce risk from late night driving and weather concerns which have often been an issue in the past.  The video conferencing attempt was appreciated but sound quality made it difficult to participate and the face to face interaction was missed.

Motion 2nd by Daryl

Motion Carried Jim against

**Notice of Motion 2 - General**

Put Forward by Steven Reid

We move that athletes at all NEASAA sanctioned events be permitted to wear religious artifacts that are safely secured and pose no threat of safety to either the player in question or their opponents.
Motioned 2nd by Heather

Motion has been tabled Cody Carried

Intent of the Rule Change: EPS has a large Russian Orthodox student population (approximately 50%) and these students are not to remove their religious crosses for any reason. We propose to have all of our Russian Orthodox athletes wear their cross on a string underneath a tight athletic top (i.e. Under Armour) and K-tape the cross to their chest.

Rationale: FIBA is softening on their stance vs. religious headwear (which as the current rule is written is considered a violation to be worn) as there is no threat or history of injury from Muslim's or Sikh's wearing their relgious headwear during International Basketball Matches. Wearing a Religious artifact that poses no threat to the safety of either party is no different.

**Notice of Motion 3 – Basketball**

Put Forward by Shayne Midford

Motion to Change 2A Basketball Draws

I make the motion that for the 2A Boys and 2A Girls Draws for basketball that we remove the B-Side games.

Motion 2nd by Lee

5 for 15 against motion defeated

\*I reserve that all Tiers do the same, however, I am unsure as to how the other member schools in the other tiers feel about this, something that needs to be discussed.

Rationale:

Zones should not be a means of “adding” games to your schedule prior to a Provincial Championship. This is a “definitive time” to move forward and onto Provincials, not an attempt at improving your team(s). Numerous leagues and Zones do not have B-Side games and have a win or go home mentality (i.e. South, Edmonton, Calgary). If teams want “more” games in their schedule they have the weekends leading up to the tournament to do so. The zone tournament should be an all or none tournament, in moving forward onto the Provincial Tournament. The B-Side games have no year-end value other then to get kids “extra minutes.” This should be done throughout your season of play to prepare you for the zone tournament.

The item of costs comes up but the driving cost ($150 approx. return for most schools at 2A, to various towns/cities) is cheaper then spending the night (4 Rooms @$150 approx. = $600/team) for one to two games with no value, other then extra games for one’s team. There would be fewer teams staying if B-Side games are eliminated saving various schools/players/parents money in overnight costs.

Similarly, entry fees would go down due to the fewer number of games played in the tournament. If schools have issues with hotels then host schools could be an alternative measure and reduce costs to schools staying over night and thus no cost for hotel fees (i.e. Vegreville Comp. this year at Assumption)

After years of watching and playing the B-Side I can see why some schools want them removed, as the zone does not ask who won the consolation game or the 7/8 game for example, so it is not “seen of value at the zone level” so why are we playing it? I know my kids motivation to play games after a loss at the zone tournament is or would be low because they don’t want to play another game, their done. The primary goal is not achieved which is to win a Zone and hopefully a Provincial Championship, so it is time to look to next year and set yet another goal, not play another game.

The A-Side games would still be in effect for 3rd Place games to ensure time and spacing between games and for medalling, which are in our Constitution.

**Notice of Motion 4 - General**

Proposed by Nicole Polishuk

Article XV – Finances

9. Honorariums will be paid as follows: President **- $500**, Secretary **- $500**, Treasurer **- $500**

Motion 2nd by Hank

Friendly amendment would like to add by vice-president with $500 Chris 2nd. Amendment Carried

Motion Carried

Rationale

Previously, the honorariums for these three positions has been $250/year. I would like to see it increased to $500 for each of these three positions as there has not been a change since I have taken over the secretary position.

**Notice of Motion 5 – General**

Proposed by Nicole Polishuk

Article XVII – Web Master

1. The NEASAA body will have a web page that will be run by a person of a member school.

2. The NEASAA web master will be in charge of providing up to date information provided to them by the executive members.

3. The NEASAA web master will receive a $500 honorarium.

Motion 2nd by Alain

Carried

Rationale

At this time we have a position that is not identified by our constitution. I would like to see the person doing the web page for our association get an honorarium for the amount of time that is needed to keep it up to date and current.

10. Fall Events

Host Date Fee Contact

10.1 1A/2A Golf District 5 Monday, September 14 at Whitetail in Mundare

10.2 3A/4A Golf September 21 in Ft. Mac Brent Easton(Fther Merc)

X-country Running St. Paul District Wednesday Oct 7 Hank Smid (St. Paul Regional) $3

Volleyball

 1A Boys – District 1

 1A Girls - Beausejour

 2A Girls - District 1

 2A boys – District 2

 3A – District 3

11. Election of Officers

 11.1 Sports Commissioners

Sport Commissioner (years completed)

Cross-country Daryn Galatiuk (3) Glendon School

Volleyball Chris Manderson (6) – St. Mary’s

Basketball Shayne Midford (5)- Assumption

Football Vince Orieux (5) – Holy Rosary

Wrestling Darcy Plamondon (1) Beasejour

Curling Kendall Warawa (1) Two Hills

Badminton Curtis Paulichuk (1) Two Hills

Golf Mike Lo (1) Two Hills

Track & Field Hank Smid (7) – St. Paul

Rugby Jared Nichol (5) CLHS

Team Handball Tyler Collins (3) NDHS

Officials Andrew Przybylski (4) JAWS

 11.2 N.E.A.S.A.A. Executive

11.2.1 President

Daryn nominated for president and wins by acclimation

11.2.2 Vice-president

Curtis is nominated for vice-president and wins by acclimation

11.2.3 Treasurer

Daryl Venance is nominated for treasurer and wins by acclimation

11.2.4 Secretary

Heather Bartling is nominated for secretary and wins by acclimation

12. Round Table –

 Rotation of hosting – will look to set a committee

 - Curtis, Heather, Daryn

 - bring in a new rotation schedule in October

 Home schooling – will need to have a discussion in October in order to figure out how to

 work in these schools and their athletes.

13. Adjournment at 6:00 pm

14. Next meeting Date: Monday, October 5 at 10:00