

# SWAC ONLINE MEETING – Wed Mar 17, 2021

**LOCATION:** Online Meeting

**TIME:** Working Groups Google Meets @ 5:00 PM      Main Meeting Google Meet @ 5:45 PM

**Attendance:** Talena Scott, Tyson Krause, Valerie Gordon, Lana Steckler-Marshall, Andrew Herrick, Eric Crosbie, Riley Zielke, Jennifer Foley.

**Agenda (President & Athletic Coordinator Notes)**

**Thoughts & Actions**

**1. Divide & Conquer Google Meets @ 5 PM: Working Groups Report Back Within Main Meeting \*Chairs in BOLD.**

- a. *SWAC 2021-22 Budgeting (Jenn, Lana & Trisha Carleton)*
  - i. \$150 Honorariums for Referee-in-Chiefs (F-Ball, V-Ball, B-Ball, Soccer), SR District Badminton Table Chair, JR & SR District Curling Ice Technicians in addition to traditional \$150 Honorariums for President, Secretary, Treasurer & Officials Commissioner.
  - ii. Special Project MAP Grant - Volleyball beginner officials online resources development
- b. *Awards (Riley, Val, Tyson) \*Join Strategic Planning Group When Finished.*
  - i. SWAC Junior Service Award
  - ii. SHSAA Outstanding Official Award
  - iii. SHSAA Outstanding Coach Award (Both Male & Female)
  - iv. SWAC Senior Service Award
  - v. SHSAA Merit Award (if merited)
- c. *Strategic Planning (Talena, Andrew, Eric, Patricia) \*Talena please send Meet invite to entire Executive Group.*
  - i. Withdrawal Policy/Fines (Cross-country, Golf, Badminton, Track & Field vs Teams?)

WE RECOMMEND: Following SHSAA guidelines, the deadline for penalty-free drops will be the date set by the Athletic Coordinator. If an athlete drops after this deadline, a financial penalty of \$50 will be awarded to the offending school. An appeal can be made to the SWAC Executive on humanitarian or medical grounds but must be made before the date of competition. This will apply to all SWAC sports in Junior and Senior categories. If a school chooses not to pay this fine, they will not be allowed to compete in SWAC events until the bill has been paid. (See page 20 of the CONSTITUTION for wording on appeals)

- ii. Revamp Sections (RH Jr, Sr Badminton, Sr/Jr Curling...White & Blue?)

Should we drop Curling and Badminton down from three sections to just two - how does this separation look? If we create two sections after entries, and divide the sections at that time (fluctuates each year)

RH Junior Volleyball - 12 junior teams and the sections aren't equal. Could it be split after entries have been submitted? Could entries be drawn randomly or should they be drawn geographically?

WE RECOMMEND: RH Junior Volleyball will begin with one section. Once all entries have been submitted, a committee will divide the section geographically (as best as possible).

WE RECOMMEND: Curling and Badminton will separate sections based on numbers of entries. This will be done by the Athletic Coordinator and geographically as best as possible.

- iii. Doubles Curling Event - officially vs COVID approved?

Good for the sport; good to get more teams involved.

Need to deal with more ice time.

It is good for the kids - can we schedule separate tournaments or meld them in?

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Preparing a PD or learning session -

<https://www.curling.ca/team-canada/mixed-doubles-rankings/mixed-doubles-rules/>

**WE RECOMMEND:** Providing learning opportunities (aka document or above link) to coaches. Open the bonspiel to whomever wishes to join. Look at what needs to be done: aka ice time or tournaments.

Could we run a mid-season event? It might coincide with the District Championships.

iv. Supervision Policy (Track & Field Meets) - 1:8 or 1:10? High risk ratios?

How many kids are too many without supervision and workers.

How many staff can you send out of a school at one time?

Are approved adult workers an ok substitute to bring the ratios down?

Can the ratio reflect a ratio for coaching separate from the numbers of outside workers.

Can we look at outside sources of people (e.g. retired teachers, etc.)

If schools don't send workers, will there be a fine applied? Who will enforce?

How does the culture need to change to accommodate the number of workers required to run the meet?

**WE RECOMMEND:** Track Advisory Group - needs Admin component and outside input to help change the culture

**WE RECOMMEND:** 1:10 would be the maximum coach to athlete ratio for coaching (not including extra adults for workers).

v. Website vs Google Drive purposes clarified - website for public **award** archives vs Drive for **current, working** organization files?

## **2. Call to Order Main Meeting Google Meet @ 18:09**

President Jennifer Foley

## **3. Adoption of Agenda**

Motioned by Eric Crosbie; seconded by Tyson Krause. Carried.

## **4. Minutes from the Sep 23 Online Meeting** – posted in SWAC Meeting Google Drive folder and linked [HERE](#).

Motioned by Lana Steckler-Marshall; seconded by Eric Crosbie. Carried.

## **5. Financial Report** – Trisha Carleton - [see attached](#)

Athletic Coordinator did not bill schools for any fall sports that happened. Should they be billed or not (do we need the money)?

Discussion around not charging the teams this fall, as the budget is looking healthy without the collection.

Lana Steckler-Marshall makes a motion to not charge team fees for the fall of 2020. Eric Crosbie seconds. Motion carried.

Motioned by Andrew Herrick; seconded by Lana Steckler-Marshall. Carried.

## **6. Old or Unfinished Business**

a. SWAC Logo - We have used our donated 10 free hours of graphic design work and will be paying Brandi Klein an hourly rate moving forward to finish this adventure which we have the funds to do. Val has updated our [SWAC Entripy shop](#). Do we want to decide on a bank of colors for clothing options that represents our SWAC branding?

Discussion around colour brand-recognition - white, grey, blue, black.

Jenn will find out the hourly rate to finish the logo work.

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Tyson Krause makes a motion to have white, grey, blue, and black colours available in the Entripy Shop. Eric Crosbie seconds. Carried.

Tyson Krause makes a motion to pay Brandi Klein up to three more hours of work to finish her work with the SWAC logo. Andrew Herrick seconds. Carried.

SWAC tent has been ordered through Just Volleyball. [Here](#) is the template on order.

b. AGM Reps Interest List - email invite was sent Mar 7 for all members to consider being voting/non-voting reps; all reps to be approved at Wed, April 14 meeting.

c. [Constitution/Bylaws Updates](#) - Val - The YELLOW highlight are areas that the Exec/Membership need to discuss. Some changes are just updating to what we do now. The BLUE highlight are areas that Val is working through with Chinook.

Discussion around suggested edits put forward by the Athletic Coordinator to reflect current practice.

Small group required for badminton (walk ons allowed?) and track and field (relay team) changes. All other changes can be adopted.

Lana Steckler-Marshall volunteered to lead the badminton discussion. Jen Foley volunteered to lead the track and field discussion. Each leader will pick other individuals to join in their chat.

Lana Steckler-Marshall makes a motion for the Athletic Coordinator to adopt the changes indicated in the Constitution and discussed. Andrew Herrick seconds the motion. Carried.

d. Len Williams Coach Development Fund Update - Lana Steckler Marshall - [see attached](#)  
SHSAA sent out a list of coaching resources (leadership, etc). Sport-specific drill books as well as general coaching resources will be available at the Spencer-Tallon Resource Center.

CIAAA Conference registration fee

Electronic whistles

Offered \$1000/year as long as we keep spending the money.

Beginning April 1st - offering more coaching development courses to both teachers and community coaches. If by September there is still money left, we should offer the courses to Grade 12 students.

e. 2021-22 Calendar Available - [see attached](#)

Action item: SWAC meeting dates need to be chosen for 2021-22 before June SWAC meeting.

f. Withdrawal Policy/Fines - see New Business below

g. Canada Summer Games Funds - SWAC has received \$6000 from the Games' Legacy Fund for the following: \$2000 - basketball officials development; \$2000 - basketball coaches development; \$2000 - volleyball coaches/officials development.

Budgeted \$1500 for use in the upcoming year.

### 7. New Business

a. 2021-22 DRAFT - [see attached](#).

b. Retirement Thank You - Kyle McIntyre

Golf shirt from Entripy Shop (~\$75)

Elmwood Pro Shop Gift Card (\$100)

Tyson Krause makes a motion to purchase a \$100 gift card from Elmwood Pro Shop as well as a high-quality SWAC golf shirt from Entripy to give Kyle McIntyre for his retirement. Lana Steckler-Marshall seconds. Motion carried.

c. Working Groups Report Backs

i. Budget 2021-22

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Coaching Symposium wasn't happening but left it on the budget.

Special Project - with the intent to apply for an official's development project. Work with SHSAA, SaskVolleyball to professionally put together online resources to develop beginner officials. Our role could be to start the official's developmental journey. Using small and digestible chunks, create a curriculum of learning and work with Ken Garinger and a videographer to put together a course.

Canada Games - Basketball officials money - pay mileage for a mentor to come out to various schools. SABO was not willing to put grassroots effort into their coach development - if the officials can be started, they would work as a mentorship capacity.

Can we put \$1000 to basketball officials and run a clinic or mentorship program? Eric Crisbie will lead.

Pat Wilde - would be interested in training volleyball minor officials in their duties.

Andrew Jackson - basketball officials refresher clinic - tap on him to help out before basketball season gets going.

United Soccer in Swift Current will be running officials clinics; we can advertise and get our student/teacher body involved. Dale Perry (referee in chief) - interested in working in mentorship capacity.

### ii. Awards

Jr Service - Tami Reynolds (Consul)

Officials - Kent Stenson (Gull Lake)

Sr Male Coach- Greg Shwaga (Vanguard)

Randy McCollough (Herbert)

Sr Female Coach - Kerri Keenleyside (Hazlet)

Sr Service - Tyson Krause (Maple Creek)

### iii. Strategic Planning

See discussion points above.

Jen Foley recommends that we take the recommendations to the April SWAC meeting for discussion and implementation.

### d. President Meeting Actions/Reminders

- i. New [District MAP Expenditures spreadsheet](#) to consider when submitting MAP Follow Up Reports - attempting to streamline reporting formats within the province making it easier for the SHSAA office.
  - ii. Special Project Ideas - CIAAA, Coaching, and Officials Webinars, Masks & Electronic Handheld Whistles for Coaches, District Equipment (track/field, office, etc.). Best if the District applies for Special Projects knowing that they will be moving forward with it regardless of approved MAP funding.
  - iii. Applications for Sport Advisory Groups now have to be approved by the applicant's District.
  - iv. Highlighting new [SHSAA Professional Development Resources](#), new [Concussion Protocol document](#), [Making Headway Concussion course](#), and new Coaching School Sport: Redefining Winning course for community coaches (Date TBD...still finalizing French Version).
  - v. [Rene Quintel SHSAA Executive Proposal Letter](#) Re: Gate Admissions
- e. [SHSAA Proposed Constitution, Bylaws & Procedures](#) Feedback [\\*Overview of Considered Changes](#)  
Looked at the new constitution. Feedback to have abstained votes not count toward the final vote, not as negative votes. More discussion will be completed by the AGM reps for the 2021 SHSAA AGM.

## 8. Adjournment

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Motioned by Andrew Herrick; seconded by Riley Zielke. Carried.