

LESAA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Attendance: Darrell Scott, Shelley Desarmia, Christine Kennedy, Greg Morrision, Erik Vreeken, Tom Bush, Kristen Collins, Krista Esford, Paul Hewitt, Suche James, Scott Sunderland, Evan Cheetham, Patrick Brown, Daniel Lord, Matthew Drechsler, Lisa Phippen, Tara Beers, Todd Ormiston
3. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda by Shelley Desarmia. Seconded by Erik Vreeken. All in favour.
4. Adoption of 2022 AGM Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2022- AGM by Shelley Desarmia. Seconded by Krista Esford. All in favour.
5. Information Items: John Hall Coach of the Year Award was presented to Daniel Lord and Martha Runte. Both recipients were presented their awards at assemblies at their respective schools and Shelley Desarmia and Erik Vreeken recognized all the outstanding contributions both coaches have made to develop the love of sport in Limestone youth.
6. Business arising from Previous Minutes: None
7. Reports:
 - a) **Principal and Co-ordinator's reports**- Krista Esford and Darrell Scott
 - Krista and Darrell updated the members on the following items:
 - The LESAA by-laws and constitution will be reviewed for updating similar to the review KASAA is doing to ensure they are current.
 - Schedules/Dates for the whole year for all LESAA events - facilities also booked in advance
 - The LESAA Website has help for coaches with signing up for emails, how to register teams etc.
 - Very important that coaches read emails and follow instructions - we've tried to keep them simple.
 - All purchasing of electronic equipment for the Co-ordinator is done through Board IT
 - Budget was discussed-if there is a surplus, a sub-committee will be formed to discuss how it will be spent to best support the needs of our student athletes. One suggestion was to financially support our Northern schools in the cost of their busing to ensure that all Board athletes have the same opportunities.

- Invoices will be sent out in NOVEMBER and JUNE this year to ensure the proper number of teams are accounted for.

b) Executive Reports

Soccer:

It was reported that there were over 120 teams at the John Machin Park. The Park continues to be a great location for hosting these tournaments. The biggest issue with Soccer is how quick the season is with a very short tournament schedule. This is due to the constraints of the City wanting to close the fields for winter. Refing with certified refs on the senior games has helped.

Cross- Country:

Anita Dannenberg sent a report that was read to the members. The 2022 year was a success despite terrible weather. There were over 1700 runners and 635 runners in the District. Last year, it was noted that garbage on the hill and parking were a problem that could jeopardize our continued use of Fort Henry. Costs of the hill and renting the toilets have increased considerably. A thank you was given to the many coaches who give countless hours to training and to the organizing committee.

Volleyball:

Dan Lord and Greg Morrison reported on the success of the 2022 volleyball season. Last year, the tournaments ran with 16 teams which ended up with some lop-sided games and some smaller schools not having the successes they previously had although the overall winner was not from the traditional Div 1. This year the divisions will be 8 teams and will include a recreational division that plays 4 on 4.

Junior Volleyball:

Christine Kennedy told the members that last year there were 47 Junior teams who competed at the Boys and Girls Club for Junior Volleyball. It was a great venue with spaces and food available when teams weren't playing. There has been great feedback about Junior Volleyball and how well it prepares the athletes for Senior Volleyball.

Basketball:

Erik Vreeken told the members about the 2022-23 season. The numbers continue to grow in both Senior and Junior Basketball. Due to this growth and combined with the difficulty of finding venues, all schools are limited this year to a maximum of two teams per gender. Regional league play was established last year. Junior trained officials were used that helped to make the games safer and offered a good learning environment for our players. There were some problems with students running around the event venues and some lack of parental sportsmanship. It was suggested by the membership that a code of conduct be developed and read at the beginning of all tournament and season games in all sports. (Action item)

Track and Field:

Shelley Desarmia discussed the 2023 Track and Field season. All costs affiliated with the Track and Field meets increased significantly. We partnered with Special Olympics Ontario this year. They held special sports days in tandem with our meets and participated in a cross-over race on the track with their schoolmates cheering them on. This was a tremendous success and will hopefully become an annual event. There are some significant challenges moving forward with Track and Field including; a lack of volunteer help in the canteen, the retirement of critical volunteers especially on the finish line and lack of trained camera people. We are investigating several options going forward but this year will remain status quo. This year, the dates of each region have been spread out to include the addition of extra rain dates and are already posted on the website.

Ultimate Frisbee:

Tom Bush told the members about the very successful 2023 season. The sport continues to grow and the tournament took place at John Machin fields with many teams enjoying the day. This year a Coaches Clinic will be run.

Website:

Paul Hewitt shared that the website is continuing to be updated regularly. Please check here for schedules, dates, and registration information.

8. Correspondence: None

9. New Business: None

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.