

LESAA AGM - June 20, 2018

LESAA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday June 20, 2018 @ Calvin Park PS

1. Call to Order 4:15 pm

Attendance- Attendance: Cindy Harvey, Megan Alexander, Krista Nitschke, Don Wartman, Pat Coderre, John Hall, Tom Bush, Erik Vreeken, Scott McFarlane, Andre Labrie, Darrell Scott, Seth Barling, Christine Kennedy, Jay Melbourne, Mark McCrady, Anita Dannenberg, Pat Brown, Dan Lord, Blake MacPhail, Greg Morrison, Shelley Desarmia, Steve Raby, Steven Down

Steve Down welcomed everyone. The executive was thanked and Coordinator Darrell Scott was acknowledged for his work this year. Andre Labrie expressed appreciation on behalf of the board for all that LESAA and elementary coaches do for the students of LDSB.

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

4. Business arising from Minutes- The “everyone plays in every game” policy from last year was generally successful and well-received. The minutes are posted on the LESAA web-site.

5. Information Items-

Steve Down recognized the six nominees for the John Hall Coach’s Award: Sean Fitzgerald, Paul Hewitt, Scott Pare, Greg Morrison, Pat Brown and Erik Vreeken. Mark McCrady presented Erik with the Award as this year’s recipient. He spoke of Erik’s remarkable enthusiasm and commitment to coaching and healthy lifestyles for students.

Steve Down presented Pat Coderre with the Barry C. O’Connor Excellence in Education Award. Steve and Krista Nitschke outlined the many ways in which Pat has supported LESAA over the past 40 plus years and described his dedication and reliability.

6. Reports:

1. Principal’s Report- Krista Nitschke, Scott McFarlane

Krista and Scott described their role as being a liaison between LESAA, its executive and the Board. The new system of collecting funds for sports has generally been well-received. They reviewed the manner in which teachers are released for

sporting events and how it is the responsibility of each school to determine the need for Occasional teachers during LESAA events. They reaffirmed their commitment to supporting all coaches.

2. Executive Report

- a. **Soccer- Pat Brown** The season ran smoothly this year and it'd be nice to consider adding Junior Soccer to some degree. The Board will not approve funding for an additional sport, but there is the possibility of after-school or weekend events. There was a lengthy discussion about scheduling of all sports throughout the year and whether it'd be appropriate to shorten basketball and volleyball seasons to allow more time for other sports to take place. It was determined that a sub-committee be formed to look into this issue and report back to the LESAA Executive.
- b. **Cross Country- Anita Dannenberg** John Hall and Pat Coderre were thanked for their continued service. Three regions will be continued and the season went well. There was a suggestion that there needs to be a lead and trail rider for safety.
- c. **Volleyball- Greg Morrison** The competitive and recreation divisions were used in volleyball this year and were well-received. It was decided that if a school sends a B team, they must have a minimum of 12 players on their A team. Also it was decided that Junior aged players should be allowed to play on both Junior and Senior teams with the intent that this will not result in Grade 7-8 students being cut from the team. Moving forward, the "fair play" policy and the "seeding" process may need to be reviewed. There is no perfect process for seeding. Dan Lord was elected as a Co-Athletic Director for volleyball. He was welcomed to the LESAA executive.
- d. **Junior Volleyball- Christine Kennedy** Twenty schools participated with boys', girls' and co-ed teams involved with mostly positive feedback. One concern mentioned was that the mixed team games were pointless. It was suggested that an alternative might be to have fewer games, but make each game longer.
- e. **Basketball- Steve Down** Erik Vreeken was thanked for his work getting high school students qualified to referee and it was noted that they did a great job and improved throughout the season. The use of qualified adult referees added an expense, but improved player safety this year. Using full court gyms also enhanced student safety. It was agreed upon that if a school has a B team, the A team must have a minimum of 10 players. A discussion about the

pros and cons of zone defence took place. It was agreed that zone defense will not be allowed for basketball. That includes no zone press and no half court zone defence. Full court “person to person” defence is allowed, however not if the point spread is greater than 10 points. To assist coaches, a “person to person” defence clinic will be offered prior to the basketball season.

- f. **Junior Basketball- Erik Vreeken** The season went well and the number of participants increased. The high school referees who have been trained did well and the intensity of the games has dropped without a championship. It was agreed upon that a team must have 10 players and if a school has a B team, the A team must have a minimum of 10 players. If an A team has an injury, a B team player would move to the A team to ensure the 10 player minimum.
- g. **Ultimate Frisbee- Tom Bush** The tournament takes place on June 21, 2018. The number of participants continues to grow. There is a concern that schools that paid were registered for the tournament, but reported at the last minute that they were not playing in the tournament.
- h. **Track & Field- Shelley Desarmia** Pat Coderre, John Hall and all the volunteers were thanked for their commitment to Track. The season went well with only minor issues. A discussion about altering the schedule and eliminating the 3000 m race took place. It was suggested that the 1500 m race could take place in the morning and that if possible, the start times for events be posted so that people do not miss their child’s events. There was a suggestion of replacing the 3000 m with a 2000 m race. It was agreed that a meeting of Track & Field coaches would take place in September before a final decision was made.
- i. **Social Media- Steve Raby** There will be a new LESAA web-site and it will be modelled after the LDSB web-site. Steve Raby and Steve Down introduced some modifications to the constitution. The size of the document was reduced significantly with minor changes to language and removing redundant messages. Changes to the constitution were passed and it will be posted on the web-site.

3. Coordinator Report- Darrell Scott Nothing to report.

7. Correspondence Nothing to report.

8. New business Nothing to report.

9. Adjournment 6:30 pm