

# **LESSA AGM - June 19, 2017**

## **LESAA Annual General Meeting**

Monday June 19, 2017 @ Calvin Park PS

### **1. Call to order 4:15**

Attendance - Megan Alexander, Mark McCrady, Pat Brown, Mike Bryant, Lisa Gillott, Darrell Scott, Steve Raby, Krista Nitschke, Shelley Desarmia, Tom Bush, Greg Morrison, Scott McFarlane, Pat Coderre, Anita Dannenberg, John Hall, Steve Down

Steve Down introduced Executive members and introduced Darrell Scott as the new Coordinator for LESAA. Thanks to Erik Vreeken who spearheaded the Search Committee for John Hall's replacement as John is retiring this year.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

### **4. Andre Labrie**

- Acknowledged John for his service
- Thanked Executive for making elementary sports what is and helping it grow.
- Appreciation extended to coaches at schools as well

### **5. Reports**

1. Principal's report Krista Nitschke
  - a. Changes to finances are being made to make things easier for everybody to fall in line with Board policy for accounting
  - b. Fees
    - i. Schools will pay twice a year
    - ii. September sign up for first half of year (to basketball) Cross Country, Volleyball (JR. & SR.) Soccer, Basketball (Sr.)
    - iii. Second half sign up in March Basketball (Jr.) Ultimate and Track
    - iv. LESAA will send an invoice with amounts instead of cheques for each individual sport
    - v. Cross Country and Track will be done retroactively (based on the number of participants per school the previous year)
    - vi. If a team is cancelled, there will be a refund, also a chance to add teams
    - vii. Raising Entry Fees - all divisions will have a flat fee of \$100 per team
    - viii. Vote passes

- ix. Board will no longer be funding ribbons and medals, it will come from LESAA
- c. Money Flow
  - i. Instead of having a treasurer, the second person to sign the cheques could be from the executive.
  - ii. Similar to a school council, two members of the Executive must sign each cheque
  - iii. Schools need to send date and cheque numbers for cheques to be tracked if they have already paid it and received an e-mail asking for payment for Track & Field
  - iv. High School students or adults getting honorariums for volunteering to ref or score etc. must have a sheet filled out if paying in cash. (The person getting the cash, must sign that they received the money)
  - v. Trying to move to less transactions in cash.

## 2. Executives' Reports

### a. **Volleyball - Greg Morrison (representing Christine Kennedy Junior Volleyball)**

- i. Junior volleyball will be a tournament sanctioned by LESAA
- ii. Public schools can support 4 team tournament
- iii. Triple ball
- iv. It ran around the same time as Senior Volleyball (issues of gym time and coaches for K-8 schools)
- v. Should talented grade 6 students be allowed to play Junior and Senior volleyball?
  - 1. LESAA is encouraging that this should be a school decision (depending on populations)
- vi. The vision is to give as many kids an opportunity to play. The goal is developmental.
- vii. Run Junior and Senior volleyball simultaneously
- viii. Tournaments teams of 4, 3 game round robin run by family of school/geographically?
- ix. Girls, Boys and Co-Ed is also a possibility

### b. **SENIOR Volleyball - Greg Morrison**

- i. Competitive and Recreational
  - 1. Motion passed
- ii. Competitive
  - 1. 5 serve maximum
    - a. Motion passed
  - 2. Discussion of equal play and adopting OVA rules

- a. Decision was made that LESAA strongly encourages coaches to get every player into every match. This will be encouraged as a blanket statement in all team sports.
  - 3. It was agreed that LESAA will continue to allow a second toss when serving and allow volleying on service reception to maintain pace of play
- iii. Recreational
  - 1. Triple Ball Rules
- c. Soccer - Pat Brown**
  - i. Dates - Week of September 25, 2017
  - ii. Start with everybody is allowed one team. If spots are available, B and C teams
  - iii. Blanket statement - Everybody plays every game
- d. Cross Country - Anita Dannenberg**
  - i. Week of October 4
    - 1. Could we try week of 11th?
  - ii. Run 2 meets in one day
  - iii. Championships the following week
  - iv. On the website, divisions changed to regions
- e. Senior Basketball - Steve Down**
  - i. Great feedback for rec and competitive
  - ii. Adopting modified FIBA rules
    - 1. 8 seconds to cross half
    - 2. On a foul shot rebound on release
  - iii. Referees
    - 1. Carded officials or experienced adults for tournaments
  - iv. Larger gym sizes in an attempt to minimize injury
    - 1. Minimize cross court games?
    - 2. Do we need new sites?
    - 3. Queens? Opens in 2019
  - v. Smaller tournaments - 4 East 4 West → winners play in championship night
  - vi. Blanket Statement- Everybody plays every game.
- f. Junior Basketball - Erik Vreeken**
  - i. 88 teams
    - 1. Went well - lost Queen's as a venue - MacArthur was good addition, new floor
  - ii. Game structure - kids playing as much as possible, but within a framework
  - iii. Timeouts to teach etc.

- iv. It says that 12 teams must be on a team. Not viable with some schools
  - 1. Possibly changing it to say “encourage” Pulling players up from B or C to make A team.

**g. Ultimate Frisbee - Tom Bush**

- i. 22 schools and 29 teams participated this year
- ii. Coaches from 7 schools concerned about less practise time due to a conflict with touch football
- iii. Discussion about bringing Touch Football into LESAA
  - 1. Challenges are supply teacher costs, students missing school and scheduling. At this time, it was agreed that Tom would speak with Football organizers to look at appropriate scheduling

**h. Track & Field - Shelley Desarmia**

- i. Advance 3 from regional to district meet for high jump
- ii. Health and Safety concerns about High Jump were discussed with the possibility of athletes from different schools training together
- iii. 3000M - discussion about having a qualifying time to try and eliminate lapping
- iv. Talked about bibs, numbering system to help timers

**3. COORDINATOR REPORT- John Hall**

- a. Do we need first responders at all events

**4. Information Items - Steve Down**

- a. New executive members:
  - i. Scott McFarlane - to join LESAA Executive as a VP rep
  - ii. Steve Raby - to join LESAA Executive as a media rep
    - 1. Both of these nominees were approved.
- b. Thank you to John for his work on LESAA and congratulations on his induction into the Kingston and Area Sports Hall of Fame.
- c. Erik introduced the John Hall Award given to an elementary coach. The John Hall Coaching Award “ In recognition of excellence in coaching while promoting the ideals of fair play and teamwork”.
  - i. The inaugural award is given to Mark McCrady, teacher-coach at Loughborough PS for his long-standing service to elementary athletics.

**5. Adjournment**