

LESAA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2022-Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Attendance: Scott McFarlane, Darrell Scott, Shelley Desarmia, Christine Kennedy, Greg Morrison, Erik Vreeken, Margaret Asselstine, Valerie Boyce, Nicole Butler, Keith Cahill, Sabrina Carew, Kristen Collins, Jenn Davey, Kim Eves, Beena John, Erin Koebel, Shelley Lebrun, Jeff Lloyd, Lisa Phippen, Niki Putnam
3. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda by Shelley Desarmia. Seconded by Scott McFarlane. All in favour.
4. Adoption of 2019 AGM Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2019 AGM by Shelley Desarmia. Seconded by Scott McFarlane. All in favour.
5. Information Items: John Hall Coach of the Year Award was presented to Pat Brown, thanking him for all that he has done 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**- Scott McFarlane and Darrell Scott
 - Scott and Darrell updated the members on the following items:
 - "One Pager" Season Overview distributed to all schools via admin.
 - Schedules/Dates for the whole year for all LESAA events - facilities also booked in advance
 - Directed members to the LESAA Website for help 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.
 - "Coaching 101"- This slideshow introduces a new coach or reviews for a veteran coach some of the steps to coaching, and was first presented by Shelley Desarmia, Erik Vreeken and Scott McFarlane at the LDSB Summer Institute
 - Two new forms can be found on the LESAA website and should be attached to the Aspen forms sent to parents; LDSB Extra-curricular form and the editable sport-specific permission form
 - Invoices will be sent out in NOVEMBER and JUNE this year to ensure the proper number of teams are accounted for.

- Equity and Inclusion: Following KASSAA (based upon OFSAA policy which in turn is based on the policy paper from the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and adheres to the Ontario Human Rights Code. This is the current best practice in the province at both the High School and Elementary School level.)
- **Student Athlete Participation Statement re: Gender Identity:**
 - *“The LDSB/LESAA supports the participation of student-athletes in accordance with their lived identity. All students have the right to play for the sports team or sports activity that best aligns with their gender identity, regardless of their assigned sex at birth. Transgender, non-binary, and gender-fluid students may participate in either male or female sport, although they may only play on one team in the same sport (team or individual) in LESAA during a school year. For example, a transgender, non-binary, or gender-fluid student may play for the boy’s basketball team and the girl’s soccer team, but may not play for both the boy’s and girl’s basketball teams in the same school year.” (modified from KASSAA)*
- Name Changes
 - Atom, Bantam, SENIOR (previously Midget) for cross-country and track
 - Junior (Grade 4, 5, 6) and Senior (grade 7 and 8) for team sports

b) Executive Reports

Soccer:

It was reported that there were over 100 teams at the John Machin Park. One of the scheduled dates was moved due to rain. New this year was that the schedules were updated in real-time online for parents and anyone else wanting to know the scores.

Cross- Country:

Anita Dannenberg sent a report that was read to the members. The 2021 year was a success despite it being a Covid year. There were 32 schools who participated and 1552 runners and several Covid Protocols were followed. This year the cost of the hill has gone up considerably, as well as all other costs affiliated with the running of these events. A reminder was given about parking at the hill for this year and to bring first aid kits and pick-up after your team. There will be a canteen this year with snacks and drinks.

Volleyball:

Greg Morrison reported on the success of the 2021 volleyball season despite the problems affiliated with Covid protocols.

This year volleyball will take place Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 Senior Divisions will be held at Queen’s University (Bartlett and Ross Gymnasiums) with the following scheduling:

- o November 28th - 20 girls teams (5 courts - net height 215 cm for girls)
- o November 29th - 20 boys teams (5 courts - net height 220 cm for boys)
- o November 30th - 10 girls teams (3 courts net height 215 cm), 10 boys teams (2 courts net height 220 cm) * have to adjust height on one court at a prescribed time
- o December 1st - Snow Day (only used if we have to reschedule one of the previous 3 days due to board-wide bus cancellations)

Junior Volleyball:

Christine Kennedy told the members that last year was the first year we used the Boys and Girls Club for Junior Volleyball. It was a great venue with spaces and food available when teams weren't playing. This year the schedule will be as follows:

Dec. 5 – 9

Junior Divisions and Some Senior Divisions at the Boys and Girls Club (West End)

- Junior Division will be on smaller courts – proposal is to play 4 on 4 to maximize touches and focus on development.
- Schools will have the option of bringing multiple junior teams
- Some Senior Divisions may be playing 4 team tournaments in the Gymnasium during this week

Basketball:

Erik Vreeken told the members about the 2021 season. It was a successful season even though Covid Protocols meant that there were no final tournaments. Regional play and schedules were established and did not have spectators until the Junior Basketball season. Both Senior and Junior seasons will have end of the season tournaments again this year. The tournaments will be held at Queen's and SLC. Please check out the website for the rules and regulations of Junior and Senior Basketball.

Track and Field:

Shelley Desarmia discussed the 2021 track and field season. All costs affiliated with the track and field meets increased significantly. Weather proved to be very challenging last year forcing the postponement of two dates including the finals. There were some spectator issues that have been addressed through the spectator code of conduct added to the LDSB Extra-curricular form. This year the dates of each region have been spread out to include the addition of extra rain dates.

Ultimate Frisbee:

Scott McFarlane told the members about the very successful 2021 season. Everyone was very happy to be back playing ultimate and the tournament took place at John Machin fields with many teams enjoying the day.

8. Correspondence: None

9. New Business:

Proposed Motion to increase individual fees for Cross-Country and Track and Field from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Due to the increase in costs affiliated with these two sports, it has become necessary to raise the individual fees to cover the costs. Shelley Desarmia motioned. Scott McFarlane seconded. Majority voted in favour. **Motion Passed.**

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.