

**MINUTES**  
**ALBERTA SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Planning Meeting**  
**December 5-6, 2013 Red Deer Lodge**

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In attendance:

**Executive**

Garret Doll, President  
Joyce Loucks, Past President  
Marg McCuaig-Boyd, Executive Member at Large  
Daryn Galatiuk, Director of Athletics  
Ken Zelez, Director of Athletics  
Heather Bartling, Director of Athletics

**Commissioners**

Kate Greabeiel, Team Handball  
Jerry Flaws, Girls Rugby  
Kevin MacAlpine, Badminton  
Neil Domstad, Wrestling  
Dean Sawatzky, Golf  
Darryl Smith, Cross Country

**Zones**

Paul Gagnon, Calgary Zone Rep  
Norma Smith, Edmonton Metro Rep  
Marg Derbyshire, South Zone Rep  
Craig Patton, South Zone President  
Shawna Pearman, Central Zone Rep  
Sandy Green, South Central Zone President  
Shauna Vaughan, South Central Zone Rep  
Kelle Hansen, North Central Zone President  
Kent Lessard, North Central Zone Rep

**Other Board**

Barb Young, Member at Large

**Regrets**

Jeff Bath, Alberta Education  
Dr. Bob Day, ACAC  
Anne-Marie Boucher, ASBA  
Ryan Reed, Boys Basketball  
Tim Schultz, Track & Field  
Pat Chizek, Officials

**Staff**

John Paton, Executive Director  
Michael Steele, Project Coordinator  
Fiona McCallum, Assistant Director  
Cori Wallace, Administrative Assistant

Brent Skene, Curling  
Greg Forsyth, Boys Rugby  
Rick Gilson, Football  
Michael Vaughan, Boys Volleyball  
Bonnie Fasoli, Sportsmanship

Greg Weir, Calgary Zone Past President  
Pat Forsyth, Edmonton Metro Rep  
Toby Boulet, South Zone Rep  
Larry Wagner, Northwest Zone Rep  
Steve Lush, Central Zone President  
Nathan Hodgson, South Central Zone Rep  
Curtis Paulichuk, Northeast Zone Rep  
Daniel Hein, North Central Zone Rep

Vang Ioannides, AUAA

Lisa Tink, ASRPWF  
Patrick Loyer, ATA  
Kimberly Mah, Cheerleading  
Janice Laing, Girls Basketball  
Erin Martin, Girls Volleyball

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Meeting was put into session at 10:37 am

- 1.0 Presidents Remarks/Welcome and Establishment of Votes  
Voting Strength: 34

- 2.0 Adoption of the Agenda  
It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as circulated.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 3.0 Minutes of Annual General Meeting, May 9-10, 2013  
It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting as circulated, May 9-10, 2013.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 4.0 Financials
- 4.1 Audited Statement: September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013  
The audited statement was reviewed. Discussion occurred regarding the GST audit by Canada Revenue Agency, number of grants, partnership agreements.
- It was moved and seconded to accept the Audited Statement for 2012/13  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 4.2 Interim Statement: September 1, 2013 – December 3, 2013  
John discussed and reviewed the interim statement.
- It was moved and seconded to accept Interim Statement.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 4.3 Appointment of Auditor for 2013/2014
- It was moved and seconded to appoint F. Dennis Ormrod Professional Corporation as ASAA's auditor for the 2013/14 school year.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 5.0 Business Arising
- 5.1 Strategies were discussed on how to get more teachers involved in coaching, such as incentives from administration, bargaining agreements, days in lieu, speaking with ATA
- 5.2 Track & Field/Rugby Provincials Date conflict
- Survey sent to all member schools, only 58 respondents. Results on ASAA home page. Zones to get back to membership on how policy should proceed (dates remain as is, or Monday/Tuesday, which event held first, etc).
- ACTION ITEM:** suggestion to connect with Alberta Education or CASS about possibility of exam dates getting put back to where they were, so students would not miss provincials due to blackouts
- 5.3 Membership Fee increase
- Membership fees have not seen a significant bump in the past 10 years. Breakdown of what other provinces fees are was shared with the Board and it was noted Alberta is at the lower end of the scale in terms of membership revenue brought in. Costs in all areas have risen and ASAA has had several deficit years in a row. Additional revenue is required to maintain current services. Goal is to increase revenues by \$50,000 to \$100 000 per year over the next several years.
- ACTION ITEM:** A survey will be sent to schools to obtain their feedback on membership fee increases and options that might be considered.

## 6.0 Reports

### 6.1 President

Garret Doll reported on the Sport Summit and the number of different recommendations that came from that. School Sport Canada and Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association were discussed as well

### 6.2 Executive Director

John Paton discussed the survey from Alberta Wellness and the rural forums to be held early 2014 on the value of sport in both school and community; he noted eligibility appeals were increasing; two separate disciplinary issues this year; court injunction in the Metro Zone; new lawyer for the ASAA, will be providing feedback on policy to the Executive Appeals Committee

### 6.3 AIAAA Report

Tyler Callaghan (via conference call) presented PowerPoint presentation on webinars the AIAAA is intending to offer; Canmore Conference June 2013 was during Alberta flood, 75% of attendees not able to get in to the town. 2014 conference will be held June 19-21 in Calgary; Kelle Hansen elected AIAAA president beginning November 2014; CIAAA to begin as a national organization with new website [www.ciaaa.ca](http://www.ciaaa.ca) ; Outreach deliveries to the Central Eastern European Schools' Association in Vienna March 2014, funded by CEESA; will be attending Canadian Accredited Independent Schools conference November 2014 in St. Catherine's, Ontario – 3 AIAAA Board members presenting courses; TQS approved Masters Degree program through Indiana State University formally launched in September 2013.

### 6.4 WeCoach

Michael Steele presented information; secured Community Initiative Program grant to develop sport specific courses; launched Safety Guidelines in English and French; enforcement of Concussion in Sports; What You Need to Know course completion codes are now in team registration section of exnet; sought proposals from other companies for online course development, but staying with current developer Creative Street; Volleyball and Basketball course scripts done, need to shoot video; track & field has some video shot, but due to funding may not be produced until 2014/15 school year; 3 level course accreditation program from SSC to lend more validity from national body; launched [www.schoolcoach.ca](http://www.schoolcoach.ca) as the rebranded national online coach education; thoughts on keeping yellow and blue or changing; potential for national sponsorship; waiting for next agreement to be confirmed with Cenovus with slow down on completion dates for future courses until that funding is secured (editor's note: this is now confirmed for 13/14 and 14/15); schoolcoach.ca committed to the CATCA, SWATCA and SEATCA conventions

### 6.5 Commissioners: Track, Rugby, Golf, Cross Country, Football and Volleyball

Written reports were reviewed and commissioners provided

### 6.5 Other Reports

SSC: Dave Jones, President – SSC is working towards becoming a better recognized national organization as it applies for Federal funding; may be asking schools to approach their MP's to lobby

Alberta Education – Jeff Bath provided a written report

It was moved and seconded to accept all reports.

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.0 New Business

7.1 Spring 2014 Bids

7.1.1 Vacant

7.1.1.1 Team Handball Tier I – Eastglen, Edmonton Zone. It was moved and seconded to accept the bid with flexibility to move this to a 4 teams/gender event

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.2 Spring 2015 Bids

7.2.1 Uncontested

7.2.1.1 1A Boys Basketball – Stirling School, South Zone

7.2.1.2 2A Girls Basketball – Rundle College, Calgary

7.2.1.3 3A Boys Basketball – Holy Trinity, Fort McMurray, North East Zone

Motion to accept uncontested bids

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.2.2.1 Contested (vote)

7.2.2.1 1A Girls Basketball

St. Jerome's School, North East Zone

Rosemary School, South Central Zone

Awarded to Rosemary School

7.2.2.2 2A Boys Basketball

Glenmary School, Peace River, North West Zone

Central Alberta Christian High School, Central Zone

Awarded to Glenmary School

7.2.2.3 4A Girls & Boys

Jasper Place High School, Edmonton

Southern Alberta Interscholastic Administrative Council, South Zone

Awarded to Jasper Place High School

7.3 Rugby 7's

Discussion about Rugby 7's took place.

Board Direction was that a tournament of rugby 7's would fall under the jurisdiction of the ASAA; a rugby 7's school team outside of the rugby season of play would not be allowed

7.4 Discussion Topics: Comments from discussion groups

7.4.1 Cost of attending provincials

- Should the tiering be changed to divide North and South to reduce travel time?
- Costs to attend provincials: What is the complete cost of the 50<sup>th</sup> volleyball tournament? Officials, accommodation, travel, venue, etc., (itemized)...if 92 volleyball teams submitted costs of accommodation, travel, etc. what would the average cost be? Knowing this information may be good to pass onto Central offices so they understand cost/impact.
- Travel subsidy was cancelled a few years ago, but only ever covered a small portion of actual costs to attend provincials. ASAA has become much more than an organization that oversees events. It now does that, oversees scholarship and awards programs, lobbies, provides professional development for Athletic Directors and coaches and much more.

#### 7.4.2 Open Topics

- Challenges for zones with one berth; cannot zones with automatic berth be challenged for that berth by another zone. Equitable options.
- Cost of hosting provincials: Can we take pressure off hosts, possibly raise entry fees so basics (more than just officials costs) are covered?  
**NB:** After the Forum it was decided by the Executive, based on feedback received, to allow host schools to obtain local sponsors as long as there is no conflict with current ASAA partners. No decision made re increasing entry fees
- One comment: Alberta Football looks like they run Alberta Bowl. It was clarified that while the ASAA has an excellent working relationship with Football Alberta, ASAA makes all decisions regarding Alberta bowl. It is an ASAA run event.
- Onsite grade 9's for 2A and 3A teams – should any school be able to play their grade 9's? What about a 2A under 150? Safety issue with contact/collision sports. Was brought up and defeated in NW zone, argument that size can be greatly different from a grade 9-12
- Media attention to high school sports – smaller towns get the coverage, whereas bigger places don't. Should there be a link on ASAA website with a live stream link? Schools hosting a game can have the feed linked from the ASAA website. Twitter, have someone update scores as the game goes on. Sportsnet or the CIS website? This would probably cost money. Thoughts included: Sporttv.net or youtube channel. Purchase livestream.com box for \$400, unlimited streaming.
- Transfer eligibility – are alternate programs impacting eligibility.

#### 7.4.3 School membership fees

- Should we consider looking at a 5 tier system
- Proportional increases: how can we consider this. Recognize that smaller schools have smaller budgets. Increases will need to be justified.
- Consensus on increase was something based on school size, participation rates, membership benefits received; possible 'per student' fee. Perhaps do a survey of school AD's. Could we consider a "per team" fee (logistics of collecting such fees would be very challenging)
- Sponsorship of individual championships; one business sponsors one specific sport: could this be considered. It was noted that ASAA sponsorships are set up to cover all sports so that all sports are treated fairly.
- Are there things ASAA can drop or cuts that can be made to minimize fee increases?
- What about lobbying by parent groups to government for more support of school athletics?

#### 7.4.4 Transfers (various comments received):

- Why is a second transfer even an issue? Could we empower the compliance officer to approve second transfers for common sense, supportable reasons?
- Some felt parents should be able to choose where their kids go to school
- Can there be a better monitoring of recruitment? Private schools or schools with special programs have an easy out.
- If sending and receiving school and zone all have no problems with it, then why is it a problem? If the kid wants to go, then go. First transfer no problem. Actionable item: Modify policy as per Executive discussion that appeals of

Compliance Officer transfer decisions go directly to the Executive Appeals Committee rather than through the zone or Executive Director

- Perhaps consider giving Compliance Officer more latitude to say yes

**ACTION ITEM:** Create Notice of Motion as noted in second last bullet

- 7.5 Alberta Sport Plan Regional Consultation Conversations  
Dates given out and members requested to attend the consultations in their areas so that school sport is represented.
- 8.0 ASAA AGM Date & Location: May 8-9, 2014 Edmonton
- 9.0 Adjournment