

NEOAA/AANEO ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday April 21st 2022

Video meeting 9:30 am

Minutes

1. Roll Call was taken and introductions were made.

In attendance: Joel Sharp TDSS, Anita Anderson EHS, Eric Lefevbre ESCSM, Francois Brassard ESCEN, Carolyn Olaveson RMSS, Christophe Clark RMSS, Kris Koskela TH&VS, Marcy McCarty OHS, Doug Basso OHS, Claude Lapointe REN, Pat Durepos ESCT, Sheri Denault IFSS, Dan Dube ESA, Sonya Cockburn ESA, Tammy Chapleau ESCHS, Francis Ethier JN, Jason Lauzon CITE, Jim Johnson KDHS, Sheldon Belanger KDHS, Brian Leger HEARST

2. Welcome from President Doug Basso: Doug commended everyone on getting through these unprecedented times. He was proud that NEOAA seemed to be in the middle ground amongst associations around the province allowing down sized sports to take place with some restrictions in place. Doug mentioned that it was a real positive that the doors to communication & dialog opened between NEOAA and the directors of all 4 boards over the last year and he hopes this continues in the future. Doug will not be running for NEOAA president again and said he has enjoyed his 10 years in the role and looks forward to working with the new president.
3. Jim Johnson, Marcy McCarty and Joel Sharp were appointed to the Steering Committee
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting: Kris Koskela & Shari Denault
5. Business Arising from those Minutes: NEOAA fees will be kept the same for next year at \$1.25/student enrolled.
6. Business Arising from the 2021 (Oct) Head's Meeting:
 - Transfers – any transfer before September 7, 2021 do not need paperwork however, anyone changing schools after that date needs to complete the NEOAA transfer appeal paperwork.
 - Most boards allowing travel & overnight stays however all are still advocating distancing as much as possible. Check with your board before travel.
 - supply teachers are in very short supply everywhere.
7. Secretary's Report:
 - Thank you to Doug Basso for all his years of service in the role of President and in particular for all the hours he committed working towards the safe resumption of NEOAA sports during the pandemic.
 - NEOAA declined the AA boys and girls soccer spots at the 2022 OFSAA Championships.
 - Rotational order needs updating and will be presented at Scheduling meeting for review.
8. Treasures Report: NEOAA balance \$3362.69. There are still some bills to pay. Hockey

insurance fees remains unpaid by some schools.

9. OFSAA business:
 - Several motions that wanted involvement of AD (Athletic Directors) at the OFSAA table. These motions were defeated as some are not educators.
10. NOTICES OF MOTION
 - Motion 1- Track & Field Playing Regulations
Changing required number of practices to be eligible for NEOAA Championships from 14 to 12 – defeated
11. NEOAA Conveners were designated for the 2022-23 season
NEOAA Executive was elected for the 2022-2024 term
12. Transfers/Eligibility: Please send transfers after Sept 7 2021 to Doug. All eligibility is to be done through OFSAA Hub with a signed copy being sent to local convener and secretary.
13. Convener Reports:
 - Cross Country- Eight schools participated. ESCT one team event in all divisions except for Senior boys which was won by OHS. ESCT Novice Girls were OFSAA gold medalists. Convenor Joel Ruel believes NEOAA should push separate A and AA team awards.
 - Boys' Volleyball – Both held at RMSS with no issues. In the Senior division, KDHS and TDSS competed in final and TDSS went on to OFSAA. In the Junior division, Cite and ESCSM play in the final with Cite taking the NEOAA title.
 - Girls' Basketball- No issues. Was nice to have two venues to play at. RMSS won the right to represent NEOAA at the A OFSAA Championship. OHS went to the AA Championship
 - Boys' Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Boys Hockey & Girls Hockey had local games/leagues of play but no championships where held
14. Anita requested School Board Calendars for 2022-23 for planning next year's NEOAA calendar
15. Order Forms: Please send request for soccer, hockey & basketball score sheets to Kris Koskela
16. Pete Beach: Congratulations to this year's recipient of NEOAA's Pete Beach award, Mike Polowy. Thank you Mike for all your dedication to NEOAA sports! The award will be presented to Mike at a later date.
17. New Award: A new NEOAA award in memory of Wendey Legassie is being planned. Jim Johnson has been in contact with Wendy's family to develop criteria for this award that they would like to go to someone who is a dedicated behind the scenes worker that makes sports run smoothly, just like Wendy did. Jim will provide more information when the criteria is set.

18. Scheduling meeting date: It was proposed that the 2022 Scheduling meeting take place in person in May or June in Timmins. Administration from each board will be contacted to see if this is a possibility. Stay tuned for a date.
19. Athletic Director Position: Doug spoke of the fact that NEOAA is one of only 2 associations in the province that do not have a AD (athletic director) who takes on some of the planning and administrative task that are currently carried out voluntary by our executive. The AD positions around the province vary with some being teachers and some not. Their salaries are paid in part by all involved school boards. Doug will be in discussion with the directors of education in our area about the possibility of developing such a position in NEOAA.
20. New Business: None
21. Adjournment: Shari Denault & Kris Koskela