

NEOAA HEAD'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday October 4th 2021 10:00 am- Via Zoom

1) President Doug Basso welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Passing of the Roll – In attendance:

Joel Sharp TDSS, Cathy Beauchamp EHS, Anita Anderson EHS, Martin Breault ESCSM, Francois Brassard ECJV, Colette Carter KLDCS, Chris Clark RMSS, Kris Koskela & Colin Sullivan TH&VS, Doug Basso OHS, Claude Lapointe REN, Pat Durepos ESCT, Connie Macmullin IFSS, Tammy Chapleau & Josh Clark ESCHS, Dan Dube ESA, Bryan Leger ESHHS, Jim Johnson & Sheldon Belanger KDHS, Kim Lasalle ECHO, Jason Lauzon CITE, Stephanie Sutherland (MHEC), Francis Ethier

3) Minutes from the November 2019 Head's Meeting were adopted by Colette Carter & Pat Durepos

4) Business arising from the November 2019 Head's Meeting - None

5) Business arising from 2021 NEOAA AGM - None

6) Financial Report: NEOAA Balance \$3025.88

We will need to increase the participant fee to \$1.25 per student. Kris has been working on renewing NEOAA insurance. It looks like \$2500 + tax that will cover 13 500 participants (well within our numbers). Doug has asked the directors if they would pay this to cover athletes. They are looking at it.

7) Northeastern Ontario School Boards Protocol for Inter School Sports & Clubs: After a lot of discussion with Doug, the 4 coterminous school boards came up with a covid protocol that will direct the return to sports & clubs. These are the expectations that we must consider as we move forward with sports so please make sure you are familiar with them. There were questions about who is ultimately responsible for the implementation (coach, admin). There was also concern about the vague language surrounding masks. DSBONE has a proof of vaccination attestation form and upload site already available for students to upload their proof.

Questions for doug to take back to the directors: Who can we play (within our health unit only?), are outdoor competitions outside of your area allowed? (eg. NEOAA golf, xcountry)

8) Presenting NEOAA Sports Specific Return to Play Safety Guidelines: Doug and Anita developed some more sports specific covid guidelines that should govern play in each sport. Please make sure your coaches, athletes and minor officials are aware and follow these guidelines so that we are all on the same page.

9) Fall NEOAA Championships: We will send out a google form to see what each school will be offering for sports. It will likely be up to the school board to allow teams to travel outside of their (S/C/N) area for a NEOAA Championship. We will do our best to plan to host Championships so that those that have permission to go on to OFSAA can do so.

9) Conveners 2021-22: We selected the head conveners for the fall sports, xcounty, golf, boy's volleyball & girl's basketball. All will be in Timmins as it is central and allows all to travel there for a one day championship if allowed.

10) Transfers: Transfer paperwork needs to be submitted even though it will all be approved. This will give a transfer approval date for OFSAA HUB

11) OFSAA Hub: Jim Johnson/Sheldon Belanger have worked in the OFSAA Hub system and say it is easy to use. If you have questions please feel free to ask them.

12) OFSAA Commitments – Fall 2021: We have committed to all fall sports but OFSAA is aware that we may not be able to send representatives and there will be no penalty.

13) Other Business: The OFSAA motion regarding changing the classification numbers did not pass. This means things stay status quo.

14) Adjourned: Cathy Beachamp & Colette Carter