



# Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2005  
Westwood Collegiate

## In attendance:

Dave Roncadin	MAC	Sarah Tasker	LINDEN MEADOWS SCHOOL
Ashley Letourneau	JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE	Tammy Burke	TRANSCONA
Chelsie Hendrickson	JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE	Cindy Boissonneault	TRANSCONA
Jen Jordan	SANFORD COLLEGIATE	Kelly Chin	WESTDALE JR. HIGH/OAK PARK HS
Carey Hawkins	ST. JAMES	Krista Polowick	LINCOLN
Jessica Janzen	ELITE CHEER	Jeny Beaulieu	PORTAGE COLLEGIATE
Amy Tuckett	ELITE CHEER	Jenelle Tallas	SILVER HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE
Cheryl Johnson	PREMIER	Kristen Hildebrand	SILVER HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE
Nicole Johnson	PREMIER	Tara McLauchlan	SILVER HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE
Ashley Fenske	KELVIN HIGH SCHOOL	Patricia McNeill	WESTWOOD/MAC STAFF
Liz Birkett	GOLDEN GATE	Jenn DeGroot	MAC STAFF
Patti Fernie	GOLDEN GATE	Kris Wylie	MAC STAFF
Alice Szarkiewiez	GOLDEN GATE	Lindsay Sprange	WESTWOOD/MAC STAFF
Angela Shiels	GOLDEN GATE	Mandy Figueiredo	GEORGE WATERS
Megan Reynes	GOLDEN GATE	Danielle Betker	GEORGE WATERS
Tammy Stone	ELITE CHEER (ARILALS)	Heather Bush	WESTWOOD COLLEGIATE
Lise Léveillé	ÉCOLE EDWARD SCHREYER SCHOOL	MEMORY MILLER	ACC
Nessa Richard	DAKOTA	Jamie MacFadden	GRANT PARK

## Call to order

Patti McNeill called to order the post season meeting of MAC at 7:00 pm on April 27, 2005 at Westwood Collegiate.

Approval of minutes from last meeting. Patti McNeill read minutes.

*Motion to adopt minutes* Jeny Beaulieu  
*Seconded* Lise Léveillé

Review of expenses for 2004-2005 season.

*Motion to accept expenses* Sarah Tasker  
*Seconded* Kristen Polowick

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Filling Out Forms**

- Please make sure to completely fill out forms (waiver, competition entries, etc.)
- Team waivers only need to be filled out once per school year.
- Team rosters must be submitted for every competition.
- When you are leaving a message at the MAC office, please leave your name, what school/team you're with, and your contact info.

### **Late Fees & Registration**

Late fees and registration forms must be submitted to the MAC office on time because of deadlines that MAC staff face when ordering trophies, producing programs, and for insurance purposes.

### **Fundraising**

Tin for the Bin and fundraising for the Winnipeg Humane Society was really successful this year. MAC plans to continue with this program for next season and hope to make improvements.

- Next season we plan to have a booth for Human Society draw entries.
- Possibly collect money also for those who would prefer to donate money rather than food.

### **Hairstyles**

- Hair accessories must be secure and out of cheerleader's faces.
- Hair should not be hanging on shoulders or falling in eyes.

### **Blue Lightning**

- Decided It's good to have them there but they will be asked to tone down their performance for next year (to make it more appropriate for that venue).

## MAC Message Board

There have been problems with the types of messages being conveyed on the board.

- The message board is a good outlet for the cheerleaders to vent and communicate to each other.
- MAC will monitor for what is acceptable and what should be deleted.
- Suggestion made to have girls register before they can leave messages. Not at this time, teams need to learn sportsmanship and fair play messages will just be removed and senders blocked if they cannot use the board correctly.
- Suggestion to remove deliberate, blatant attacks on specific people/teams. MAC does this.
- Messages to be directly related to MAC and to avoid advertising.

*Motion to develop sub-committee* Heather Bush

## Heat During Competition/Bathrooms

MAC will look at options to have gym cooled off during competition. Will further pursue the issue of messy bathrooms and request more clean up keeping in mind that this may increase the cost of rental, coaches will monitor their teams more closely to help cut down on the garbage in the bathroom.

## Bathrooms at Competition

- Bathrooms are very messy.
- Cheerleaders are using foul language in the bathrooms during competition.
- Coaches are reminded to go back to their teams and encourage better sportsmanship.
- It is up to the coaches to talk to their teams.

## Seating

Cheerleaders/coaches/advisors ONLY on one side of the gym.

- Tags will not be necessary for cheerleaders.
- Team rosters at the door instead of using tags.
- Coaches & advisors would still require tags.

## Parent Involvement

Some teams are having problems getting parents involved:

- Try to do fun things to get parents involved...
  - T-shirts
  - Fun nights
- Coach's message board would be good for coaches to share ideas, ask for suggestions.
  - Coaches would have to register.

## Assisted Barrel Rolls?

Any rotation is legal as long as it is assisted.

***\*MAC will check wording in rules and make any updates/changes re: assisted rotations.***

## Judging

Can we have the same judges for every competition?

- Though this is the goal, it is very hard to get 100% of the judges available for every competition.
- Coaches would like to see more feedback on their score sheets from the judges.
- Complaint about low marks given for tumbling.
- Some coaches would be interested in having judge's comments taped during the routine.
- MAC suggested having the option to meet with judges following competition to discuss score sheets and comments. MAC will discuss with judges and set up the logistics.

## Youth vs. Varsity

Grades 6-8 is considered Youth.

Grades 9-12 are considered Varsity.

- Some exceptions are made at the Youth level.
- If you need something, have questions about categories or special exceptions; please contact the MAC office to discuss.

## Divisions

Would MAC consider dividing categories up into divisions?

- Most teams would fall into the 20+ division leaving very few teams at the lower divisions, making most teams compete against the same teams they currently compete against.
- This is why we have A and B side instead.
- Suggestion to give more placing. Eg. Award up to 4<sup>th</sup> place at first two competitions.

*Vote re: divisions*      12 for  
                                         4 against

***\*This item of discussion has been tabled until September 2005 meeting.***

## NEW BUSINESS

### Change "All-Star" Category to "Open"

MAC proposes to change "All-Star" category to "Open" because that better represents the other teams competing in that category.

*Motion to change name*  
*Seconded*

Tammy Burke  
Megan Reynes

## MAC Needs Volunteers

- Cheerleaders who have graduated are encouraged to volunteer for MAC at competitions.
- Positions include
  - Tabulators
  - Ushers
  - Runners
  - Other
- High schools could also be contacted because many students are looking for organizations to volunteer for and gain required hours.
- Anyone interested can contact the MAC office for more info.

## Coaches – Stunt Camp

MAC proposes to pass ruling that coaches or team advisors should have to attend the MAC fall stunt camp as part of their MAC certification.

- Coaches would not have to pay to attend.
- The reason is that some coaches are using old/outdated techniques.
- Clinic would allow coaches to have some hands-on coaching/training.
- MAC will also work on a day clinic for coaches training

Vote re: coach's camp PASSED

## Deduction & Score Sheets

MAC proposes to change various components of the current deduction sheet to better reflect the seriousness of the safety violations that occur. MAC also proposes to update score sheets. Some suggestions below:

- 5 pts for stepping out of bounds – *eliminated*
- nail length – now deducted *1 point*

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## Music Man

Coaches request to have music man moved to the side (rather than center).

- MAC will look at moving.
- Also request to have music played at a lower volume during warm-up.

## MAC Website

The MAC website is currently being moved and we are working to correct errors.

## **Insurance for All-Star Teams**

MAC proposes to leave MAC fees at the current rate in order to provide insurance to cover all coaches, volunteers, cheerleaders, etc.

*Accepted*

Meeting officially adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## **ELECTIONS**

As voted in, the MAC Executive for the 2005-06 season is:

President – Patti McNeill  
Vice-President – Jenn DeGroot  
Secretary – Lindsay Sprange  
Judges & Standards – Kristen Thomas/April Williams  
Safety Standards – Jeny Beaulieu

**NEXT MAC MEETING: Wednesday, September 14, 2005**

**MAC FEES DUE: Friday September 16, 2005**