

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

In attendance: Andrew, Brian, James, Shawn Tyler, Stephanie, Liang

Regrets: Dan, Greg, Mel

- **Review and adoption of last meetings minutes**

Motion: Accept last minutes' meeting minutes

Passed: Unanimous

Seconded by James

- **President's report (Brian)**

Brian: Met with M. Burns, They are looking for help with getting the league up and going again since the pandemic hit. They need exposure and is asking us for help.

Tyler: Lots of middle years teachers want to incorporate this in their school but are unsure how to do it.

Brian: If we can think about how to help out the esports scene in the elementary schools then it only benefits us in the future when they go to highschool. This is also compounded by the pandemic but if we could help we should. In the future we should try to have a middle years competition in some way in the same location with the same games?

Shawn: maybe something like a double header weekend where one day would be at a middle school and one day at a high school to increase exposure at both venues.

Brian: met with David Wall (?) representing MHSEA and Mel representing MMSERA (middle years esports). Egames/Esports course development program might be a possibility in the future (far future). Something like that already exists at Sisler – but the Province is looking at ways to incorporate this in terms of curriculum.

Brian: Some exposure through BYTE (tech SAGE) and some principals from outside Manitoba have been interested in joining. We need to have more exposure to get the word out about esports.

Shawn: Poster for MHSEA at SAGE for next year? Increase our exposure that way?

Liang: Getting a lot of exposure through River East – possibility on building a program at the divisional level. Principals could help out the situation with exposure as well. When other River East schools want to join are they all coming through me? Would it be a good idea to have divisional representations at these meetings to handle our exposure through each division?

Brian: Typically new schools wanting to enter email me and I give them the details but if we get big enough might be unsustainable. As we continue to grow we might need to think about a sustainable way to manage this

James: Adding people needs to be done with purpose, especially with executive meetings. We might not want to have people floating around without a purpose to board meetings

Shawn: Having a person dedicated to onboard new schools might be a good idea in the near future in place of Area Reps when we get big enough. This person will be able to handle the common problems and answer questions that new schools might have if they are interested in joining MHSEA.

Liang: Could take this over. Have started doing this in my division anyways

Brian: Having post season debriefs with coaches could increase exposure for now. In a future meeting we will decide on what this position will look like and what it would entail

- **VP Report (James)**

James: Battlefly will work well for the regular season, still sort of iffy about Riot and their stances on having private “Leagues”

Tyler: No new information on this matter. Getting the run around from multiple people at Riot. Might have to have two week “Tournaments” that replaces the work “League”

James: Going to try to get a way to run the “League” within their guidelines – but we might have to watch our terminology when advertising this season.

Brian: making sure that the word is out there about the LoL season is starting in a month is something that we need to do.

James: Registration information will be ready to go at the end of January to send to people when they have questions

- **VP Report (Tyler)**

Tyler: PlayVS contact and several meetings – the cost is too high, it is free for Canadian schools this year so I have a team using it. Still need more information on what sort of partnerships that PlayVS can offer us. They are a for profit company which is a little shady since we are trying to run this service for students. The motivation of pursuing this is multi fold PlayVS has affiliation with Riot so they unlock characters and Riot has allowed them to run “Leagues”. Other reasons to join is the scheduling benefits from adapting one of these services as well

Brian: We don’t know what we don’t know, information about these services won’t necessarily hurt but we are a grassroots project and for now won’t be affiliated with a for profit service like PlayVS.

James: MHSSA has a disconnect between club and school team at the same time.....does this need to happen for us too? Checking out PlayVS to try it out might not be a bad idea for a year but if we DO decide to sign on with them – then we are a part of for profit company. Scouting for information might not be a terrible idea.

Brian: This might be a part of a larger part of a conversation that we need to table for a different time. At this point we don't want to be a part of a company like PlayVS and we will exist as a grassroots project now.

Tyler: sending out a GAME newsletter what we are and what we offer, hopefully this can increase our exposure. Plugged RL, LoL and Smash Bros, and briefly have some information about starting up an esports club in school. Made a letterhead as well, I have the file

Tyler: Is there any interest in hosting a digital conference? A talk going on in the evening, one about LoL, one about RL, one about Smash, one about starting up an esports club – No date planned. If there is interest in this talk to me about it. End of Februaryish in terms of timeline. We could even stagger the conferences, such as every Tuesday evening for a couple of weeks.

Andrew: I can do smash and our experiences

Brian: Could handle starting up esports at school

James: I could do LoL and use my SAGE presentation with some formatting

Brian: Discussion during Feb. 9th?

Tyler: I'll be making a Forms after this meeting and send it out to us to see what our interest level is by our next meeting.

- **Treasurer Report (Stephanie)**

Steph: Balance \$1026.90 still waiting for some schools to cash the refund from last LoL season. Look at table for updated balance info when all debts/refunds are to be sent out

Shawn: Will be emailing the list of schools needing payment for RocketLeague

Current Balance	\$ 1,026.90
Brian Refund total	\$ 486.93
Steph refund total	\$ 333.59
still need to withdraw	\$ 175.00
after refunds & credit withdrawals	\$ 31.38

- Where is help needed discussion.
 - ie given what we are trying to get running, or getting something going again, who needs help and what does that look like?

Brian: We need to pitch in and help the conveyers out with their leagues. Having more exposure is something we need to constantly be working on. If anyone needs help please ask for it, we all can pitch in to help.

- **Items**
 - Liang & Sean - Rocket League Update

Brian: Number of teams...this may be a problem for us if we continue to allow 2+ teams per school. Some issues: Does this water down the competition? Does this make it harder for a school with only 1 team?

James: Don't think this is a big issue in the long run – in MSHAA we have grade 9s, JV, and Varsity and M/F so there are 6 teams max now. If we ever get to a point where we have TOO MUCH exposure then we can start to break out into grade 9 / JV / Varsity type of distinctions. Basically we can just tier and group as we go if we have too many teams for these things.

Shawn: adding players to teams post registration deadlines. Are we OK with this?

Everyone: Yes, we should maybe have it in the rules that we can allow adding players 1 week after the season starts. Something what we did we LoL in those rulesets

Shawn: The tournament has been going well – teams that start with a By don't automatically get a point, I would like to delay the consolation tournament by about 10 mins to make sure the team that loses the By match still gets to play a 2nd game. Playoff structure – I'll need to think more about this and figure out how to structure this I'll figure this out by next meeting. I need to get the Banner for the championship. Thinking on next year: in person competition?

- Andrew – Smash Bros Update

Andrew: Smash GG worked out well. Stay tuned for a warm up tournament in the new semester. February 13th for a warm up tournament? Cap of 5 teams per school since it's an individual event? Promote this in the schools to see who is interested. Saturdays 4 weeks in a row where points are collected for victories. Double Elimination. I will make up something to send out via Social Media for us. 5\$ a player for this? Payment handling same ways as LoL and RL. Invoice will be sent out.

James: Perhaps an average School award might be great too for number of points a school gets along with an individual player award too

- AOB

Brian: Banners.....are we allowed to use LoL or Rocket League icon? Is there a way to do this without being affiliated with Riot/RL?

Next meeting Feb. 9th 7:30pm

Files from James for MHSEA posters:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14F69AX2YU5sb_nPglgidlg_Cd9MjCUOc/view?usp=sharing

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q8ADE1SLlgEbi1o80AtK63S1SX6yfAr0/view?usp=sharing>