

Annual General Meeting
BC School Sports Aquatics Commission
11:00am, November 20, 2009
Watermania, Richmond BC

Commissioner: Scott Abt
President: Andrea Nishi
Treasurer: Kerrie Turner
Secretary: Bambi Roy
Past President: Scott Turner
Member at large: Dawn Henderson
Member at large: Dustin Hersee
Member at large: Tyler Stringer (Kelowna)

1. Welcome from Commissioner
 - a. Zone reps primary conduits for communication with commissioner
 - b. Website communication will be better next year
 - c. Provincial government slashed funds for all sports for next year (Provincial Championships)
 - i. Each school district will be asked to "chip in" based on size
 - ii. Swimming meet fees went up this year to pay for championships and will likely go up again next year. Cannot be reliant on provincial funds and want to be less reliant on BC School Sports to avoid future problems
 - iii. This meet will happen next year because of entry fees
 - d. No cash no splash today
2. Call to order
3. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Tony Sang STM, Andy Fiefer Revelstoke
4. Adoption of minutes of 2008 AGM
 - a. Andrea Nishi, Bambi Roy Mulgrave
5. Official's Report: Gail Nichols
 - a. Bathing suit rule in effect (FINA). Boys waist to knees, Girls no zippers and no sleeves and no bikinis
 - b. Relays. Following FINA rulebook (swim in order they are listed, stroke they are listed, no changes)

- i. You can hand in your relay order cards by 1:30
 - c. Following FINA rulebook
 - d. Important to follow FINA because we need to to get sanctioned and to get insurance
 - e. Coaches meeting at 1:15 don't be late
 - f. Protests go through Gail, not the Commission

- 6. Discussion regarding Open and B swimmer rule (limited to 20 minutes)
 - a. Clarify and consequences
 - i. Swimmers and/or coaches will have to provide burden of proof that they are not in violation of the rule if a protest is made regarding their swim.
 - ii. Exact wording of rule?
 - 1. Anyone can swim Open
 - 2. From BCSSA rulebook: "As of January 1st of the championship year, a 'B Category' swimmer trains and competes from May 1st to Sept. 30th with no restrictions. From Oct. 1st to April 30th a B swimmer may train with their high school team and may participate in other speed swimming training(eg. Winter maintenance, Triclub, private chaching, et.) as long as it does not exceed 2 houts/week. Outside of high school practices, a B swimmer may not accumulate more than 4 hours per week of organized aquatic activity (speed swimming, water polo and synchro). Speed swimming cannot exceed 2 of the 4 hours, a water polo game counts for 20 minutes and synchro routine meet counts as 20 minutes. A synchro figures meet does not count. Diving practice is unrestricted. B swimmers may swim in the Open category or the b category, but may not compete in the same stroke in both Open and B events (ie a B swimmer may not enter both 50m and 100m back). B swimmers may swim in B or Open category relays but may not swim in the same relay in both the Open and B event.
 - iii. The final decision rests with the clerk of the course if there is to be a DQ or not.
 - iv. If a teacher knowingly enters an A swimmer in the B division then BC High School Swimming will issue a letter of reprimand to the teacher via the school's principal.

v. Discussion perhaps also regarding Zone reps responsibility in regards to rule enforcement

b. If anyone chooses to propose a rule change they are welcome to and it can be voted on by the membership.

c. We are proposing a September 1 rule for eligibility.

d. Discussion regarding eliminating B altogether, going to

e. Motion to maintain BCSSA rule regarding Open and B Swimmers: Andrea Nishi, Bambi Roy

-BCSSA rule is changing to 6 hours

-discussion regarding do Water polo players really have an advantage?

-SNC rule it is not a provincial rule

-Motion Carried

-looking into

-Motion to amend the motion: change date from January 1st to September 1st

-Scott Turner and Kim Adams West Vancouver

-discussion regarding keeping B swimmers in their own category as well

-B swimmers are not covered under FINA insurance in an open event

-Motion defeated

f. Motion : To eliminate restriction on water polo and synchro training for the 'B' category. Shane, Tattersol

-lots of sports do swimming as cross training and are not penalized

-it is hard to monitor

-trying to get kids out and swimming

-motion carried and will be in trial for next 3 years

7. Treasurer's Report

a. Funding going to be cut for next year

b. Pool costs cut

c. Gaming funding also cut

d. Made \$34 last year

e. Fees the same cost this year

f. We don't know where Provincials are next year, affects budget

g. There may be a need to increase Provincial meet fees next year. \$15 for individual, \$25 for relays

8. New Business

- a. We propose the addition of a new role on the commission and that is one of fundraising/sponsorship coordinator. Someone should be able to find a sponsor for the scholarships, ribbons and programs. This would be a great addition to the finances of the commission.
-Dawn Henderson will do it
- b. We still need confirmation in regards to where we will be having Provincials next year as we have not heard from Kelowna. Is there anyone interested in doing this out of town or are we having it in the lower mainland again. If yes...where? Chilliwack? Fleetwood? Coquitlam? This will need to be sorted out.
 - i. Need to figure this out before the end of the meet
- c. Protest to rule regarding synchro swimmers and waterpolo players included in open category
 - i. Scott read letter from Vicki McLeod
 - ii. Cole Wagner also protests this rule

9. Nominations and Elections of 2007/2008 Commission

Commissioner: Scott Abt
President: Andrea Nishi
Treasurer: Kerrie Turner
Secretary: Dustin Hersee
Past President: Scott Turner
Director of Fundraising: Dawn Henderson
Member at large: Bambi Roy
Member at large:

10. Zone Reps

Fraser Valley:
Kootenays: Dave Afford
North Central:
NS/NS/Bur: Shannon Quelch
Van/Rich: Dustin Hersee
Van Island: Dawn Henderson
Okanagan: Sarah Sinclair?

11. Announcement of Date and Location of 2010 Championships

- a. Don't have this yet

12. Adjournment