



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS'  
RUGBY UNION**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Legacy Sports Centre (Rotary Stadium, Abbotsford)  
Thursday, June 2, 2011

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Brian Lynch (President) was in the chair.
2. Twenty-five (25) Member Schools were represented as follows:

Alpha	Hugh McRoberts	Sentinel
Brentwood College	Kalamalka	Shawnigan Lake
Carson Graham	Kelowna	Southridge
Collingwood	L.V. Rogers	St. George's
Earl Marriott	Lord Tweedsmuir	St. Michaels University
G.P. Vanier	Oak Bay	W.J. Mouat
Glenlyon Norfolk	Okanagan Mission	Yale
Handsworth	Robert Bateman	
Heritage Park	Semiahmoo	

This constituted a quorum of Member Schools.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 3, 2010 were approved.
4. A Summary of Accounts for the year ending February 28, 2011 was received as follows:

Cash balance, beginning of year		\$ 34,657.20
Excess (deficiency) of sources over uses –		
• Provincial Tournament	5,261.83	
• Seven-A-Side	(398.31)	
• Scholarships	(2,000.00)	
• Administration	<u>787.37</u>	<u>3,650.89</u>
Cash balance, end of year		\$ 38,308.09

5. A verbal President's Report for the 2010-2011 year was received.
6. BC SCHOOLS SPORTS Report (Sue Keenan). Topics covered were:
  - Superintendents and school-based administrators are concerned about the escalating costs of participating in Provincial Championships. Commissions are urged to keep costs down as much as possible.
  - Commissions are required to submit Annual Financial Statements to the BCSS office for posting on the website. There will be limited access rights.
  - Referees for all league, playoff and Provincial Championship competition must have a minimum of Level 1 Certification.
  - Insurance liability costs have escalated from two million to five million dollars. The cost to BCSS will be approximately \$90,000, some of which will have to be assumed by individual Commissions.
  - Coaches need to be aware of changes to BCSS Rules and Regulations (Sections 12 and 13) re 'Sanctioning for Out-of-Province Competition and Teams'.
  - Coaches are strongly advised to review the updated *2011-2012 BC SCHOOL SPORTS Athletic Eligibility Overview* publication for changes that were adopted at the May Annual General Meeting. This can be downloaded from the BCSS website ([www.bcschoolsports.ca](http://www.bcschoolsports.ca)).

7. Scholarships for 2011 were presented as follows:

- Lukas Belkovec (*Shawnigan Lake*)
- Callum Busfield (*Kalamalka*)
- Luke Campbell (*Oak Bay*)
- Eric Chau (*Sir Charles Tupper*)
- Josh Hamilton (*G.P. Vanier*)
- Bryan Hong (*Sir Charles Tupper*)
- Aden Jack (*Oak Bay*)
- Daniel Jenkins (*Prince of Wales*)
- Patrick Kay (*Cowichan*)
- Cameron Lawson (*Prince of Wales*)
- Nik Marshall (*Sentinel*)
- Alex Mascott (*St. George's*)
- Liam Murphy-Burke (*Semiahmoo*)
- Jonathan Parkin (*Yale*)
- Jesse Richardson (*Rockridge*)
- Hubert Wang (*St. Michaels University*)

8. The following proposed addition to Section 2 (Purposes) of the Constitution of the BC Secondary Schools' Rugby Union (BCSSRU) was approved:

**Rugby regulated by the BC Secondary Schools' Rugby Union (BCSSRU) is available to, and shall be between, boys only.**

This rule reflects the expressed desire of the BCSSRU, as a private organization, to provide boys with an opportunity to participate in secondary school rugby competition against other boys. It is the view of the BCSSRU membership, taking into account the combined experience and knowledge of its members, that restricting its competition to boys best advances the overall interest of boys wishing to play secondary school rugby, having regard to:

- the nature of the sport,
- player safety,
- the physiological differences in size and strength between boys and girls generally,
- alternative opportunities for girls to play rugby under the auspices of the BC High School Girls' Rugby Association (BCHSGRA), subject to their *Rules and Regulations*, and
- the preferences generally of boys participating in the sport of rugby.

9. General Discussion Items:

- Provincial Championships Closing Ceremony/Presentation of Awards (Brian Lynch)
- BCSSRU Sevens Qualification Process (Brian Lynch)
- Availability of Qualified Referees for League and Playoff Games (Bud Patel)
- Use of a '5<sup>th</sup> Official' for Semi-Final and Final Games (Murray Allen)
- Management of our Account Surplus/Contingency Fund (Gary Johnston)
- Coaching Development (Tony Healy)

These items will be reviewed at the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

10. The following General Discussion items were tabled as neither presenter was at the meeting:

- Scheduling of the Annual General Meeting (Doug Primrose)
- Travel Subsidies for Teams travelling outside of their Zone (Morley Wilson)

If there is no formal notification of withdrawal, these items will be placed on the agenda for the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

11. Election of Officers for 2011-2012

Management Committee

Brian Lynch	President
Stephen Rowell	Vice-President/Commissioner
Doug Sturrock	Past-President
Ian MacKay	Treasurer

Zone Representatives

Eliot Anderson	South Vancouver Island
Ian Busfield	Okanagan
Jivan Dhaliwal	Fraser Valley
Ken Erikson	North Vancouver Island
Bud Patel	Lower Mainland
Sean Sinclair	Kootenays
Morley Wilson	Northern Interior

Members at Large

Gary Johnston  
David Speirs

12. Adjournment