



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS
COUNCIL OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING
Friday, May 8, 2015; 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Accent Inn Victoria**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Sue Thorne, Chair.

Athletic Association Presidents Present:

Craig Percevault	Athletic Association – Coquitlam
Ian Close	Athletic Association – Delta
Sue Thorne	Athletic Association – East Kootenay, BCSS Advisory Committee
Darren Reisig	Athletic Association – Lower Vancouver Island
Jeff Goodrich	Athletic Association – North Central, on behalf of Louise Holmes
Gerry Karvelis	Athletic Association – North Shore
Ron Van Driel	Athletic Association – Northwest Zone
Hal Hennenfent	Athletic Association – Okanagan
Simon Mah	Athletic Association – Surrey
Mike Allina	Athletic Association – Vancouver, BCSS Advisory Committee
Annemarie Watts	Athletic Association – West Okanagan Valley

Member Regrets:

Bo Sidhu	Athletic Association – Abbotsford/Mission
Christine McNulty	Athletic Association – Burnaby
Sean Lightle	Athletic Association – Fraser Valley East
Jonathan Fast	Athletic Association – Langley
David Prissinotti	Athletic Association – Lower Mainland Independent
Michelle Schauz	Athletic Association – Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
Margot Devault	Athletic Association – North Okanagan
Brad Thornhill	Athletic Association – North Shore
Dave Nelson	Athletic Association – North Vancouver Island
Gayle Guest	Athletic Association – Richmond
Steve Grant	Athletic Association – South Okanagan Similkameen, BCSS Board, Advisory Committee

Board/Staff/Guests Present:

Rob Colombo	BCSS Board, 1 st Vice President, Advisory Committee, Competitive Standards Committee
Lindsay Brooke	PE District Contact – Vancouver Island
Heather Lederis	PE District Contact – Lower Vancouver Island
Gerry Karvelis	PE District Contact – North/West Vancouver
Merrilla Thorp	Financial Officer, Commissions/Associations Coordinator
Eli Mina	Parliamentarian

Guests Regrets:

Ron Hall	PE District Contact – Burnaby
Dean Maion	PE District Contact – Fraser Valley East
John Acob	PE District Contact – Richmond

Glenn Young
Harp Sohi

PE District Contact – Surrey
PE District Contact – Vancouver

1. WELCOME:

Sue welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.
8:20 pm

2. MINUTES OF SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014.

MOVED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of October 25, 2014 be approved.

3. INFORMATION COLLECTION (Association Executive, etc.)

BC School Sports has sent or will send a form out to collect updated information from Athletic Associations, please remember to provide the information to BCSS.

4. SCHOOL AND BCSS INSURANCE (Gerry Karvelis)

- There is some confusion as to what BC School Sports insurance covers regarding the Athletic Associations and would like some clarification from BC School Sports.
- Who is covering officials? Some are paid officials, some receive honoraria, and some are volunteers.
- Are Athletic Association Executives covered for liability for all their activities or just zones and championships?
- Heather advised that their Athletic Association decided to not be a separate legal entity and let their society status lapse so that the school district covers their employees' actions.

5. ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR AND REPRESENTATIVE TO BCSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2015-2016

- We need to select annually at the May Council meeting, two representatives of the Athletic Association Presidents to sit on the Advisory Committee.
- The Advisory Committee meets at least two times per year (fall & May)
- The Advisory Committee can bring concerns directly to the Board and provide input in an advisory role.
- Sue is stepping down as the Athletic Association Rep on the Advisory Committee.
- Mike Allina was one of the Athletic Association Reps last year and will let his name stand.
- Craig Percevault, and Ian Close are interested.
- Craig withdrew his interest.

MOVED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED THAT Ian Close and Mike Allina represent the Athletic Association Presidents on the Advisory Committee.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Re proposed Bylaws:

- 14.6 in wrong area, should be moved
- East Kootenay Athletic Association wants to keep proxies
- Mike Allina wants to know why Bylaws changed from what the Committee proposed

Response from Rob Colombo to Mike's question:

- The Committee did great work that was referred to legal counsel who can speak to specific concerns regarding wording tomorrow.
- The Board has certain legal responsibilities over decisions rather than membership.
- Please direct those questions to legal counsel when he is at the AGM tomorrow.
- Bylaws have to reflect the higher legal authority.
- The Board doesn't have the right to dissolve an athletic Association, only to disassociate.

- Athletic Associations are separate legal entities. Sport Commissions are standing committees of BC School Sports.
- The existing Bylaws are imperfect because of many additions and deletions over the years and needs to be updated.
- Mike Allina wants the Bylaws to go back to the Committee before being voted on tomorrow.

Input from Eli:

- Most valuable discussion regarding Bylaws will be at the AGM while the motion is on the floor and everyone can hear the questions and the answers.
- When a motion is called to the floor of the AGM there is an opportunity to ask questions. One way to assist to ensure that all concerns are addressed, is to provide legal counsel (Michael Blatchford), with a list of questions ahead of time that he can answer.
- The Board cannot withdraw the proposed motions. It's up the membership to vote on it or the membership to give instructions to the Board.
- The membership can propose an amendment to put back the original wording.

Other discussion:

- There were Bantam girls playing an East Kootenay Championships game in progress, the Athletic Association had to find out from a Principal that a student was ineligible. Why was there no communication with the Association?
- Why is BC School Sports contacting a Trustee and Superintendent directly?

7. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 10:29 pm.