



RICHMOND  
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**BC School Sports Aquatics**  
Annual General Meeting & Coaches Meeting  
November 16th, 2018 at 8am

8:00am Sign-In: Meeting Room, Watermania

8:10am AGM

1. **Welcome and Introduction of Aquatic Commission** - Jenn Girard (Commissioner), Stephanie Christie (Director of Swim Meets), Richard Hortness (Member at Large), Chris Reid (Member at Large), Sandra Mason (Treasurer), Michelle Rapier (Member at Large), Laurel Laternus (Secretary) Absent: Kerrie Turner (President)

2. **Adoption of Agenda and 2017 AGM Minute** - (Jenn/ Stephanie)

3. **Meet Information for Coaches** - Mika Sato (Meet Manager), Barry Paris (Meet Referee) and Rob Traynor (Provincial Entry Coordinator)

Mika: This is a huge meet with almost 1,000 swimmers in a small area and crowded deck space. This class room (Meeting Room B) is available today and also the hallway. There is a large tent with heaters outside as well. Heat sheets are on deck at the end of the hallway, scratches and relays must be to the clerk at the announcer's table outside timing office by 10:30 deadline. Please scratch within 90 minutes of results being posted after the event today, Friday, if the swimmer is not going to swim on Saturday. Assigned warm up lanes are posted. Please be flexible and share lanes. Diving is only allowed if swimming in one direction. Lanes 1 and 8 are diving for last 10 minutes of each warm up period. Food info: all food & snacks will be served to coaches with a wristband. Space is limited for coaches; please only have coaches sit at coaches table. If you are swimmer who is also a coach, put wrist band on your stop watch or bag and show it for food. Two lanes in shallow tank for warm up throughout the meet. Rest of shallow pool and wave pool are off limits. Medal awards will be given at the end of each block during the finals on Saturday; the meet will be stopped to present medals. NO awards will be mailed. Timeout today is projected for 6:00pm. Tomorrow approx. 2:30pm.

Barry: Session referees are very experienced. They are friendly if you want to talk with them if you have a question about SNC rules. FINA swim suit rules apply. Referee signs off on all DQs. DQs will be announced with event, heat and lane, not the swimmer's name. Alternate swimmers, if any, must report to the Referee. There are no alternates for Heats today. Alternates are for Finals on Saturday only.

RELAYS: must be swum in the same order as filled out on the relay card, if swimmers swim out of order and it is reported appropriately, then it can be a DQ. Timers will be checking relay order.

Taping: No boding taping is permitted. Referee is not a medical practitioner. Bleeding toe can be covered. Will not bother with small cuts. Not set up to handle this.

Rob: Meeting deadlines and categorization of swimmers were the main issues this year. We want to move away from spreadsheets for meet entries because they are problematic. We are looking for alternative ways to get the entries into the HyTek system. This year one region piloted an online US based service; it was a little bit bumpy. It seems many districts



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cannot install software (Hytek) on school computers.  
some privacy concerns with the online service

There may be because it is US based and not subject to the same privacy rules as in Canada. Rob is technical rep for Vancouver / Richmond zone, as well as Provincial Entry Coordinator. Late entries were somewhat problematic this year and a little bit out of hand. Half dozen schools come in late. There was a revision where the school added a half dozen swimmers late. The meet organizing group/Aquatic Commission is considering fines/financial penalty of \$100 for 24 hours late, \$250 if 24 - 48 hours late.

Another issue this year was a high number of swimmers in the wrong category. For example: Open swimmers entered in B events at Zones. We can try and move them but can't really do this if events are different. Suggestion to develop a check list for coaches; this would be helpful so coaches know what things to review prior to Zones and the deadlines. Eg. at beginning of swim team start up on Day 1 must determine the category of your schools' swimmers.

4. Treasurer's Report - Sandra Mason  
Information from the Zone reps not available in time for AGM.  
BCSS Commission looks after payments. Pre-Regionals Revenues \$22,900, expenses \$18,100, net income \$4785.70. Financial documents will be posted on the BCSS website.
5. Changes as per 2017 AGM
  - a. 2018 Tiering is on the BCSS website. Zone reps also sent an email to schools.
6. New Business
  - a. Re-Zoning – Jordan Abney (BCSS, Executive Director), thank you to coaches and teacher sponsors, Commission members and zone reps. Currently BCSS has 7 zones. The process to review the zones started 2 years ago because the Fraser Valley had grown so much that ¼ of all schools were in one zone. Moving forward with change to 9 zones. In the fall of 2019, the current Vancouver and Fraser Valley zones will become 4 zones. Planning is starting to ramp up. The change in zones will affect sport commissions differently whether the sport has team advancement and/or individual advancement: ie. cross country has both team and individual whereas swimming is individual only. A guidance document will be coming out soon. The affect on coaches should be relatively minimal. Zone meets in the lower mainland and Fraser valley may become smaller with the addition of new zones.
  - b. Motions (see description on following pages)
7. Tentative Dates and Locations for next Aquatics Provincial Championships
  - a. November 15 & 16, 2019 Watermania, Richmond
  - b. November 20 & 21, 2020 Vancouver Island
  - c. November 19 & 20, 2021 Lower Mainland
  - d. November 18 & 19, 2022 Lower Mainland
  - e. November 17 & 18, 2023 Kamloops
8. Bursaries
  - a. Nominees for the 2018 bursaries were submitted online. This year's recipients have been drawn and will be announced prior to finals on Saturday. Last year one



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bursary was incorrectly awarded to an international student which is not permitted so this year one additional female name was drawn to make up for this.

9. Nominations and Elections

a. Aquatics Commission

- i. Commissioner
- ii. President
- iii. Treasurer
- iv. Secretary
- v. Director of Swim Meets
- vi. Member at Large
- vii. Member at Large
- viii. Member at Large

**2018-19**

- Jenn Girard
- Michelle Rapiere (Jenn/ Ursula Neuscheler)
- Sandra Mason
- Laurel Laturus
- Stephanie Christie
- Richard Hortness
- Chris Read
- Ursula Neuscheler (self nominated/Jenn)

All other position by acclimation.

b. Zone Reps

- i. Kootenay
- ii. Thompson-Okanagan
- iii. North Central
- iv. North West
- v. Vancouver Island
- vi. Fraser Valley East
- vii. Fraser River South
- viii. Fraser River North
- ix. Vancouver-Whistler

**2018-19**

- Deanna Holitzki
- Graham Gale
- Heather Fisher
- Dustin Hersee
- Laurel Laturus
- Ursula Neuscheler
- Stephanie Christie
- Maureen Curran
- Gerry Karvelis



**Explanation:**

The Commission would like to put the following Motions forward to allow for clarification of existing rules, and to better outline the role of the Commission.

**MOTION 1:** Commission members will pre-screen all submitted motions before adding to agenda at AGM (submitted by October deadline)

RATIONALE: This will allow the Commission to collect any additional information needed to clarify the motion before being presented at the AGM

In Favour: 33 / Opposed: 3 / Abstained: 1      **Motion: Passed**

**MOTION 2:** Commission members will have the ability to hold off presenting any motions at our AGM. (ie. motions changed last year, not enough information, etc.)

RATIONALE: This will allow for more consistency with rule changes. For example, a rule change each year can add confusion for members. In addition, this will allow the Commission to gather more information on presented motions.

In Favour: 29 / Opposed: 6 / Abstained: 2      **Motion: Passed**

**MOTION 3:** All voting done at our AGM will be completed by **adult**-sponsors or athletic directors.

RATIONALE: By having someone who will likely continue to be involved in the Aquatics world, this will allow for more understanding of the impact rule changes will have on future athletes.

Michelle/ Debbie Becker (DW Poppy)

In Favour: 35 / Opposed: 1 / Abstained: 1      **Motion: Passed**

**MOTION 4:** Individual commission members cannot put forward motions, the Commission as a body may put forward motions

RATIONALE: This motion is put forward so that there is transparency on any motion put forward. Members will know that any motion put forward by the Commission has the support of the Commission, and not just one Commission member.

In Favour: 26 / Opposed: 6 / Abstained: 5      **Motion: Passed**



**MOTION 5:** The Commission puts forward the motion that the location of Provincials rotates on a yearly rotating basis between the Okanagan (Kamloops), the Lower Mainland, and Vancouver Island starting in 2020 with support provided by the Commission. The rotation will be two Provincials in Lower Mainland, one in another location, two in the Lower Mainland and one in the other location.

**RATIONALE:** This will allow students the opportunity to travel for Provincials, or to have a “home” Provincials during their high school swimming career.

In Favour: 36 / Opposed: 1 / Abstained: 0

**Motion: Passed**

**Explanation:**

My name is David Prissinotti and I am a teacher at York House School. I have coached basketball for 27 years and have been an Athletic Director and an active member of many local, regional and provincial sport organizations and BCSS commissions.

I would like to raise a concern that the motion passed at last year’s aquatics AGM gives many schools a distinct advantage over a few schools. In fact, it contradicts BCSS “Goals of Provincial Championships” and discriminates against single gender schools, thus, putting them at a competitive disadvantage at BC Championships.

Co-ed schools get to participate in events that count for points at the BC’s while single gender schools are excluded.

I support efforts to level the playing field but I do not support rules that discriminate.

Consider the variety of advantages that exist throughout BC in school sport. Many schools have greater resources, larger populations, access to pools on campus. Some schools run swim academies that provide “a high-quality program led by outstanding coaches” that have “become a destination for high quality swimmers to train and compete while going to school”.

I support an inclusive and fair point structure for provincial championships. I also support providing opportunities for maximum participation of student athletes and I understand the value of “mixed relays”. As a result, I would like to move the following motion forward:

of Provincial Championships around accessibility and equity. Therefore, I propose the following:

**MOTION 6:** The BC High School Aquatics Provincial Championships eliminate mixed relay events from the championship scoring point totals and instead, award medals and trophies to winning mixed relay teams and athletes but the points earned in those relays are not split and added to gender specific point totals.

MOVED: D. Prissinotti, York House

SECONDED: R. Ballard, LFA

In Favour: 7 / Opposed: 29 / Abstained: 1

**Motion: Did Not Pass**



**RATIONALE:**

- To be consistent with BCSS Goals of Provincial Championships
  - 50.2.2 Attempting to ensure equitable accessibility;
  - 50.2.3 Attempting to ensure pursuit of experiences for a typical student-athlete; and
  - 50.2.4 Attempting to ensure gender equity in opportunities offered
- Under current rule, BC Aquatics Commission rules violates these goals by not allowing equitable accessibility to scoring point totals
- Currently, BC Aquatics Championship point system discriminates against some member schools.
- “Private” single gender schools follow the same rules as every other BCSS member school. They are not allowed to recruit student athletes just as public schools are not allowed. While “private” schools can include students from outside traditional catchment areas, the same is true for public schools who offer specialty programs, mini-schools and sport academies.
- BCSS Swim Championships no longer awards a “combined” boys and girl’s championship banner; therefore, why would an event with a team made up of boys contribute toward a girls team total and championship? Likewise, why would a team with girls contribute points toward a boy’s team total and provincial championship? Should a Girls Provincial Championship can be won by having boys contribute to the point total?
- This does not occur in any other sport. There is no “Girl’s Badminton” Provincial Championship where boys contribute to that title. Skiing, X-Country, Track & Field do not have events where boys contribute toward girl’s point totals, and vice versa.
- Eliminating these events from point totals allows all schools to participate in all events that count for provincial champions point totals.
- This motion also increases participation at the BC’s. How? Mixed relays (not for points) allows athletes to participate in these events at BC’s for medals / awards and may encourage a school to register more athletes, perhaps even weaker swimmers in these events. Swimmers that may not have normally had an opportunity to compete at the BC’s.
- BCSS will soon address the issue of single gender schools. This motion will return to the previous scoring system that is accessible to all member schools until BCSS provides consistent direction on this issue.

Meeting adjourned: 9:28am