



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS**  
**Council of Sport Commissioners Meeting**  
**Friday, May 6, 2016**  
**Fortius Sport & Health Building**  
**3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby**

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**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 4:56 pm by Don Moslin.

**Commission Members Present:**

Badminton	Jeff Hunt
Basketball-Boys	Paul Eberhardt
Curling	Janet Dunkin
Cross Country	Colin Dignum
Field Hockey	Alanna Martin
Football	Brien Gemmell
Golf	Bill Richards
Gymnastics	Adrian Wong
Rugby	Walter Van Halst
Soccer	Don Moslin
Tennis	Marci McLean
Track & Field	Andrew Lenton
Volleyball-Boys	Shell Thompson for Al Carmichael
Volleyball-Girls	Joe Moreira
Wrestling	Doug Corbett

**Commission Members Regrets:**

Basketball-Girls	Jennifer Farano
Mountain Biking	Jason Barr
Ski/Snowboard	Hubert Wohlgemuth

**BC School Sports Staff/Board/Committee Members Present:**

Deb Whitten	Board
Wendy Hyer	Board
Stacy Robertson	Board
Christine Bradstock	Executive Director
Merrilla Thorp	Financial Officer/Commissions/Associations Coordinator
Shannon Key	Manager of Sport
Cari Henri	Director of Sport

**1. Welcome**

- Don Moslin welcomed the commissioners

**2. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2015**

- Minutes accepted
  - i. Moved Paul Eberhardt, Seconded Doug Corbett

3. a) Election of the chair
    - i. Don Moslin, Moved Paul Eberhardt, Seconded Joe Moreira
  - b) Election of 2 representatives to BCSS Advisory Committee for 16/17
    - i. Track & Field and Ski/Snowboard
  - c) Other business
- Office staff on competition days
    - Brien Gemmell raised the question-should BCSS office staff be available to move players up/ between teams on Saturdays when provincial championships are running?
      - Discussion
        - An issue occurred during Girls Jr/Sr Basketball Provincial Championships-Brien regrets how it was handled.
        - Can schools make the request Friday before 5pm for a Saturday move up? Would this be accepted by BCSS
        - Should commissions pay for BCSS staff time?
        - How many weekends are we looking at?
        - Moving up is permitted and within the rules. This is a staffing issue to be solved
        - Should they be allowed to play when they are taking time away from other students?
        - How do they get added to the roster?
        - If the documentation is there on Friday before the tournament players should be allowed to move up.
        - What if there is a BCSS staff member on call Saturdays when championships are occurring?
  - Society Act/Income Tax
    - Societies act is coming into play on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016
    - Do we need to be societies? No-commissions do not need to be standalone societies. Some commissions are incorporated and some are not.
    - What steps need to be taken?
    - Christine and Merrilla arrive
      - Christine clarifies that Commissions do not need to be standalone societies, they need to be managing themselves properly.
    - Financial obligations to Commissions
      - Taxation
      - There is liability for the commission executive
    - If you are not a society, do you still need to file with revenue Canada?
      - Yes, you commission has a greater chance for safety
      - This will ensure you are taken care of by BCSS
      - If you are a separate standalone society you can do your own books but, if not your bank account should be within the BCSS accounts.
        - This money is then included in the BCSS audit
      - This will ensure you are taking care of volunteers and not putting yourself at risk
    - What is the expectations for commissions who are not societies and have BCSS look after their affairs with respect to giving information to BCSS?
      - Stacy: Clarifies Insurance and Financial reporting: incorporated or unincorporated
        - Stacy: Suggested that BCSS have legal counsel provide information as to what commissions are required to do in each situation
          - Incorporated/unincorporated
          - Insurance
          - Do commissions have to be their own society
          - Do commissions have to report to CRA
            - Christine: BCSS files with CRA because we are a

registered charity and want to keep that status. BCSS can issue charitable receipts.

- New eligibility changes
    - Joe: would like to understand some of the motions on the floor and the potential implications.
      - 8.3.6 removal of Section III D
        - Discussion circulates on the motion being potentially disastrous
        - What do other provinces do?
          - Christine: every province has a handbook and governs the eligibility rules differently. Our province is much stricter than others in regards to eligibility.
          - Raises concerns with the Board
  - Seasons of play dates
    - Alanna: Have the dates changed? What is happening? Seasons of play are 13 weeks long
      - There is a motion on the floor re-affirming these dates.
  - Championship Fees/Participant Fees
    - Commissions are at the mercy of facility rentals, game officials, awards, and medical. These costs vary from year to year
    - Commissions are trying to keep them as low as possible
      - From an Athletic Director point of view championship costs are concerning.
    - Some commissions do not provide a championship entry fee
    - Ways to help reduce fees-moving championships around, different fee structures, run in conjunction with invitational Jr. Championships
    - How many commissions rely on sponsorship
    - Gaming grant-concern with the raising of fees commissions will lose the grant.
    - Look for championship hosting grants-many communities want to hold these big events and will offer grants to organizations who want to come to their community.
      - It helps the communities by generating business.
    - BCSS needs to help support in both directions.
- d) Conclusion
  - Adjournment 6:17 pm due to fire alarm