



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS COUNCIL OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENTS MEETINGS
Saturday October 20, 2012
Location: Riverside Secondary School, 2215 Reeve Street, Port
Coquitlam**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ATTENDANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS:

1.1 In Attendance:

Chair: Sue Thorne - East Kootenay
Lower Vancouver Island – **Rocky Vitale**
Okanagan Central – **Hal Hennenfent**
Richmond – **Gail Guest**
Surrey – **Mykola Misiak**
Vancouver - **Mike Allina**

Deb Whitten – BCSS President
Heather Lederis – P.E. District Contact (LVISSAA)
Rob Colombo – BCSS Board
Sharon Becker - BCSS Minutes Secretary

1.2 Regrets:

Abbotsford/Mission
Burnaby/New Westminster
Coquitlam
Delta
Fraser Valley East
Langley
Lower Mainland Independent
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
North Central District
North Okanagan

North Shore
North Vancouver Island
Northwest Zone
Okanagan Valley
South Okanagan
West Kootenay
West Okanagan
Fraser Valley
Fraser Valley Christian
Greater Vancouver Independent
Vancouver District

The meeting called to order at 11:55am.

2. REVIEW OF VOTING RIGHTS:

The chair reminded those present that each Athletic Association and each Regional Athletic Association has one (1) vote.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOVED: (Guest / Hennenfent) THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED. CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF May 4, 2012:

MOVED: (Guest / Hennenfent) THAT THE MINUTES OF May 4, 2012 BE ACCEPTED. CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF May 4, 2012.

None.

6. INFORMATION SHARING: (Points of Interest)

6.1 Athletic Fees:-Mike Allina

Advised that the Vancouver Schools receive a student-athlete fee of \$31 per students and that the schools cannot go beyond that amount. The School District also has no funding set aside for student-fees and/or team-fees. Wanted to know what the other association were doing.

Gail Guest from Richmond also advised that the Richmond Schools face the same problem.

Most other schools have an athletic fee or team fee in their budget, but had to be resourceful and approach their School PAC, KidSport and/or Gaming for additional financial support to assist with uniforms, travel costs etc. A discussion ensued and various options were presented.

6.2 International Students and Exchange Students:-Heather Lederis

BCSS eligibility policy is slightly different for exchange students (D12.2.9) and international students (D12.2.10). Clarification is needed to distinguish clearly what constitutes an exchange student and what constitutes an international student. We need to be sure the rules are being applied correctly. If there is no important difference between the two groups then there needs to be an examination as to why the rules are different.

Sue Thorne advised that this ruling is already being discussed by the Competitive Issues Committee.

6.3 Transfer Policy for Grade 8:-Heather Lederis

D12.2.1 Student-athlete advancing to a More Senior School:

b) Notwithstanding D12.2.1 a) above, a student-athlete graduating from a middle school / junior secondary may proceed to any other public school in the same school district, as long as District policy is followed, and the Administrators and Athletic Directors of the two (2) schools involved are in agreement.

Heather expressed that School Districts 61, 62, and 63 were experiencing issue with this policy due to the nature of how these 3 districts co-exist. A discussion ensued and it was determined that feedback should be obtained from the membership to determine:

- If the grade 8 eligibility rule is working for the membership?
- How many of the students are being affected?
- After the rule has been in place for 1 year, what are the pros and cons?
- How many appeals have been denied, if any?

6.4 Size of Zones:- Mykola Misiak

Mykola asked the question; "Whether it was time to look at the size of zones and if certain zones were now too big?" Would like to see more discussion take place concerning this issue.

Sue Thorne advised that the Competitive Issues Committee is currently looking into this.

6.5 Dialogue between Sport Commissioners and PSO's concerning their Sport:-Mike Allina

Requests that BCSS strike up direct contact with the PSOs like BC Soccer to try to build a bridge between them and school sports. I feel the commissions have been unsuccessful in achieving a serious pathway, a respect for school sports and the importance of multisport opportunities for our student athletes. It seems very clear that there lacks a working relationship and even though students may choose not to participate in schools sports should do so without the influence of community coaches who belittle school sports in general.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Please refer to the minutes of the combined Sport Commissioners and Athletic Association Presidents meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT: MOVED: (Guest) THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED at 1:15. CARRIED