



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS
COUNCIL OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING
Saturday, October 25, 2014
Fortius Sport & Health Building, 4th Floor Calgary Room**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 11:20 am pm by Mykola Mysiak, Chair.

Members Present:

Jeff Stromgren	Athletic Association – Coquitlam, on behalf of Craig Percevault
Sue Thorne	Athletic Association – East Kootenay, BCSS Advisory Committee
David Prissinotti	Athletic Association – Lower Mainland Independent, Girls Basketball Commission
Louise Holmes	Athletic Association – North Central
Brad Thornhill	Athletic Association – North Shore
Hal Hennenfent	Athletic Association – Okanagan
Gayle Guest	Athletic Association – Richmond
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
Ian Close	Athletic Association – Delta
Sean Lightle	Athletic Association – Fraser Valley East
Jonathan Fast	Athletic Association – Langley
Darren Reisig	Athletic Association – Lower Vancouver Island
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
Ron VanDriel	Athletic Association – Northwest Zone
Steve Grant	Athletic Association – South Okanagan Similkameen, BCSS Board, Advisory Committee

Guests Present:

Jeff Goodrich	Athletic Association – North Central
Rob Colombo	BCSS Board, 1 st Vice President, Advisory Committee
Wendy Hyer	BCSS Board, Advisory Committee, BC Superintendents' Rep
Mykola Misiak	BCSS Board, Advisory Committee, Athletic Association President
Heather Lederis	PE District Contact – Lower Vancouver Island
John Acob	PE District Contact – Richmond
Glenn Young	PE District Contact – Surrey

Guest Regrets:

Ron Hall	PE District Contact – Burnaby
Dean Maion	PE District Contact – Fraser Valley East
Gerry Karvelis	PE District Contact – North/West Vancouver
Harp Sohi	PE District Contact – Vancouver
Lindsay Brook	PE District Contact – Vancouver Island
Laura McNally	BCSS Advisory Committee, BC School Trustees Association Rep
Dave Rawnsley	BCSS Advisory Committee, BC Principals, Vice-Principals Association Rep
Brian McAskil	BCSS Board-2 nd Vice-President, Advisory Committee

BC School Sports Staff Present:

Andy Gilbert	Eligibility Officer
Merrilla Thorp	Financial Officer & Commissions/Associations Coordinator (part of meeting)
Andrea Michaud	Membership Coordinator (part of meeting)

1. WELCOME:

Mykola welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

The meeting was called to order and the following items were added to the agenda:

- Continued discussion from previous meeting
- Basketball Survey

2. DISCUSSION CONTINUED FROM JOINT COUNCIL MEETING:

- Moving to a digital work and information sharing has changed so BC School Sports should reflect those changes in how it handles its AGMs.
- Membership has made it clear that they want to increase participation and it is felt that on-line voting does this.
- Re Proxy voting, some felt there was room for abuse. Use of technology can still be engaging.
- Want to ensure that participants are engaged in discussions.
- There are online tools that can engage participants better than proxy voting.
- Previous decision was an advanced vote, but last year Board decided to have vote only on the day of the AGM.
- What is the best way to engage more people?
- Operating Rules indicates next AGM is to be in Prince George.
- Process is that decisions are made at AGM. Advisory Committee to advise Board re Constitution and Bylaws, and should not be hashed out at Association Presidents meeting.
- Association President's meeting is an opportunity to have meaningful discussions and to hear varying perspectives.
- Some say that online voting does not provide an educated decision or vote.
- May have lower participation at AGM and hear only special interest groups because we ask volunteers to give up their Saturdays.
- Some are more interested in coaching and making a positive experience for kids, rather than being engaged in the activities of BC School Sports.
- Most Athletic Association Presidents find that they have opportunities to meet prior to the AGM with their groups/stakeholders to discuss the Motions and Resolutions put forward for the AGM, so they are prepared to vote at AGM.
- Some would like the on-line voting to be open for longer.
- Would changing the date to a common non-instructional time in June, when school year is over, provide greater participation?
- School Districts should put in place money for schools to attend AGM.

- Only 4 out of 11 participated from Richmond last year, therefore think there was less engagement.
- There were 54 in person votes and 36 online votes, which is 90 individuals voting; therefore think there was more engagement than the previous year where there was only 57 individuals voting.
- In the mid-80's BCSS added allure to the AGM's by paying for flights, and then bus to Whistler and it was a social event with a chance to network. Should the AGM's be more entertaining in order to increase participation?
- There were 17 of the total 18 Vancouver Athletic Association schools attending the AGM.
- People want to be able to still do proxy voting and some people still want to be able to vote on-line.
- Recommend that AGM be done in conjunction with a PRO-D piece and then people can apply for funds to assist with travel and TOCs.
- How do other provinces do it?
- Consensus is that group does not want to change from 20% to 20.
- Re STARS
 - Misinformation that schools cannot enter students without first having paid membership fees
 - Some find it onerous to add students to team rosters
 - Date formatting would be better if it matched BCESIS
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- Re Website
 - would like to see links in Handbook / easy to find sections
 - no AGM minutes
 - contact information not up to date
 - rules hard to find
 - website does not make us transparent
- 75 % course status, study blocks and online courses, distance learning classes. Coaches should look at that.
- BCSS should have professional development at AGM
- Can we have Vendors etc at AGM to offer deals, like in the past?

M. Thorp left the meeting and A. Michaud continued taking notes.

- Tiering:
 - What happens when schools are within 2 students of cut off?
 - Why are teams in AAA if their numbers AAAA?
 - Basketball has a 2 years playing up rule to a new tier
 - Girls Volleyball rules do not allow you to play up in any tier
 - Girls Volleyball will resubmit tiering rule change to AGM
- Basketball Survey:
 - Where is information? – Survey just finished Thursday. Decision on Basketball will be made public as soon as decision made.

3. INFORMATION COLLECTION (Association Executive, etc.)

Not discussed

4. ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR FOR 2014-2015

Discussion:

- Mykola is no longer President of his Athletic Association, so a new Chair of the Council of Athletic Association Presidents needs to be elected.
- The person elected will sit on the Advisory Council.
- Sue Thorne was nominated and accepted nomination.

MOVED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED that Sue Thorne, be the President of the Council of Athletic Association Presidents.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

6. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 12:30 pm.