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BC School Sports



Minutes

(Unadopted)

2013-2014

46th Annual General Meeting

Saturday May 10, 2014

Fortius Sport and Health



BC SCHOOL SPORTS
46th Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 10, 2014
Fortius Sport & Health Building
3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby

C. Bradstock, Executive Director, introduced guest speaker: Michael Blatchford from Bull, Houser & Tupper, who has assisted with drafting the proposed Bylaws and provided a presentation on an overview of the proposed reasons for change:

- To enshrine preferred voting methods
- Improve clarity and organization/flow
- Remove ambiguous and inconsistent provisions
- Comply with Society Act
- Align with best practices for high-performing non-profits

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Deb Whitten

Deb Whitten, President, welcomed all delegates and observers to the 46th Annual General Meeting. She thanked delegates for attending and for their commitment to high school sports.

1.2. Meeting Information and Announcements – Deb Whitten

General information about the meeting and announcements were made by the President.

1.3. Introductions-2013-2014 Board of Directors and Parliamentarian – Deb Whitten

The President introduced the Board:

- 1st Vice-President: Rob Colombo
 - 2nd Vice-President: John McFarland
 - Athletic Association Presidents Representatives:
 - Sue Thorne
 - Steve Grant
 - Mykola Misiak
 - Sport Commission Representatives:
 - Janet Dunkin
 - Fane Triggs
 - Stephen Rowell
 - BC Trustee Association Representative: Larry Hayes
 - BC Superintendents Association Representative: Wendy Hyer
 - Principal/Vice-Principals Representative: Dave Rawnsley (to arrive later)
 - BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Council Representative: Ayesha Haider
- The President announced and introduced Barrie Lynch, Parliamentarian.

1.4. Declaration of Voting Rights, Rules of Order and Appointment of Parliamentarian and Scrutineers – Wendy Hyer

The President introduced Wendy Hyer, Head Scrutineer, who addressed the items below:

1.4.1. Voting Rights

Voting rights were outlined.

1.4.2. Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order will be used for any procedural issue for which provision or partial provision has not been made in the bylaws.

1.4.3. Appointment of Scrutineers and Parliamentarian

- Scrutineers: Wendy Hyer, Stephen Rowell and Janet Dunkin.
- Parliamentarian: Mr. Barrie Lynch.

1.5. Outline of Nomination Procedures for the Board of Directors & Resolution Procedures – Rob Colombo

1.5.1. Nominations Procedures for the Board of Directors

Rob Colombo, 1st Vice-President, outlined the nomination process for Board of Directors

1.5.2. Resolution Procedures

Resolution procedures were outlined.

The Parliamentarian will Chair the Resolutions portion of the meeting.

1.6 Announcement of Registered Votes – Wendy Hyer

Pursuant to 6.7 & 7.1 of the Bylaws:

- Quorum (20% of 426 members) is 86 votes registered in person and online by 10 am and all 7 zones represented. There are **90** members registered (54 in person and 36 on-line) and all 7 zones are represented.
- Special Resolutions to amend/revise the Constitution and Bylaws require 75% of the registered votes (**90x75%=68**)
- Resolutions to set membership fees or amend Competitive Rules & Regulations must be approved by a majority of registered votes (**90x50%=46**)
- Resolutions dealing with any other business must be approved by a majority of votes at the time of the decision.
- Votes will be counted in the room and on-line then added together.
- The list of registered voting delegates and registered observers is attached as Appendices A & B.

1.7 Call to Order – Deb Whitten

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Deb Whitten

MOVED {Thorne (Prince Charles)} AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD MAY 3, 2013 – Deb Whitten

MOVED {Thorne (Prince Charles)} SECONDED {Colombo (Riverside)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting held May 3, 2013 be adopted.

4. PRESENTATION – Christine Bradstock

The new BC School Sports Registration System will go live at the beginning of August. The current Exnet system will shut down at the end of June. During the month of July we will be transferring the information from the old system to the new system. After the resolution portion of today's meeting there will be a demonstration of the new system.

5. REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1. President's Report – Deb Whitten

As submitted.

5.2. Presentation of the 2012-2013 Audited Financial Statements – Christine Bradstock

Christine Bradstock presented the audited financial statements as submitted, for the year ending June 30, 2013. BCSS operating receipts totalled \$447,329. Total operating expenditures totalled \$338,162. The finances of the organization have improved tremendously over the last two years. We are in a very stable position now with three sources of income: membership fees, gaming grants and partnerships. The gaming grant for next year is \$200,000 up from \$38,000 two years ago. Last year we also received \$50,000 to redo the registration system. The Board of Directors will approve the 2014-2015 budget at the next Board meeting.

5.2.1. Adoption of the Financial Statements

MOVED {Thorne (Prince Charles)} SECONDED {Close (Delview)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The financial statements for the year 2012-2013 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3. Appointment of Auditor – Deb Whitten

MOVED {Thorne (Prince Charles)} SECONDED {Allina (Vancouver Technical)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Eva Y. Lee Inc., Chartered Accountant, be appointed as the BC School Sports Auditor for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

CARRIED

5.4. Executive Director's Report – Christine Bradstock

As submitted with more discussion under Agenda Item 10. Full Membership Discussion.

5.5. Board Appointee's Reports

5.5.1. BC School Trustees' Association Report – Larry Hayes

As submitted.

5.5.2. BC Superintendents' Association Report – Wendy Hyer

As submitted.

5.5.3. BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association Report – Dave Rawnsley

As submitted.

5.5.4. BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Report – Ayesha Haider

As submitted.

5.6. Council Reports

5.6.1. Council of Association Presidents Report – Mykola Misiak

As submitted.

5.6.2. Council of Sport Commissioners Report – Don Moslin

As submitted.

5.7. Standing Committee Reports

5.7.1. Coaching Development Committee Report – Mykola Misiak

As submitted.

5.7.2. Competitive Standards Committee Report – Rob Colombo

As submitted.

5.7.3. Disciplinary Committee Report – Tom Dinsdale

As submitted.

5.7.4. Eligibility Appeals Committee Report – Bev Kines

As submitted.

5.7.5. Scholarships & Awards Committee Report – Brian Lynch

As submitted.

5.8. Eligibility Officer Report – Andy Gilbert

As submitted.

5.9. Adoption of Reports – Deb Whitten

MOVED {Thorne (Prince Charles)} SECONDED {McDonald (Carson Graham)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTIONS – Barrie Lynch, Parliamentarian

Discussion:

Mr. Lynch recommended that two Rules of Order be put forward to speed the meeting along, both of which require a two-thirds majority vote to change. $90 \times \frac{2}{3} = 60$

MOVED {Moreira (Mount Sentinel)} SECONDED {Thorne (Prince Charles)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Debate be limited to two minutes per speaker.

For: 53 Against: 0

DECLARED CARRIED

MOVED {McDonald (Carson Graham)} SECONDED {Allina (Vancouver Technical)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Online voting be limited to one minute.

For: 49 Against: 0

DECLARED CARRIED

6.1. Special Resolutions - Constitution/Bylaws

6.1.1. Bylaw Update

Whereas, the lawyers of Bull, Houser & Tupper LLP have drafted a new formatted version of the BCSS Bylaws.

Whereas, the changes do not reflect significant change, only consistent language and compliance; and

Whereas, the Bylaws need to be compliant with the Society Act.

MOVED {Rowell (Robert Bateman)} SECONDED {Misiak (Earl Marriott)}

DISCUSSION:

M. Misiak (Earl Marriott), feels that the Bylaws should be reviewed in further depth by the Resolutions Committee, in consultation with Bull, Houser & Tupper LLP, before being presented to the Membership.

MOTION AMENDMENT:

MOVED {Misiak (Earl Marriott)} SECONDED {Eberhart (R.C. Palmer)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Bylaws be referred to a Resolution Committee to review and reconsider the Bylaws and revisions; and the Resolution Committee provide the recommended Constitution and Bylaws to be brought to the Board of Directors for presentation at the AGM for 2014-2015.

CARRIED (ONLY VOTES IN ROOM counted)

6.2. Ordinary Resolutions

6.2.1. Resolutions – Procedural and Programming

6.2.1.1 Acceptance of the Transactions of the Board of Directors

MOVED {Misiak (Earl Marriott)} SECONDED {Rowell (Robert Bateman)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The transactions of the Board of Directors for the school year 2013-2014 be ratified.

CARRIED

6.2.2. Resolutions - Membership Fees and Surcharges

6.2.2.1. Membership Fees

WHEREAS, the overall expenditures of the organization have remained unchanged this past year

MOVED {Rowell (Robert Bateman)} SECONDED {Misiak (Earl Marriott)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

There be no membership fee increase in 2015-2016.

CARRIED

6.2.2.2. Legal Contingency Fund

Whereas, the legal contingency fund as of March 31, 2014 is at approximately \$50,000; and

Whereas, BC School Sports operating policies state that the legal contingency fund shall remain around \$50,000

MOVED {Misiak (Earl Marriott)} SECONDED {Rowell (Robert Bateman)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

There be no membership fee increase in 2015-2016.

CARRIED

6.2.3. Resolutions – Section II Operating Policies and Procedures

6.2.3.1. Terms of Reference

Whereas, most of the Terms of References are located in the Operating and Policies and Procedures under Section IIE; and

Whereas, The Advisory Committee Terms of Reference are located in the 2013-2014 Bylaws

MOVED {Rowell (Robert Bateman)} SECONDED {Misiak (Earl Marriott)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee be moved from the 2013-2014 Bylaws to the Operating Policies and Procedures and be re-numbered accordingly in Section II E8.

Discussion

Recommend that any Bylaw related matters go to the Resolution Committee first.

DEFEATED

6.2.4. Resolutions – Section III Competitive Rules and Regulations

6.2.4.1. Senior Athlete Definition Update

Whereas, the definition for a senior athlete contains some outdated information since the change in the policy regarding players playing up to a more senior team came into effect

MOVED {Ohl (Claremont)} SECONDED {Ravenhill (Reynolds)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The definition for a senior athlete will be altered by removing the following wording:

....who has participated in more than the allotted number of sport-specific Senior competitions (see section IIID3). Allotted Senior competitions are four (4) playing days of which no more than (2) can be restricted provincial qualifying / provincial tournament

AND BE REPLACED WITH:

A Senior Athlete is:

- Any student athlete in their fourth (4th) or fifth (5th) year of eligibility.
- A first (1st) or second (2nd) year student-athlete who plays up to the senior level will not lose grade 9 or junior eligibility for the next school year, provided that the student-athlete is eligible in all other aspects.

CARRIED

6.2.4.2. Girls Volleyball Tiering Assessment Change

Whereas, at the 2012/13 BC School Sports AGM a motion was passed to change the tiering protocols, Girls' Volleyball commission has experienced significant challenges with the "new" tier policies. While Girls' Volleyball commission supports the use of the new tiering protocol by all interested commissions, we would like to re-instate the "old" policies for our practise. [We are prepared to do the necessary work associated with insuring that our member schools are tiering correctly].

MOVED {Moreira (Mount Sentinel)} SECONDED {Drosdovech (Immaculata)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule be added:

C7.1.1 Number calculation for member schools registering for Girls' Volleyball: population numbers will be determined using the current number of girls in grades 11 and 12 as submitted in this year's 1701 form.

DEFEATED*

*41 For / 35 Against. Required majority (46 votes) for motion to be carried.

6.2.4.3. Movement Between Teams

Whereas, there has been important information missing since the change in the policy regarding players playing up to a more senior team came into effect.

MOVED {Ohl (Claremont)} SECONDED {Ravenhill (Immaculata)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule be added:

D.3.6-Movement between teams - A registered Student-Athlete may play up to a more senior team during league play without restriction on the number of days. Once the player has participated in playoffs the player must stay up with the more senior team, and a "Moving player to a higher age group" form must be completed. Once approved, the student will be registered with the more senior team for the remainder of that season. If a school registers two or more teams in the same age group in the same sport, there will not be any movement between those two teams for restricted competitions.

(The old D3.6 will become D3.7)

CARRIED

6.2.4.4. Grade 7 Eligibility

Whereas, all students housed in the same high school should have equal opportunity to participate on sports teams for that high school; and

Whereas, Grade seven students in rural districts are being forced out of elementary schools and are attending secondary schools that start at grade seven, and as a result currently cannot participate in elementary nor Bantam level sports.

MOVED {Johnson (Fernie)} SECONDED {Sopko (Sparwood)}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule be repealed:

D4.1 Student athletes are athletically eligible for five years, from entry into Grade 8.

And be replaced with:

D4.1 Student Athletes are athletically eligible for five years, from entry into Grade 8, unless they are attending a secondary school that starts at grade 7, then athletes are athletically eligible for six years, from entry into Grade 7.

DEFEATED

6.2.4.5. Joint Team – Maple Ridge

Whereas, The BC School Sports Mission, Vision and Values statement and School Sports Canada charter supports allowing Student-Athletes to play sports within the BC School Sports organization while remaining at the school of their choice. BC School Sports eligibility rules section IIID state: “BCSS recognizes the right of all Student-Athletes to choose which school they attend and which subjects they study.....The overriding purpose of these rules is to ensure fair and equitable competition for all Student-Athletes participating in BCSS restricted competition.” School Sports Canada, of which BCSS is a member, provides the following Vision statement for use by members; “Their sport system advances the widest array of athletic goals of all participants, with or without disability, free from discrimination and barriers based on personal circumstances.” BCSS regulations currently interpreted do not fulfil this mission for Student-Athletes of small non-rural Member Schools that cannot host a team due to insufficient numbers. Students with passion, skill and ability are denied the opportunity to compete primarily based on BCSS Rule D2.1 The Rule D6.1 recognizes insufficient numbers as a rationale for allowing joint school participation, however its application to only rural schools is discriminatory to other small non-rural schools having the same situation of lack of numbers of Student-Athletes. The purpose of this proposal is to incorporate a change of wording into the BCSS rules and regulations to allow for any small Member School, regardless of location (ie rural or non-rural), that are not able to field a team due to insufficient numbers in all sports to participate with another Member School as a joint team within their zone. Please refer to research on separate 2 page document.

MOVED {Sawka (Maple Ridge Christian School), SECONDED (Connor (Maple Ridge Secondary))}

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule be repealed:

Section III D6.1 There is merit in allowing Student-Athletes to participate in sports programs that are not offered at their home school due to insufficient numbers in small rural or isolated communities. D6.2 Two (2) or more schools or isolated (see definitions) Member Schools may make an application to the Eligibility Officer to sponsor a joint Team which will involve the participation of Student- Athletes from more than one (1) member School

And be replaced with:

Section III D6.1 In the event that a BCSS member school is unable to provide a team(either junior or senior) in the team sports of basketball, volleyball, soccer, and football due to insufficient numbers, individual Students-Athletes from a school may participate with another BCSS Member School within their zone. Section D6.2 Two (2) or more Member Schools may make an application to the Eligibility officer to sponsor a joint Team which will involve the participation of Student-Athletes from more than one (1) Member School.

DEFEATED

QUORUM CHECK

Registered voters required for quorum:	86
Voters in room:	50
Voters registered online:	<u>36</u>
Total voters:	86

Parliamentarian declared quorum met

6.2.4.6. Joint Team – Competitive Standards

Whereas, the BC School Sports Mission, Vision and Values statement and School Sports Canada charter supports allowing Student-Athletes to play sports within the BCSS organization while remaining at the school of their choice. BCSS regulations currently interpreted do not fulfil this mission for Student-Athletes of small non-rural Member Schools that cannot host a team due to insufficient numbers. Students with passion, skill and ability are denied the opportunity to compete primarily based on BCSS Rule D2.1. D6.1 recognizes insufficient numbers as a rationale for allowing joint school participation, however its application to only rural schools is discriminatory to other small non-rural schools having the same situation of lack of numbers of Student-Athletes.

**MOVED (Colombo {Riverside}) SECONDED Misiak {Earl Marriott})
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The following rule be amended:

Section III D6: Jointly Sponsored Teams

TO BE REPLACED WITH:

Section III D6: Jointly Sponsored Teams

D6.1 There is merit in allowing Student-Athletes to participate in sports programs that are not offered at their home school due to insufficient numbers.

D6.2 Two (2) or more Member Schools may make an application to the Eligibility Officer to sponsor a joint Team which will involve the participation of Student-Athletes from more than one (1) Member School.

D6.3 Each application must:

D6.3.1 be made for Team sports only;

D6.3.2 be made with regard to Member Schools that are located in the same Local Association;

D6.3.3 be for a minimum period of one (1) year; and

D6.3.4 Acknowledgement and support from the Member Schools' administration, Local Association President of the conditions of the application (see D6.5).

D6.4 In deciding whether or not to grant an application for a joint Team, the Eligibility Officer shall consider, but is not limited to, the following:

D6.4.1 the goal of allowing joint Teams is to increase the number of Student-Athletes that participate in activities by making activities available for Student-Athletes that would not otherwise be available if joint Teams were not accepted;

D6.4.2 it is preferable to combine smaller schools rather than having a small school combine with a larger school;

D6.4.3 improving the quality of a Team (i.e. better win/loss record) shall not be a criterion in deciding whether approval will be granted.

D6.5 an approved joint Team application may have restricted access to sanctioned events.

D6.5.1 rural or isolated (see Definitions) Member Schools, who are approved for a joint Team will not have any restricted access to sanctioned events.

D6.5.2 with the exception of D6.5.1, joint teams may have conditions of play placed as agreed to in D6.3.4 which may include but not restricted to:

D6.5.3 access to local leagues, access to Tier II leagues, or access to local Championships or other restrictions agreed to by the member schools' administrations and Local Association president in D6.3.4; however,

D6.5.4 no joint team that did not qualify under D6.5.1 will be able to participate in any post season play beyond a local or Tier II championship.

D6.6 When an application is granted, the tiering classification of the joint Team will be determined by the combined population of the two (2) schools forming the joint Team.

D6.7 The Eligibility Officer may terminate a joint Team before the expiry of the one (1) year period in the following cases:

D6.7.1 closure of one (1) of the participating schools, or

D6.7.2 serious breach of the Bylaws, policies or Rules and Regulations of BCSS by any of the participants, or

D6.7.3 when, in the opinion of the Eligibility Officer, it is in the best interests of the Student-Athletes of one (1) or more schools.

D6.8 The Eligibility Officer's decision is final and conclusive and shall not be appealed or reviewed in any manner

DEFEATED*

*40 For / 36 Against. Required majority (46 votes) for motion to be carried.

6.2.4.7. Addition of wording into D11.7

Whereas, the lawyers recommended we add the preamble from the 2009 rules back in

MOVED: {ROWELL (ROBERT BATEMAN) / MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following be repealed:

D11.7 The Eligibility Officer may allow or deny the application, having regard to the following principles:

(a) the primary purpose of the eligibility criteria in the Competitive Rules and Regulations is to promote fair and equitable competition for all Student-Athletes participating in BCSS competition;

(b) in the case of school transfers, although there are many bona fide reasons why a Student-Athlete might change schools, an exemption should almost invariably not be granted in respect of a transfer for the purpose of playing a sport still offered by the Student-Athlete's former school; and,

(c) an exemption may be granted where the Eligibility Officer is satisfied that:

(i) the Student-Athlete has transferred schools for a bona fide academic reason;

(ii) the Student-Athlete has transferred schools because of financial hardship; or,

(iii) in any other case, the exemption would not unduly prejudice the BCSS goal of fair and equitable competition.

(d) In situations not provided for in these Eligibility Policies or where extraordinary circumstances inhibit a student's opportunity to participate in school athletics, the Eligibility Officer and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall be empowered to exercise their authority to waive the eligibility rules to ensure a fair and reasonable decision as per the philosophy of BCSS.

Be replaced with

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(d) In situations not provided for in these Eligibility Policies or where extraordinary circumstances inhibit a student's opportunity to participate in school athletics, the Eligibility Officer and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall be empowered to exercise their authority to waive the eligibility rules to ensure a fair and reasonable decision as per the philosophy of BCSS.

DEFEATED*

*38 For / 35 Against. Required majority (46 votes) for motion to be carried.

6.2.4.8. Eligibility Appeals Committee Meeting Dates

Whereas, the dates must be updated for 2014-2015 year

MOVED: {MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT) / ROWELL (ROBERT BATEMAN)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The EAC meets and accepts submissions as follows:

<u>Meeting:</u>	<u>Submission deadline:</u>
Saturday, September 20, 2014	Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Saturday, October 18, 2014	Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Saturday, November 29, 2014	Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Saturday, January 17, 2015	Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Saturday, March 7, 2015	Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Saturday, May 30, 2015	Wednesday, May 20, 2015

CARRIED

QUORUM CHECK

Registered voters required for quorum: 86
Voters in room: 45
Voters registered online: 36
Total voters: 81

Parliamentarian declared quorum not met

RECOUNT REQUESTED:

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Total voters: 81

PARLIAMENTARIAN DECLARED QUORUM NOT MET AND REMAINING RESOLUTIONS UNABLE TO BE HEARD.

6.2.4.9 Boys Basketball Season Change

Whereas, The BCHSBBA has secured a Championship Venue (LEC) to Host all 4 Tier Championships during the week of March 11 to March 15, 2015.

MOVED: {TAYLOR (FLEETWOOD PARK) / EBERHARDT (R.C. PALMER)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule be repealed:

E3.1 BASKETBALL:

E3.1.1 Basketball AAAA: the BC High School Boys Basketball Association AAAA championship may be held leading up to and including the twenty-sixth (26th) weekend of play during the school year.

E3.1.2 Basketball AAA: For BC High School Boys Basketball Association the season of play would be extended by one week for AAA for one year only; 2013 – 2014 Season. The expectation is that AAA will revert back to the regular 13 weeks for season of play for 2014-2015. Restricted play for the AAA will begin one week later in the 2013-2014 season; thus beginning December 2, 2013.

Be replaced with:

E3.1 Boys Basketball (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) Season of play will begin on the fourteenth (14th) week (2nd Monday of the Winter Season) and finish in the twenty seventh (27th) weekend (2nd Saturday of the Spring Season) of play during the school year.

E3.1.1 For the 2014-15 season of play only, those schools who have a tradition of having the season opening tournament on the weekend of the thirteenth (13th) week, will have a one (1) year grace to hold such tournament in order to give the organizers time find a new date to host such tournaments.

NOT HEARD Note: Quorum no longer exists – resolution not brought to the floor

6.2.4.10 Sanctioning Procedure Update

Whereas, 90 days is an excessive amount of time to require for sanctioning; and

Whereas, Sanctioning is required for teams travelling to the USA; and

Whereas, this should be consistent with National Federation of High Schools policies

MOVED: {ROWELL (ROBERT BATEMAN) / MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following rule be repealed:

I2.1 Any Member School hosting a tournament, meet, or event involving four (4) or more schools where one (1) or more

schools are from the United States, must submit an Application for Sanction of an Athletic Competition Involving US School(s) to the BCSS Executive Director no later than sixty (90) days prior to the event.

- 12.2 Upon receipt of an application in Section III 12.1, the Executive Director will:
- 12.2.1 ensure that the competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned.
 - 12.2.2 complete and forward endorsement forms to the executive director of the state association from which schools have been invited to participate
 - (a) tournaments, meets or events involving schools from three (3) or more states must also receive sanction from the National Federation of State High School Associations. This process requires:
 - (i) a \$75 processing fee sent ninety (90) days before the tournament, meet or event
 - (ii) a financial report sent within ninety (90) days after the tournament, meet or event
 - 12.2.3 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III 12.1 will be fined \$200 per instance.

13 International Contests and Cultural Exchanges

- 13.1 Any member School hosting or travelling to another country other than the United States must submit an Application for Sanction of International Athletic Competition to the Executive Director no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.

Be replaced with:

- 12.1 Any Member School hosting a tournament, meet, or event involving four (2) or more schools where one (1) or more schools are from the United States, must submit an Application for Sanction of an Athletic Competition Involving US School(s) to the BCSS Executive Director no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.
- 12.2 Upon receipt of an application in Section III 12.1, the Executive Director will:
- 12.2.1 ensure that the competition is being conducted in the best interests of the schools concerned.
 - 12.2.2 complete and forward endorsement forms to the executive director of the state association from which schools have been invited to participate
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 - (i) a \$75 processing fee sent ninety (90) days before the tournament, meet or event

(ii) a financial report sent within ninety (90) days after the tournament, meet or event

12.2.3 Member schools not completing the required application form in accordance with Section III 12.1 will be fined \$200 per instance.

I3 International Contests and Cultural Exchanges

13.1 Any member School hosting or travelling to another country including the United States must submit an Application for Sanction of International Athletic Competition to the Executive Director no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event.

NOT HEARD Note: Quorum no longer exists – resolution not brought to the floor

6.2.4.11 Changing References to Bylaws in the Operating Policies and Procedures and Competitive Rules and Regulations

Whereas, the Bylaw numbering system has been changed

MOVED: {ROWELL (ROBERT BATEMAN) / MISIAK (EARL MARRIOTT)} BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All references to the Bylaws in the Rules and Regulations be renumbered.

NOT HEARD Note: Quorum no longer exists – resolution not brought to the floor

7. Awards: presented during lunch – Christine Bradstock

7.1 Outstanding School Award

The Outstanding School Award for 2013-2014 was presented to L.V. Rogers. Joe Moreira (Mount Sentinel) was on hand to accept the award on behalf of the school.

7.2 Provincial Coach of the Year Award

Tony Scott (Gleneagle) was presented with the Male Coaching Recognition Award for 2013-2014.

7.3 Merit Award

Darren Reisig (Claremont) was presented with the Merit Award for 2013-2014.

7.4 Special Award

Moe Williams (Curling Commission) was recognized for receiving the Sport BC Presidents Award.

8. Presentations to outgoing Board Members – Christine Bradstock

Plaques were distributed to the following outgoing Board members:

John McFarland
Larry Hayes
Stephen Rowell
Janet Dunkin
Wendy Hyer
Sue Thorne
Ayesha Haider

Dave Rawnsley
Fane Triggs

9. Election / announcement of Officers for 2013-2015 – Deb Whitten

Deb Whitten, President
Rob Colombo, 1st Vice President
Mykola Misiak, Director at Large
Brian McAskill, Director at Large
Steve Grant, Director at Large

The Board can appoint two more positions and will discuss this at the June 2014 Board of Directors meeting.

10. Full Membership Discussion (Zone configuration, public/non-public schools, etc.)

10.1 Registration System Update-Presentation – Andrea Michaud

- A preview of the new system was presented by A. Michaud
- BCSS asked for volunteers to help test in July/August
- Please send questions and comments to BCSS office: info@bcschoolsports.ca

10.2 Strategic Plan Review-Presentation – Christine Bradstock

- BC School Sports' Strategic Plan was last reviewed and finalized in 2011.
- Should be a three-year rolling plan and should be reviewed annually.
- C. Bradstock provided a progress report for 2013-2014:
 - Vision, Mission, Values outlined in Strategic Plan
 - Financial Planning
 - Financial position has improved
 - Rules and Regulations
 - Competitive Issues Committee reviewed Section D of Competitive Rules & Regulations.
 - Communication
 - Engagement from community
 - Engagement from BCSS Board of Directors
 - AGM webcasts
 - Example: meeting a month prior to AGM (April 7) to discuss updates and resolutions
 - Council members, PE contacts, BCSS Board were invited
 - Human Resources
 - Ongoing development
 - Membership/delivery of programs
 - Defining what we do
 - How to help with commissions/councils
 - New initiatives/programs
 - Coaching initiative: to help coaches new to BC Schools and Community Coaches
 - Athletic Director development: online Athletic Director course that began in Alberta and Saskatchewan
 - School Sport Canada
 - Governance
 - Constitution and Bylaws review
 - Strategic Plan – rolling 3-year

- Society Act requirements – goal 7
Next steps: BCSS Board will meet in June, and an advisory group will meet to continue to work toward the strategic plan and where to go in the future

10.3 Voting System Debrief – Open Mike Discussion, Facilitated by Christine Bradstock

- Membership was disappointed with the outcome of voting system
- The question was raised about how next year’s AGM will be run
- Online voting was voted in last year, and legal counsel suggested that this method of online and in person voting can be done
- Options were raised how to proceed with voting system next year: is there a hybrid option? Should proxies be included?
- Should we plan an extraordinary meeting?
- Options for the balance of the resolutions
 - Recess and Adjourn
 - Resolutions can be brought forward again next year
 - Board can hold an extraordinary meeting of membership
 - Boys Basketball Commission can put their resolution forward to the Board meeting in June

10.4 Current BCSS Zones – Open Mike Discussion, Facilitated by Christine Bradstock

- According to BCSS Constitution & Bylaws there are 7 zones
- What zones are recognized to be eligible for provincial championship berths
- Some Sport Commissions adjust boundaries to fit the schools participating
- Should the zones be the same for larger commission, or be adjusted to account for growth? i.e. Fraser Valley has over 100 schools in the one zone. Should it be redefined?
- Geography/distance and number of schools/teams should be considered when determining zone boundaries
- An ad-hoc committee/working group could be formed to make recommendations
- To be involved in this ad-hoc committee, please contact BCSS

10.5 Public/Non-Public Schools – Open Mike Discussion, Facilitated by Christine Bradstock

- What is the definition of a non-public school?
- Some members want public (governed by publicly elected trustees)/non-public schools to have separate championships to maintain competitive balance.
- Question: How does the membership feel about the difference between public and independent schools?
- Question: What is the motivation of the VSSAA to ask for this?
- Question: Does this issue exist in other Athletic Associations?
 - Okanagan has not been asked for input but will participate in discussion if invited.
 - Surveys were sent 3 years ago (Competitive Issues Committee) and results indicated that this was not an issue.
- Programs attract kids in both public and independent schools prior to grade 8.
- Comment from an independent school: coaches are not paid, enrolment is open to all students regardless of faith, do not have the means to attract athletes, and just as all public schools are different, all independent schools are different as well.
- BCSS Board is required to support the Membership’s Mission, Vision and Values and provide opportunities for as many students as possible to participate. Competitions

based on school type excludes participation. BCSS staff operate on mandate of the Board of Directors and not due to a perceived conflict of interest.

- Comment from a member who attended private school 12 years, coached 10 years at private schools, taught 35 years at public schools: this discussion creates unnecessary ill-will, 6 out of 7 zones allow public and independent to compete against one another in their athletic associations without conflict. The BCSS Board may need to help end the torment for the one zone that operates differently so that we can carry on business.
- Membership may ask BCSS Board to study this issue.

11. Closing remarks and adjournment

The meeting be concluded at 3:21 pm.

12. Draw Prizes – Christine Bradstock

Draw prizes were distributed.

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