

## Minutes 2016 AA Provincial Championships

1. Attendance – please sign-in. Secretary for the meeting: **Ashleigh Gold**  
In attendance: Bruce Walgren – LV Rogers, Karen Walgren – LV Rogers, David Kerr – SMUS, Doug Barnim – Southridge, Erin Hartfield – GW Graham, Lauren Lunghamer – Enver Creek, Philomena Lang – SOSS, Lesley Noftle – SOSS, Melanie Reid – Seycove, Ray Yip – Seycove, Asheigh Gold – Collingwood, Jordan Abney - BCSS, Shannon Key – BCSS, John McGillivray – Treasurer, David Prissinotti – York House, Ben Fitch – LFA, Andrew Schouten – CHS, Katrina Walker – JL Crowe, Alanna Martin - BCS, Lisa Lamb - OKM, Donna Hebert – JL Crowe
2. Introductions: Tournament Chair – Donna Hebert; Technical Directors – Christine DeRosa & Lisa Henderson; Head Umpire – Deb Moynahan; Manager of Sport BCSS: Shannon Key; Executive Director BCSS: Jordan Abney; BCSSGFHA Treasurer: John McGillivray
3. Motion to accept the Agenda
  - 1<sup>st</sup>. Lesely Noftle - SOSS
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> David Kerr - SMUS
    - Motion carried
4. Minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Ashleigh Gold - Collingwood
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Philomina – SOSS
  - motion carried
5. Head Umpire – Debbie Moynahan
  - umpire briefing (all schools and all umpires received this)
  - Questions about the briefing?
  - Non...
  - Added -> tournament start (walk on)
  - Uniform Sheet.
  - Tie – both coaches can decide to leave it as a tie and not do a shootout in the consolation round 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Both coaches must agree; that said, there is lots of time to do a shoot-out.
  - Red card = suspension for next game
  - Do we want a disciplinary committee to review yellows?
  - Emergency protocol – please stay off the field until you are waived on.
  - Once athlete is removed then player needs to stay off for 2mins
  - First aid at both sites.
  - Flooding – field #1 – pooling b/c algae buildup.
  - No games on upper field (Tam #1) -> games moved to Cloverdale #3 for Wednesday
6. Technical Directors – Christine DeRosa & Lisa Henderson
  - New Photo schedule.

## 7. Tournament Chair

- Tournament website.
- Tech board at Cloverdale
- Banquet – 6:30
- Thea Culley is the guest speaker
- T-shirt pick up.

8. Financial Report – John McGillivray. iii) Motion to dissolve as a society Moved by John McGillivray, Seconded by Alanna Martin. Motion Carried: unanimous. Motion now needs to go to AAA teams to be voted on. If they agree to the motion, we will take the steps to dissolve as a society.

## 9. Points of Discussion/Motions:

### i) Tier Proposal from Ian Gibson

- See handout.
- Lesley (SOSS)
  - lack of meaning full games.
  - Grassroots.
  - There must be a better way.
  - Schools need a carrot
- Should have a Committee
- David – SMUS
  - Tier 1-2 operating on the Island. Coaches place team in tier
- Jordan (BCSS)
  - Philosophical debate
  - Very split with BCSS
  - Rugby... similar but not the same.
  - Honour system?
  - Multiplier system?
  - Different than other sports so it's a fair discussion.
- Donna (Rossland)
  - Times have changed b/c of playing surface
- David P (York house)
  - Looking out for the best interest of the game
  - Committee needs to come up with excellent criteria
- David (SMUS)
  - Is incentive to play at provincials enough to save those teams?
- Lesley (SOSS)
  - Provincials is our one thing
  - It may be too late...
  - Need to change the direction
  - Meaningful opportunities
  - Needs to be an overhaul.
- Committee
  - Andrew

- David
- Erin
- Ashleigh
- Bruce
- Mel
- Leslie
- Plus, push it out to AAA teams
- \*\*\*Jan 16 Due date\*\*\*
  - Submitted to BCSS competitive standards committee
- Pushed out through Reps.

ii) Motion from David Prissinotti (See Appendix below)

- 2017 season AA 16 Team Tournament and then assessed after 1 year
- VERY short season
  - If you don't make playoffs, then it may be only 4 weeks.
- Fixed number of berths.
  - 11 fixed berths
- 5 Play-in tournament (anyone can get in)
  - extends the season
- bottom 8 = tier 2 -> trophy
- Andrew – one season only.
- Alanna ... no proxies... need to vote on it on a larger scale so need an official letter out.
- What happens if only 3 teams come off for the 3 berths.
- 50% AA teams at today's AGM
- Motion on the Floor by David
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben (York)
- Vote of it in its entirety
- Zone reps organize tournament
- Vote – 9 for: 3 against: 2 abstaining

Tiering – AA/AAA 2018 Season. Committee to be formed

10. Reports (Refer to Appendix B below):

- a) Fraser Valley – Erin Hartfield
- b) Kootenays – Donna Hebert
- c) Northshore Burnaby - Ashleigh Gold
- d) Okanagan – Lesley Nofle
- e) Vancouver Island – Nancy Mollenhauer
- f) Vancouver Richmond – Andrew Schouten

11. Election of officers:

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## 12. Financial – John

- Last year’s tournament broke even
- Gaming grant – September, but we will try to have it out at then of June.
- If we are losing are grants we will need to increase our fees
- 2x \$500 scholarships.
- Motion to absolve the society at put their books into BCSS
- No Admin Fees with BCSS
- If you stay a society you must follow society rules and there are extra costs to become compliant
- John could be an advisor to BCSS
- If we abolish – would we be still eligible for grants?
  - Yes
- Do we have director’s insurance?
  - No
- If we were BCSS
- MOY? Monies be returned if we leave BCSS
  - Yes
- Motion (John M): Motion to dissolve BCSSGFHA Society and to add an MOU with BCSS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alanna
- Vote: 12 for: against 0: abstaining 2
- Motion to accept financial statement
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesley
- Vote: all for – carried.
- AAA teams need to vote to dissolve. Alanna to report back after the meeting next week.

## 13. Provincial host for 2017 – rotation of tournament throughout zones

2008 LFA Van/Rich	2012 LFA Van/Rich	2016 J Lloyd Crowe Sec
2009 BCS Island	2013 Collingwood NS/B	Kootenays
2010 BCS Island	2014 SOSS Okanagan	2017 J Lloyd Crowe Sec
2011 GNS Island	2015 SMUS Island	2018 Crofton (Van/Rich)
2019 FV? NS/B? Okanagan? Island? Kootenay? Van/Rich		

Rosslund hosting 2017: 16 team tournament. Refer to Appendix below.

## 14. AOB

- Alanna - Can we add Proxy votes?
- Need to vote changes to constitution
- John M – proxy votes are dangerous, motions can come from the floor, motions can get amended

- David (York) agrees with John M
- David (BCSS) proxies are not best practice
- No motion

14. Motion to Adjourn: Ben  
2<sup>nd</sup> – David. Motion carried.

Appendix: A

Motion by David Prissinotti

### **FIELD HOCKEY AA BC BERTHING MOTION**

**For the 2017 season, the BCSSGFHA will run a 16 team AA BC Championship tournament, adopting the following berthing formula outlined below. At the conclusion of the 2017 season, this format will be assessed and discussed to determine whether future AA provincial tournaments should remain 16 teams or return to 12 teams.**

#### **Rationale:**

- A 16 team AA BC Championship berthing formula is consistent with the mission and values of BCSS in promoting and encouraging the participation in sport, assisting schools in the building of programs, supports equity and opportunity for participation and importantly, promotes and ensure that quality hockey teams have an opportunity to compete at AA BC Championships.
- This motion is also consistent with the objectives of the BCSSGFHA as stated in the constitution and bylaws to foster, promote, and encourage the development and organization of secondary school field hockey within the province of British Columbia.
- Lack of clarity over berthing for the AA BC Provincial Championships over the past few years, we hope the BCSSGFHA considers a review and update to rules and regulations governing entry in the BCSSGFHA AA Provincial Tournament to clarify for all concerned in advance of the start of the season.

This motion address several issues:

- a) AA field hockey is arguably the shortest team season of any BCSS sanctioned sport. Many teams start around Sept. 20 and last meaning games played by Oct 20. Seasons are also disrupted by outdoor ed. camps. We hope to create a longer season and more opportunity for more student athletes to be involved in meaningful games than under our current 12-team model. Adopting this motion will generate more meaningful games, for many more teams, much later in the season. Depending on format and interest for play in berths, 22-25 teams could still be active late in October vying for final berths.

- b) Teams and league currently do not know the number of berths each zone will get until mid-October, which creates challenges in scheduling. Adopting the motion would clarify the path for teams, leagues, and zones to know in advance how many berths (minimum) and the pathway to those berths for scheduling.
- c) AA field hockey has the smallest discrepancy between the numbers of registered teams in each zone of any BCSS sport, which results in extraordinary allocated berth discrepancies. For example in 2016: 4 teams = 1.5 berths, while 5 teams = 2 full berths, and 6 teams=2.5 berths. The difference in number of teams is minimal, whereas the resulting berth allocation is substantial. Each year, berths are highly contentious and exclude some top teams in BC, thus creating ill-feeling in the hockey community.
- d) Some of the strongest AA teams in BC have no avenue to qualify for the BC's under the current berthing formula for a 12 team tournament. Concern in *part c* compounds this issue. Based on season results, it is clear that teams who would place in the top 6 in BC over the past few years are excluded from the BC Championship. This past season, arguably teams ranked 4, 5, 7 in BC were playing off for 1 berth to the BC's.
- e) Regional discrepancies for travel, cost and field hockey resources create issues where a province-wide formats fail to address regional sensitivities. The proposed motion allows for regions to manage their known path (see *part b* above) to access the AA BC Provincial Championships.

**Motion: David Prissinotti – York House    Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**1. 11 Fixed Berths based on historical registration numbers:**

- a. Koot. (3teams) – 1 berth
- b. OK (4-5 teams) - 2 berths
- c. FV (7-9 teams) - 3 berths
- d. VR (4-5 teams) - 1 berths
- e. VI (5-6 teams) – 2 berths
- f. NS (3-4 teams) – 1 berth
- g. + Host - 1 berth

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11 berths are allocated based on past five years of historical registration numbers. These berths are fixed so that each zone knows that they are assured these berths prior to the start of the season.

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## 2. “Play In” berths – 5 berths

### a. 1 berth to OK & Kootany

- to be determined regionally, as is feasible considering location, travel costs, etc. (ie. OK3 vs Koot2 or mini tournament including Koot 2, Koot 3, OK3, OK4)

### b. 3 berths to FV, VR, NS

- to be determined regionally, as is feasible (ie. a mini qualification tournament that could include 4-8 teams, such as: VR2, VR3, NS2, NS3, FV4, FV5)
- travel costs are greatly reduced and field access is less of an issue so a tournament is a feasible way to involve more teams late in the season playing meaningful games

### c. 1 berth to VI

- to be determined regionally, as is feasible (ie. VI3 vs VI4, simply VI3, or access to a team in the North Island unable to compete at an Island tournament)

## HOW DOES THIS LOOK?

There is great flexibility in how WC are allocated and the number of WC games played. In order to provide examples as to how this formula would work, below are several possibilities.

**EXAMPLE A** – this example has 20-26 teams playing meaningful games until late October. 11 set berths based on current format for berthing with as many as 15 more teams competing for the final 5 berths. It is possible that 26 teams total are still active playing meaningful games until the end of October with 16 continuing on to AA BC Championships during the first week of November.

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+ Host-1 berth

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## “Play In” Berths – must be completed by Oct. 28 or date TBD

- 1 berth to OK-Koot. – OK3 vs Koot2 in a challenge game in late October. Or, to be determined as they see fit.
- 3 berths to VR, NS, FV. Regional Reps talk to their teams and decide how many teams from their region wish to compete. The Regional Rep declares how many from their region intends to compete for play in berths. VR2 and VR3, NS2, NS3 and

FV4 and FV5 all commit to competing for these berths. A one day, 6 team mini tournament is played in late October to award these 3 berths. Or, if a tournament doesn't work, a series of knock-out games between regions, i.e: VR2 vs. NS3, FV4 vs VR3, FV5 vs. NS2.

- 1 berth to VI. An extra challenge game is played to determine island 3-4 or, to be determined as they see fit.

These 5 qualifying teams take the 12<sup>th</sup> spot from the current format and the newly allocated 13-14-15-16 into the AA Championship draw.

## **Appendix B: Zone Reports**

### Fraser Valley Girls AA Field Hockey

#### Zone Rep Report: November 2015

#### League Structure:

In the Fraser Valley, we had a AA league that did not interlock with AAA teams. We had ten registered teams in our zone though one folded mid-season, and six that competed at the Fraser Valley Championship. Initially we thought we had a much smaller number of AA teams and as such had just four teams in our league, but at the start of October we found out that some had been incorrectly put in the AAA league and others were in a Coquitlam/Maple Ridge league so we made adjustments to the AA playoff format to give these teams a chance to compete for a provincial berth. Our playoffs were a one day tournament held at Southridge Secondary.

#### Playoff Results:

1. Southridge
2. Enver Creek
3. GW Graham
4. Westview

\* Other teams at Fraser Valleys – North Delta & Agassiz

\* Other AA teams in Fraser Valley leagues – Archbishop Carney, SRT, Clayton Heights, Delta Secondary (team did not finish season)



Other Info:

\* Junior programs are becoming scarce. We have less than ten teams in the Fraser Valley at the Junior level. The Juniors had a one day Fraser Valley tournament held in Chilliwack. GW Graham defeated Westview in the final.

\* Some schools are not fielding teams because they cannot find coaches. We know there are many club players and even regional players who live in our zone yet their schools are not fielding field hockey teams

\* Umpire availability is an issue. Coaches are still sometimes needing to umpire their own games.

\* We have a new commissioner this year in the Fraser Valley – Michelle Savich (Sardis coach) has taken over from Barb Kroecker. Michelle is a AAA coach so I keep her updated with what goes on with our AA league.

Respectful submitted,

Erin Hartfield

Fraser Valley AA Zone Rep

GW Graham Middle Secondary (Chilliwack)

**Vancouver Island Zone Report: Submitted by David Kerr SMUS  
Zone Report -Nov 2016**

From last year, much has not changed within the **zone**.

The Island is split into regions - the South Island, which is essentially Victoria, and the North Island, representing all schools north of the Malahat.

In Victoria, the number of schools at AA level was similar to last year with competition between SMUS, GNS and Lambrick, but a league consisting of interlocking matches against AAA teams, which provides good competition and more variety of opposition. There was also a development league which included teams from Oak Bay, SMUS, GNS and Reynolds, and provided friendly competition at a Tier 2 level.

In league play, SMUS came 1st, GNS 2nd and Lambrick 3rd. SMUS went on to win the "best in the city" against Mt. Doug, who were the best AAA team.

As in previous years, practices were generally on the rubber turfs at UVic or at GNS, while matches were evenly spread out between the UVic water turf and rubber turfs.

North of the Malahat, the AA teams included Brentwood College, Isfeld and ?.

The resulting Island championships at Duncan had 4 teams entered, but Lambrick dropped out last minute due to insufficient numbers. The placings were:

1 - SMUS

2 - Brentwood

### 3 - GNS

GNS lost their wild card games to LFA and Eventual winners Seycove.

For the first time, there was a Tier 2 Island Championship held in Nanaimo, featuring teams from AA and AAA schools from Victoria to Campbell River.

Overall, the state of the game at the top end on the Island is pretty static. The Cowichan area is strong for AAA schools, and Oak Bay and Mt Doug also made the AAA provincials, but there is a significant drop off after these schools. For the AA schools, SMUS, Brentwood and GNS are dominating, but the hope is more can be done in Lambrick and other AA schools who have played teams in the past, like St. Margaret's. The turfs are there, the umpires are there, and there is a pretty good Middle School participation rate, but without the skills, motivation and enthusiasm of teacher sponsors or coaches in the high schools, the number of high schools putting out teams is limited.