

B.C. High Schools Badminton Association

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting

MacNeill Secondary, Richmond

June 1, 2017

In Attendance:

Jeff Hunt (SMUS/Commissioner), Shannon Key (BCSS), David Dryden (Fraser Heights/Director), Ashley Robertson (Sa-Hali), Jens Berg (Semiahmoo), Erica Holdaway (Churchill), Simon Cheng (Killarney), Jason Lau (Port Moody), Chung Yan Ip (Port Moody), Derek Norton (Mt. Doug), Carmen Murguly (Duchess Park), Kirk Rustad (Duchess Park), Jason Cheng (Steveston-London), Matthew Lay (Steveston-London), Richard Zhen (Steveston-London), Michael Wang (MacNeill), Michael Kwan (MacNeill), Leo Chan (West Vancouver), Ringo Tang (Vancouver College/Little Flower Academy), Jeff Liu (Richmond), Tim Cheng (Richmond), Lisa Yasui (Richmond).

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

1. Approval of the Agenda (Tang)
 - Added New Business Items: Entry Fees (Hunt), Tiebreaker Process (Berg)
2. Adoption of the Minutes from the 2016 AGM (Zhen, Holdaway)
 - Omitted from the 2016 Minutes were two new rules with regard to teams showing up late for a scheduled match, or not showing up at all.
 - The agreed new rules were passed unanimously at the 2016 AGM.
 - *Rule on teams not showing up on time:* the new rule states, "A coach must submit their completed Badminton Score Sheet Line-Up 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, **and failure to do so will result in an automatic 11-0 forfeit of the tie. The Commission holds the right to possibly overturn this rule if teams are travelling between venues, or if there are any other extenuating circumstances.**"
 - *Rule on players who are late for a match:* the new rule states, "Once a match has been called, players will have a total of 5 minutes to get on court and complete a warm up. **If a player or team does not get on the court by the end of this 5 minute period, then that match will be forfeited.**"
3. Financial Report (Chan, Tang)
 - Report presented by Jeff Hunt, on behalf of BC School Sports.
 - There were no unexpected financial items from the 2016 Provincials.
 - The current finances of the BC High School Badminton Commission are healthy.

4. Zone Reports

- Each zone gave a brief oral report of the status of Badminton in their respective zone.
- Badminton continues to be strong across the Province with a couple of exceptions. The Kootenay Zone and the Okanagan Zone are vulnerable, with the primary concern being a lack of coaches.

5. Commission Report (Wang, Cheng)

- Jeff Hunt provided an oral report of what the Commission does over the year. Most of the discussions have revolved around the setup of the modified PowerPool format, and how it would be implemented this year.
- A job description of the Commissioner was outlined (as this information was relevant to the upcoming elections).
- The primary job of the Commission is to ensure that the Provincial Championships take place in an effective manner.

6. Provincial Tournament Timeline – 3 year plan

- 2018 – Richmond
- 2019 – Victoria
- 2020 – Richmond

7. Elections

- Zone Reps for 2018: Vancouver – Erica Holdaway (Churchill), Richmond – Jeff Liu (Richmond), Island – Jon Berry (Spectrum), Okanagan – Ashley Robertson (Sa-Hali), Kootenay – Colin Sherk (David Thompson), North Central – Jeff Cunin (D.P. Todd), Fraser Valley – David Dryden (Fraser Heights), NorthWest – Vacant, NS/NW/BBY – Gerry Karvelis (NSSSAA).
- Directors: David Dryden (Fraser Heights), Gerry Karvelis (NSSSAA), Jens Berg (Semiahmoo).
- Commissioner: Yvonne Chan (Pinetree)

8. Business Arising out of the 2016 Minutes – none

9. Annual Updates

- **Black Knight** – A new 2-year contract extension was signed in the Spring. The contract will be open for discussion/negotiation in January, 2020.
- **Badminton BC** – The BC High School Badminton Association remains committed to working with Badminton BC to ensure that Badminton remains strong in the future.
- **BCSS** – Shannon Key gave an oral report of what BCSS has been doing over the past year. In addition to hiring a new Executive Director last summer, one very important item is the future splitting of the Fraser Valley Zone. No decision has been made how the FV Zone will be split, but it looks probable that the FV Zone will be split (in some way) by the year 2019.

10. New Business

- **Discussion of the PowerPool format** – Coaches were asked for their positive and constructive feedback on the new tournament structure.
- **Pros:** there is a competitive energy from the onset of the tournament and coaches felt it was advantageous to keep this positive momentum going; games were much closer for the lower ranked teams; teams can now have a disappointing 1st day of the tournament and still make the top 8; the first day confirms (or not) the original team rankings which are possibly hard to seed accurately.
- **Cons:** with all the games being so competitive, there is little chance to play substitute players; there was concern that players could not maintain their level of play (fitness, stamina, energy); coaches and players really need a lunch break on the first two days of the tournament, we are now at the venues for a much longer time (this impacts the venue cost/availability), timing for the tournament much harder to predict with all the close ties, there may be an advantage to losing certain games at certain times in the tournament to face an 'easier' team in the next round.
- **ACTION** – The Commission will have a follow-up discussion after the tournament and decide how to best proceed for the 2018 Provincials.
- **Berthing** – not discussed (out of concern for time).
- **Lower Mainland Tournament** – New proposals for the LM Tournament will be discussed at a future time with those coaches/school that it impacts.
ACTION – Mike Charlton (LM Rep.) will contact those people involved and setup a meeting to discuss and decide on how best to proceed.
- **Stipends** – Currently there is a \$640 Commissioner stipend, and due to the new Society Act, we must remove this line from the books. The easy solution is to give this stipend to the chief organizer of the Provincial Championship instead, which may or may not be the Commissioner.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, *“The Commissioner stipend be removed and a Tournament Director stipend be added, in the amount of \$640.”*

PASSED 20-0

Currently there is a Webmaster stipend for \$200, and this amount basically pays only for our tournament host/domain URL. In other words, there really is not a genuine stipend that goes to the Webmaster for his/her time. It was decided that the Commission pay for the website domain URL as an expense item and keep the existing \$200 stipend as a stipend.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, *“The Commission pay for the Website expense as a regular expense item, and not from the Webmaster stipend.”*

PASSED 20-0

- **Noisemakers** – At the Fall Meeting, BCSS suggested that all Sport Commissions have a clear rule on the issue. Although it has not been an issue at the Badminton Provincials, it has been an issue on some other sports.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, *“Spectators cannot bring outside/external noisemakers into any venue at the Provincial Championship venue. Any spectators who attempt such acts will be asked by the Commission to refrain, and any further repeated acts will result in the spectator being asked to leave.”*

PASSED 20-0

- **Entry Fees** – Seeing as the financial situation of the BCSSBA is strong, and there is no reason to believe that current grants from BCSS and the Gaming Commission will diminish, it was suggested (Jeff Hunt) that entry fees be reduced by 50% for the 2018 Provincials and beyond.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, *“The entry fees for the 2018 Provincial Championships be reduced by 50% of what they current are.”*

PASSED 20-0

- **Tiebreaker Rule** – Jens Berg suggested that we make the tiebreaker rule slightly clearer. He suggested we change rules E.2.b. and E.2.c.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, *“The tiebreaker rule E.2 b will now read: ‘if still tied, then the school with the largest +/- ratio of games is first.’”, and, “The tiebreaker rule E.2 c will now read: ‘if still tied, then the school with the largest +/- ratio of points is first.’”*

PASSED 20-0

11. Adjournment – 9:24pm