

2017 Senior Girls 'A' Basketball Coaches' Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 10, 2017 - Duncan, B.C. 8:20 A.M.

Attendance - Tim Nusse and Riette Kenkel (Valemount), Michelle Nederloff and Tom Veenstra (Duncan Christian), Garry Mayhew (St. Ann's Academy), Jeff Ludditt (Cedars Christian), Ron Van Driel (Bulkley Valley Christian), Mike Campbell (Unity Christian), Sean Trimble, Todd Bakker and Brian Dougherty (Surrey Christian), John Stewart (Pacific Christian), Alex Vikner (Similkameen), Kevin Bublitz (Northside Christian), Jacob Bowes (Selkirk), Sylvia Klein (Nakusp), Sharon Allison (Credo Christian), Claude Leduc (Mulgrave), Krista Walden and Garth Phare (Pemberton), Mike Cumiskey and Don Ridder (Abbotsford Christian), John Mill (Fernie and BCSSGBA 'A' Rep)

1. Call to order and attendance. @ 8:15 A.M.

2. Explanation of voting power and eligibility.

3. Additions to agenda. Added to agenda: 6b. President's Report

4. Adoption of agenda. - Motion to adopt: M: John Stewart
S: Claude Leduc

5. 2016 Coaches' Meeting minutes.
 - A couple of items from the minutes will be discussed under Old Business

6. a. Financial report. - presented and discussed. The ending of the Telus sponsorship was talked about further.

b. President's Report - presented and discussed

7. Tournament report - Tom Veenstra.
 - Tom thanked everybody for the team information being sent in a very prompt fashion. He also had thanks for how Jennie Hittinger and

Chemanius Secondary had contributed as the second site the past two years.

- Staff and students of Duncan Christian have enjoyed hosting the tournament.
- Michelle reminded coaches that the uniform numbers should be showing on team pictures. This helps the all-star committee when they are trying to identify players.
- The meeting thanked Tom, Michelle and the Duncan Christian community for the fantastic job of hosting Provincials the last two years. There was a round of applause.

8. Zone reports, concerns, etc.

- Kootenays - there were 9 active teams and 8 participated in zone playoffs. There should be a similar number of teams next season and similar strength, as there are a couple of young teams.
- Fraser Valley - there were 11 teams in the league, with 8 making zone playoffs. The zone should have similar strength next season, as some young teams qualified for Provincials. The Fraser Valley was happy to see that the assignment of wildcard berths reflected zone strength, as well as participation of teams.
- Okanagan - there were 10 active teams, with two returning to competition this year after a spell away (Vernon Christian and A.L. Fortune). Eight teams qualified for zone playoffs. There could potentially be 12 teams next season, Kelowna Christian and Immaculata could return to 'A' basketball. Jennie would like to see an improved system of listing tournaments (maybe a Facebook page) and she would be willing to assist with its startup. She feels that this would be a big help with the ever-changing scene of athletic directors and community coaches.
- Lower Mainland - there were 12 active teams, with 8 qualifying for the zone tournament. There could be up to 14 teams next season with similar overall strength.
- North Central - there were 11 active teams and they all took part in the zone tournament. Zone strength will probably decrease a little next season.
- Northwest - there were 4 registered and active team. Three were originally scheduled to attend zones but only two actually participated in the championship. The zone will probably be a little stronger next season.
- Vancouver Island - there were six active teams who all played at the zone tournament. The zone was excited to have one very new school

register and attend zones. Similar zone strength is anticipated next season.

9. 'A' Coordinator's report. - presented and discussed

10. B.C. High School All-Star Game.

There will be no Provincial all-star game scheduled this season. This was a sudden thing as the BCSSGBA discovered late that the Boys were not going to participate in the doubleheader at the LEC. Some coaches expressed disappointment that the game would not be taking place.

11. Old Business.

- a. Perpetual trophies - the Top Defensive Player trophy has been missing in action. Tom ordered a new one and the BCSSGBA will pay for the replacement. John received the invoice from Michelle and it will be forwarded to Doug Pilatzke, the BCSSGBA
- b. 'A' Girls basketball history - John Mill had wanted to get to work on this project before the season, but travelling got in the way. He will move forward with gathering award winners, all-stars and team placements from the past after Spring Break. This will help fill in some gaps in the trophies. John asked to have some contact names from the past forwarded to him. Some coaches have helped with names and email addresses already. Thank you for that.

12. BCSSGBA 2017 AGM Minutes.

- Interim scholarship program - the Telus is ending. The BCSSGBA passed a motion to fund five \$1 000 scholarships for the next two school years (2017-18 and 2018-19). The template used for the Telus scholarships will be reworked for the new scholarship. This will be reevaluated in two years, when there is hopefully a new sponsor in place.
- 'AAAA' Tier - a motion was passed to pursue a 4th tier for Girls Basketball. The process was discussed and will begin with an email of Senior Girls Basketball coaches in the province. This will be happening soon.

- BCSS is investigating the possibility of changing the structure of the zones. They are probably looking at between 8 and 12 zones.

13. New Business.

a. Bids to host the 2017 and 2018 Provincial Championships.

- First there was a discussion about not having a permanent site for the tournament. Coaches were asked informally and voted unanimously to continue moving the tournament to a new site every two years. It was pointed out that since the advent of the 16-team tournament, we have not returned to the same zone once.
- Mike Campbell, coach and principal of Unity Christian in Chilliwack, presented the only bid received.
- Motion: Unity Christian is awarded the 'A' Girls Basketball Championships for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons.

M: John Stewart

S: Tim Nusse

Passed unanimously.

b. Super 15 and the Player of the Year.

<http://varsityletters.ca/the-super-15-our-b-c-girls-high-school-basketball-2017-dream-team/>

- An 'A' player made the Super 15 for only the 2nd time in four years. Jenna Van Delft from Cedars Christian will receive her plaque at the awards ceremony on Saturday night.

c. Cross-Zone Invitationals.

- John Mill went through the procedure that Claude uses to develop the draws for the tournaments. He receives input from zone reps on their potential top 3 teams next season. He uses these lists to fill the draws, keeping in mind who can travel where and what other tournament obligations teams may have.
- Tim Nusse planted the original seed about the Cross-Zone tournament concept and spoke a little bit about the history of the invitationals.
- Claude thanked Garry Mayhew for hosting at St. Ann's once again.

- He once again had a problem with team dropping out late (2 days before). A discussion prevailed about whether to play one team short, making sure that all the results are between 'A' teams, or accept a team from another level to fill the draw.
- Claude would like to keep the tournaments at the same locations next season.

d. Rule changes for next season.

- There are two motions coming forward at the Boys' AGM concerning rule changes to Boys' basketball next season - adopting the FIBA rules for shot clock (24 s) and backcourt (8 s) as well as returning to the previous FIBA rule of being able to use all three 2nd half timeouts anytime during the half.

14. Zone reps and nominations to the BCSSGBA Executive.

- John Mill was endorsed to return as the 'A' representative on the BCSSGBA Executive.
- Zone reps were also confirmed for the 2017-18 season.
 - Fraser Valley - Mike Campbell
 - Vancouver Island - Michelle Nederlof
 - Lower Mainland - Claude Leduc
 - Northwest - Ron Van Driel
 - North Central - Kevin Bublitz
 - Okanagan - Jennie Currie

15. Adjournment. @ 9:55 A.M.

- M: Claude Leduc S: Sharon Allison