

2018 BCSSWA Annual General Meeting

Thursday March 1, 2018

Port Alberni

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Adoption of the Agenda M/S/C – M. Munsie/R. Munsie
3. Adoption of the 2017 AGM Minutes M/S/C – B. Hutchison/ K. Taylor
4. President's Report – Ian McDonald
Ian presented his report. He addressed some concerns with the sport and athlete participation. He also outlined the need for BCWA to invest in grassroots development to keep our sport alive.
5. Tournament Issues/Information – James Messenger
James reviewed the tournament procedures. He outlined the recognition of Tom McEvay in the finals. Also, he touched on the proposed resolution allowing for matside review. James answered questions.
6. New Business
 - i) Executive Recommendations
 - A. To create the position of Past President on the BCSSWA Executive.

Rationale:

Most organizations have the Past President position in order to support continuity and to preserve past practice and history. Given that our elections are not staggered, it is important that this position have a place on the executive.

There was no discussion on this topic. M/S/C – D. Roy/G. Sturrock

- B. That the BCSSWA adopt a permanent site model based in the lower mainland.

Rationale:

A permanent site would facilitate the overall promotion of our sport. Our current rotation model is based on a smaller tournament that could have been hosted in schools throughout the province. The reality is that our true rotation model has not been applied for over 20 years. Often, we are scrambling to find a host for the following year. A permanent site would allow for sponsorship to promote the sport and offset costs for teams attending the tournament. Further, it would allow for an opportunity to showcase our sport properly.

There was a great deal of discussion on the topic. The consensus was that a permanent site was appropriate. There was concern regarding the proposed dates and the length of the commitment (3 years). The proposed dates were Sunday/Monday/Tuesday with the Monday being family day. Also, there was some concern expressed about condensing the season. The Championship Committee will continue to strive for more appropriate dates and will entertain venue options but the sense was we needed to start somewhere. In discussion, it was noted that the timeframe between the zone championships will have to be reduced from two weeks to one week. Also, as the BCSSWA Championships are occurring before the end of season of play, it is possible to have tournaments after the championship.

D. Roy/GJ. Mitchell (Unanimous)

- C. In support of a permanent site, a championship committee be established to: organize and execute ongoing BCSSWA Championships.

Rationale:

A championship committee could attend to detailed matters that allow coaches to continue to coach. It ensures consistency and continued positive growth in our sport through professional championships. Additionally, the championship committee could ensure the Championships are always hosted at the highest standard.

There was little discussion on this topic. M/S/C – D. Woldring/R. Munsie

- D. In support of a permanent site, the BCSSWA Commissioner seek approval from BC School Sports to modify wrestling's conclusion dates and dates of the provincial championship.

Rationale:

BC School Sports dictates the start of wrestling begins on December 1 and concludes with the provincial championships in the first week of March. Further, BC School Sports requires the provincial championships conclude on a Saturday. These need to be adjusted to allow for a permanent site.

As current BCSS rules require Championships to end on a Saturday, a resolution must go forward to the BCSS AGM. Shannon Key, Manager of Sport with BCSS, explained the process and offered to help the Association with the resolution.

M/S/C – M. Munsie/C. Dyck

- E. That for the duration of the high school season, all tournaments designated as high school tournament adopt and enforce the non-club affiliated singlet rule. Singlets may not refer to any association other than a registered school entity. Singlets must be red or blue (with no club, province or country designation) or a school coloured singlet. Coaches are responsible for adherence of this rule and referees for the enforcement. Athletes will not be allowed to complete with a singlet that is in violation to this rule.

Officials are instructed not to permit a match to start if inappropriate singlets are worn by any competitor. Participants will be given two minutes to change their singlet or risk disqualification.

Rationale:

BC School Sports does not allow for club participation in scholastic tournaments. This rule is on the books but must be enforced throughout the season. Sufficient time has passed since the original resolution allowing athletes, clubs and coaches to make the necessary adjustments.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the resolution. Shannon Key from BCSS spoke about the need for clear separation of school and club. This resolution is already been passed previously; however, this resolution clarifies the type of singlets allowed and the consequence for not adhering to it. There was some concern regarding cost of multiple singlets. It was pointed out that a plain reversible red and blue singlet would only require 1 singlet.

M/S/C – R. Munsie/D. Roy

- F. That the BCSSWA Executive advocate for a dedicated and funded BCWA grassroots position and operating budget whose focus is on building pre-secondary wrestling in the province. This is to be done for the 2018-19 fiscal year. In order to facilitate action with regard to this position, the BCSSWA would like to be involved in the drafting of the position guidelines and the hiring of the candidate.

Rationale:

This position is vital to the survival of the sport. High school athletes represent a significant majority of the BCWA membership and non-grant revenue. It is time for BCWA to commit to grassroots wrestling.

There was consensus that something needed to be done with respect to building our sport's participation base.

M/S/C – R. Munsie/D. Roy

- G. That the BCSSWA Executive be empowered to review and make a ~~decision~~ **recommendation** on BCSSWA mandatory membership with BCWA. A ~~decision~~ **recommendation** will be brought by ~~October 1, 2018 and conveyed to the BCSSWA membership prior to the start of the 2018-19 wrestling season~~ **to the 2019 BCSSWA AGM.**

Rationale:

Mandatory membership with BCWA was originally made for two reasons: insurance coverage and a commitment to developing/supporting grassroots wrestling in the province. To date, no significant support for true development/grassroots has been

provided. Insurance coverage could be addressed through other means. It is time for BCWA to commit to the future of the sport.

A friendly amendment was passed allowing for a recommendation on continued mandatory membership to be brought to the 2019 BCSSWA AGM.

M/S/C – R. Bodnar/B. Warren

ii) Resolutions

H. Be it resolved that the existing BCSSWA “Protest Limitations (BCSSWA Modifications) rules be withdrawn from the BCSSWA Rule book. The BCSSWA Protest procedures be replaced with the current WCL Mat side Challenge process Rules. Mat side video shall be used for all BCSSWA Championship matches to support the challenge process.

Amendment: An unsuccessful Challenge results in the coach losing the ability to make further challenges during the match. The wrestler will not lose a point or be given a caution in the event of an unsuccessful challenge.

M/S/C – G. Sturrock/D. Einhorn

Rationale:

This is the best way to correct coaches concerns immediately during a match and get the situation scored correctly.

The Challenge process and Mat side video has been previously used only during BCSSWA Championship finals matches.

* Pages 29 – 32 in current BCSSWA rule book.

iii) 2018-19 BCSSWA Championships – **Langley Event Centre – February 17-19, 2019**

iv) BCSSWA Rulebook Update/Summary

7. Protest Procedures – Mike Roselli

Due to the acceptance of the Resolution regarding Mat Side Challenge, there will be no protests.

8. Treasurer’s Report – Brian Dick

Brian Dick was unable to attend. His report could not be copied in time for the AGM. It will be attached to the minutes.

9. BC School Sports – Doug Corbett

Shannon Key discussed some elements of BC School Sports and answered questions.

10. Zone Reports

The Zone Reports were presented.

11. Elections

Doug Corbett was elected as Commissioner by acclamation.

Mike Roselli was elected as President by acclamation.

Keenan Taylor was elected as Vice President – Administration by election.

Ashley Topnik was elected as Vice President – Women’s Development by acclamation.

Philip Cizmic was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

Ian McDonald will serve as Past President

12. Other

- A. Seeding – A question was posed about seeding and the process. Concern was expressed that past practice was not followed. Specifically that two wrestlers with results from previous BCSSWA Championships were not seeded because their form was not submitted. The seeding process will be clarified for the next provincial championships.

13. Adjournment **4:15 M/C J. Mitchell**