



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS  
COMBINED COUNCIL OF SPORT COMMISSIONERS &  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING  
Saturday, October 26, 2013  
Fortius Sport & Health Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby**

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Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Deb Whitten, Chair.

**Members Present:**

Scott Abt	Aquatics
Jeff Hunt	Badminton
Kerri Taylor	Basketball-Boys (Co-Commissioner)
Don Wallace	Basketball-Boys (Co-Commissioner)
Frank Chen	Basketball-Girls (representing Commission)
Nancy Champagne	Cross Country
Janet Dunkin	Curling (Co-Commissioner), BCSS Board
Moe Williams	Curling (Co-Commissioner)
Bill Richards	Golf
Adrian Wong	Gymnastics
Steven Rowell	Rugby, BCSS Board
Hubert Wohlgemuth	Ski/Snowboard
Don Moslin	Soccer
Andrew Lenton	Track & Field
Fane Triggs	Volleyball-Boys, BCSS Board
Joe Moreira	Volleyball-Girls & West Kootenay Secondary Schools Athletic Association
Jamie Askew	Coquitlam Athletic Association
Brett Sweeney	Delta Athletic Association
Brad Thornhill	North Shore Athletic Association
Hal Hennenfent	Okanagan Central Athletic Association
Gayle Guest	Richmond Secondary Schools Athletic Association
Steve Grant	South Okanagan Similkameen Athletic Assn (via phone)
Mykola Misiak	Surrey Secondary Schools Athletic Assn, Board Member
Mike Allina	Vancouver Secondary Schools Athletic Assn

**Guests Present:**

Deb Whitten	BCSS Board, President
Rob Colombo	BCSS Board, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
John McFarland	BCSS Board, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Ayesha Haider	BCSS Board, BCCPACC Rep
Larry Hayes	BCSS Board, BCTSA Rep
John Acob	Richmond School Board
Gerry Karvelis	North Shore Secondary Schools Athletic Association
Harp Sohi	Vancouver School Board
John Paton	Alberta Schools Athletic Association
Tyler Callaghan	Alberta Schools Athletic Association

## **BC School Sports Staff Present:**

Christine Bradstock, Executive Director  
Andy Gilbert, Eligibility Officer  
Merrilla Thorp, Financial Officer & Commissions/Associations Coordinator  
Sharon Becker, Membership Coordinator

## **Regrets:**

Alanna Martin	Field Hockey
Brien Gemmell	Football-Boys
Chris Stromgren	Mountain Biking
Marci McLean	Tennis
Ian McDonald	Wrestling
Bo Sidhu	Abbotsford/Mission Athletic Association
Christine McNulty	Burnaby Athletic Association
Sue Thorne	East Kootenay Athletic Association, BCSS Board
Sean Lightle	Fraser Valley East Athletic Association
Jonathan Fast	Langley Athletic Association
Robert Dodds	Lower Mainland Independent Athletic Association
Darren Reisig	Lower Vancouver Island Athletic Association
Dennis Schmidt	Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Athletic Association
Louise Holmes	North Central District Athletic Association
Margot Devault	North Okanagan Athletic Association
John Philip	North Vancouver Island Athletic Association
Ron Van Driel	Northwest Zone Athletic Association
Annemarie Watts	West Okanagan Valley Secondary Schools Athletic Association

## **1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

Christine Bradstock provided the following introduction and welcomes:

- Welcomed everyone to the new Fortius Sport & Health building. BC School Sports is one of the first resident sport partners.

## **2. GUEST SPEAKERS**

Christine Bradstock welcomed the guest speakers: John Paton and Tyler Callaghan from the Alberta Schools Athletic Association (ASAA) who provided a presentation:

- ASAA provides professional development opportunities for Athletic Directors & Coaches, online coaching education (some free & some for a cost)
- Working with the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Association (CIAA). Masters Programs, Conference soon, University Credit.

## **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was emailed to all Commissioners and Athletic Association Presidents prior to the meeting. No discussion occurred regarding the Agenda.

## **4. UPDATES FROM BC SCHOOL SPORTS**

Christine Bradstock provided the following updates:

- Insurance – BC School Sports is insured for up to \$5,000,000 liability. Most Commissions and Athletic Associations are insured for this amount at zone qualifiers and championships.
- Sanctioning of Events – a reminder that Sanction Applications must be submitted when playing against another school that is not a member school, other provinces, states and countries. Please allow time for

external approvals by other provinces, states, countries.

- Statutory Declarations – this is a legal document. If this document is required, it needs to be completed and approved by BC School Sports before the student-athlete plays.
- Compliance and Authorization Forms – If this document is required, it needs to be filled out with all sports that the student-athlete played in the last 12 months, and ensure it's signed by the relevant parties.
- Eligibility Overview – Eligibility information is on the website, in a brochure that is a helpful tool to support providing information to parents on eligibility.
- Fundraising – Subway has provided a wonderful opportunity for schools to fundraise, through the Subway Peel-A Deal.
- Coach Development – Lots of opportunities and workshops at Fortius, Douglas College, CIAA.
- Sport on the Move Travel Grants – is a provincially funded program and administered by viaSport and will be funded again this year.
- Players Playing Up – please note, the rule has changed, and BC School Sports would appreciate your feedback thus far.
- Population numbers / tiering – we have done the inputting of numbers this year use Sept 30 of previous years' Ministry of Education 1701's submitted by schools. These numbers include International Students and Out-of-Province students. There have been approximately 8 schools that have appealed and been granted changing their numbers due to significant change.
- Sports Day in Canada and Jersey Day in Canada – November 29<sup>th</sup>. More information is available on the website.
- Zone playoffs, Exnet – important for event organizers/commissions/zones to check Exnet that players and Schools are eligible in order to prevent issues.
- AGM – May 10<sup>th</sup>. Seeking input on planning for event, to include coaching education, focus groups.
- Moving Forward – Working on a new registration system to replace Exnet. Will be tested this year and live in the summer.

**ACTION:** Christine will talk to viaSport regarding Sport on the Move travel grants for Junior Championships.

## 5. **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-Deb Whitten**

- Lower Mainland Zone Question - Council meetings like these ones, are good for addressing these types of questions and provide direction to BC School Sports
- BC School Sports wishes to continue increasing Community Engagement to help fulfill our mission/vision as we focus on our values. We will continue to talk to stakeholders, partners, members. Every member must adhere to the same rules and is considered equal.
- Commissions' Roles – Sport Commissions are standing committees and are responsible for the organization and running of Zone Playoffs and Provincial Championships as well as ensuring rules and regulations of the Sport are adhered to. Refer to Section IIE Standing Committee Terms of Reference.
- BC School Sports Mission Statement – promoting student participation in extra-curricular activities
- Geographic Zones – definition of zones and boundaries (7 Zones) as defined in our bylaws Article ZII
- Geographic representation and berthing Section II F – F 3.3. and F7

## 6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. Followed by Breakout Sessions for Sport Commissioners and Athletic Association Presidents.