



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS  
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
 Saturday, October 25, 2014 12:00 – 13:00  
 Montreal Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), Fortius Sport & Health Building  
 3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm by Deb Whitten, Chair

**Members Present:**

Deb Whitten	President
Rob Colombo, part meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Mykola Misiak, part meeting	Director
Fane Triggs	Director
Wendy Hyer	Director, BC Superintendent’s Association Appointee
Mike Allina, part meeting	Athletic Association President Representative
Sue Thorne, part meeting	Athletic Association President Representative
Don Moslin	Sport Commissioner Representative
Stephen Rowell	Sport Commissioner Representative
Ayesha Haider, part meeting	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Appointee

**Regrets:**

Steve Grant	Director
Brian McAskill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Laurae McNally	BC School Trustees’ Association Appointee
Dave Rawnsley	BC Principals’ and Vice Principals’ Association Appointee

**BC School Sports Staff Present:**

Christine Bradstock	Executive Director
Merrilla Thorp	Financial Officer & Commissions/Associations Coordinator

**1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

The President welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by D. Moslin, Secondary by W. Hyer, be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – DEB WHITTEN**

The President provided the following verbal report

- Thanked people for taking on the various roles to support BC School Sports
- Open Communication is key

Ayesha Haider left the meeting.

**4. COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- The Committee consists of:  
 All Board members

2 elected positions representing the Athletic Association Presidents  
2 elected positions representing the Sport Commissioners  
BC School Trustees Association Appointee  
BC Superintendents' Association Appointee  
BC Principals' and Vice Principals' Association Appointee  
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Appointee

- It is important to connect as a group and the Advisory Committee will meet at least twice per year and prefers the opportunity to dialogue rather than have one-on-one emails
- Work with your communities of interest to provide updates and input to the Advisory Committee

**5. ROUNDTABLE ON ISSUES – BCHSBBA request (2 attachments)**

BC High School Boys Basketball has requested an extension to the 14<sup>th</sup> week of play in March 2015 and the following comments were made:

- Do they want a longer term contract with LEC
- Does this set a precedent for other commissions
- The events lost \$31,000 last year at LEC, and think that by having all 4 together will be more financially viable
- Financial reports from commission are not details enough
- Surveys were sent out by BC School Sports and we had 330 responses in 3 days

R. Colombo, S. Thorne, M. Allina, M. Misiak arrived at the meeting – the Athletic Association Council meeting ran late.

- Is there a long term plan to solve the issue to prevent 14<sup>th</sup> week
- Commission feels that the 14<sup>th</sup> week is spring break so will have no conflicts for other sports
- BCC Pac Representative is concerned regarding the spring breaks, which are different all over the province and will have an impact on students and their families
- In previous years' asks, Boys Basketball commission has advised that the venue problem would be solved
- Concern that contracts with venues are affecting BC School Sports seasons of play
- Suggestions that seasons of play should not be venue driven and sports should stay within their 13 week season of play
- Suggestion that if other commissions get exceptions, then why not boys basketball
- Executive Director and President of BCSS met with the AA Boys Basketball rep in Victoria, and they advised that they did not want a 14<sup>th</sup> week season of play, but value the opportunity to play jointly
- How hard has boys basketball tried to find an alternate venue for the 13<sup>th</sup> week

**6. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING, 2015 AGM AND VOTING PROCESS AT AGM (2 attachments)**

- Should there be an extraordinary meeting to receive motions regarding changes to bylaws to correct deficiencies in bylaws regarding online voting and to determine where the AGM should be?
- There is a School Administrators meeting being held in Richmond in November, so could likely get quorum and low costs.
- Support for on-line voting was passed at AGMs
- 2013-14 AGM had the highest individual school participation in many years
- Voting process worked, but people leaving the meeting room dropped quorum, not the on-line voting

The Advisory Committee recommends proxies, online voting and in-person voting for the next AGM.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Should a committee be struck to revisit the Girls Volleyball tiering request?

Action: Ask Joe to send his request to the Competitive Standards Committee.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting concluded at 1:24 pm