



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday, May 8, 2015 4:00 – 6:00 pm  
Accent Inn, Victoria, Breakfast Room**

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**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by Deb Whitten, Chair

**Members Present:**

Deb Whitten	President
Rob Colombo	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Brian McAskill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Mykola Misiak	Director
Wendy Hyer	Director, BC Superintendent's Association Appointee
Sue Thorne	Athletic Association President Representative
Don Moslin	Sport Commissioner Representative
Walter van Halst	On behalf of Stephen Rowell Sport Commissioner Representative

**Regrets:**

Steve Grant	Director
Fane Triggs	Director
Ayesha Haider	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Appointee
Laurae McNally	BC School Trustees' Association Appointee
Dave Rawsley	BC Principals' and Vice Principals' Association Appointee
Mike Allina	Athletic Association President Representative

**BC School Sports Staff and Others Present:**

Christine Bradstock	Executive Director
Merrilla Thorp	Financial Officer & Commissions/Associations Coordinator
Eli Mina	Registered Parliamentarian (Guest)

**1. WELCOME**

Deb Whitten welcomed everyone and introduced Eli Mina, Meeting mentor and Registered Parliamentarian.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was sent to each member via email. There being no objections, the agenda as circulated will stand.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2014**

The Minutes of meeting of October 25, 2014 was pre-circulated to each member via email. There being no corrections, the Minutes are approved as circulated.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DEB WHITTEN**

The President's report is as circulated for the AGM.

**5. 2015 AGM**

- The following volunteers are required:

Registration: Eight will be required to meet at 8:15 at Parkland Secondary to receive orientation. Registration starts at 8:30 and ends at 9:30 am.

- Mykola and Rob from the Board volunteered.
- Rob will be person to consult if there are registration issues.
- Mykola will wait and register anyone after 9:30 (these can vote on “other” business only).
- Walter van Halst and Sue Thorne will help.

Scrutineers: Two will be required to assist with tallying votes and proxies for each resolution and providing results to Eli and Deb.

- Wendy and Brian from the Board volunteered.
- Andrea and Merrilla will be resources for both registration and scrutineers.

## 6. **ROUNDTABLE**

Committee members were asked to share or ask any questions if they need any clarification on any issues:

- Smaller districts have declining enrollment and are finding it more difficult to field teams.
- Can the Advisory Committee become more proactive?
- Sometimes 2 schools do a joint team applications, sometimes other
- Lower mainland has a decline in certain sports ie rugby. Allows 10-a-side to participation. Should there be a combined schools division (second tier)?
- Soccer has issues with students wanting to play community leagues rather than school leagues.
- There is some overlap for same season of play championships which make students have to choose sports.
- Suggest that place to talk about arranging provincial championship dates would be at a Sport Commissioners meeting.
- Should there be an elite or open division, particularly regarding exceptional school/sport teams?
- When the top 2 competing schools are very advanced, what is the value for them and their students to compete with other schools?

## 7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

How does BC School Sports support coaching:

- BC School Sports, in conjunction with School Sport Canada, held various coaching in BC Schools Workshops, which is are for parents, community coaches, and new teacher coaches, covering topics such as Canadian Sport for Life, NCCP system, coaching philosophy, community vs school sports, ethics, safety, BCSS rules and regulations and school/district policies. The course provides NCCP Professional Development points for the maintenance of certification.

Next year every community soccer coach will be required to be certified by BC Soccer.

## 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 5:15 pm.