



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS
COMBINED COUNCIL OF SPORT COMMISSIONERS &
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING
Saturday, October 24, 2015
Fortius Sport & Health Building
The Forum, 3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby**

MINUTES

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

Breakfast items AND REFRESHMENTS were provided compliments of UBC.

Commission Members Present:

Bruce Ito	Aquatics, part meeting
Ed Somers	Basketball-Boys, for Paul Eberhardt
Jennifer Farano	Basketball-Girls
Nancy Champagne	Cross Country
Janet Dunkin	Curling, Co-Commissioner
Moe Williams	Curling, Co-Commissioner
Brien Gemmell	Football-Boys
Mark Figuera	Golf, for Bill Richards
Adrian Wong	Gymnastics
Don Moslin	Soccer, BCSS Advisory Committee
Marci McLean	Tennis
Andrew Lenton	Track & Field, BCSS Advisory Committee
Al Carmichael	Volleyball-Boys
Joe Moreira	Volleyball-Girls, Athletic Association – West Kootenay

Athletic Association Presidents Present:

Craig Percevault	Athletic Association – Coquitlam
Ian Close	Athletic Association – Delta, BCSS Advisory Committee
Sue Thorne	Athletic Association – East Kootenay
Michael Munsie	Athletic Association – Langley
Louise Holmes	Athletic Association – North Central
Glenn Johnston	Athletic Association – North Shore, President
Alec Lewis	Athletic Association – North Shore, Vice President
Hal Hennenfent	Athletic Association – Okanagan
Gayle Guest	Athletic Association – Richmond
Simon Mah	Athletic Association – Surrey
Mike Allina	Athletic Association – Vancouver, BCSS Advisory Committee

Commission/Athletic Association & Regional Athletic Association Member Regrets:

Jeff Hunt	Badminton
Alanna Martin	Field Hockey
Jason Barr	Mountain Biking
Walter Van Halst	Rugby, BCSS Advisory Committee
Hubert Wohlgemuth	Ski/Snowboard
Ian McDonald	Wrestling
Bo Sidhu	Athletic Association – Abbotsford/Mission
Christine McNulty	Athletic Association – Burnaby/New West

Sean Lightle	Athletic Association – Fraser Valley East
David Prissinotti	Athletic Association – Lower Mainland Independent
Darren Reisig	Athletic Association – Lower Vancouver Island
Lesley McPherson	Athletic Association – Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
Margot Devault	Athletic Association – North Okanagan
Butch Gayton	Athletic Association – North Vancouver Island
Ron Van Driel	Athletic Association – Northwest
Steve Grant	Athletic Association – South Okanagan Similkameen
Annemarie Watts	Athletic Association – West Okanagan Valley
Bo Sidhu	Regional Athletic Association – Fraser Valley
Steve Grant	Regional Athletic Association – Okanagan Valley
Christine McNulty	Regional Athletic Association – Vancouver & District Inter-High School
Lindsay Brooke	Regional Athletic Association – Vancouver Island & Independent Schools

Board/Staff/Guests Present:

Deb Whitten	BCSS Board, President, Advisory Committee
Rob Colombo	BCSS Board, 1 st Vice President, Advisory Committee, Competitive Standards Committee
Wendy Hyer	BCSS Board, Advisory Committee, BC Superintendents' Rep
Brian McAskill	BCSS Board-2 nd Vice-President, Advisory Committee
Mykola Misiak	BCSS Board, Advisory Committee
Harry Moes	BCSS Board, Advisory Committee
Stacy Robertson	BCSS Board, Advisory Committee
Jonathan Kinman	Regional Athletic Association – Greater Vancouver Independent Schools
Gerry Karvelis	PE District Contact – North and West Vancouver Athletics Coordinator
John Acob	PE District Contact – Richmond, District Athletic Facilitator
Glenn Young	PE District Contact – Surrey, District Education Centre
Harp Sohi	PE District Contact – Vancouver
Christine Bradstock	Executive Director
Cari Henri	Director of Sport
Shannon Key	Membership Coordinator
Karen Hum	Assistant Membership Coordinator/Bookkeeper
Merrilla Thorp	Financial Officer, Commissions/Associations Coordinator
Lisa Kwiatkowski	UBC, Department of Athletics and Recreation, part meeting

Board/Staff/Guests Regrets:

Colin Van Delft	Regional Athletic Association – Fraser Valley Christian Schools
Ron Hall	PE District Contact – Burnaby
Dean Maion	PE District Contact – Surrey, District PE & Athletics Coordinator
Heather Lederis	PE District Contact – Lower Vancouver Island
Laurae McNally	BCSS Advisory Committee, BC School Trustees Association Rep
Ayesha Haider	BCSS Advisory Committee, BC Council of PAC Rep
Andy Gilbert	Eligibility Officer

1.0 WELCOME AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Deb Whitten welcomed everyone.

2.0 AGENDA – ADOPTION/ADDITIONS

The Agenda was emailed to all Commissioners and Athletic Association Presidents prior to the meeting.

MOVED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED that the Agenda be adopted.

3.0 UBC PRESENTATION ON FACILITIES

Lisa Kwiatkowski and Kavi Toor, UBC, Department of Athletics and Recreation presented a PowerPoint and spoke about:

- Facility rental opportunities
- 20 year master plan – includes old/current/new field facilities:
 - Aquatics, rugby, national soccer development centre, baseball indoor training centre
- New approach to sport at UBC which includes:
 - On campus accommodations available May-August: dorms to 1 bedroom suites
 - Event services, food trucks, academic and lounge space, high performance training
 - Sport partnerships – Special Olympics – full campus approach: research, living activities, facilities, food services
 - Working with Pavco and others with Sport Hosting Vancouver partnership
- Will be hosting 2 national championships – women’s soccer, men’s basketball.
- Opportunities for students to see high end facilities

4.0 MINUTES OF FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

MOVED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of May 8, 2015 be approved.

5.0 UPDATES FROM BC SCHOOL SPORTS (Christine Bradstock)

5.1 New Staff

- Brenda Chinn has retired and has been replaced part-time with Cari Henri, Director of Sport
- Andrea Michaud has moved on to another position and has been replaced by Shannon Key as Membership Coordinator
- Karen Hum has been hired as Assistant Membership Coordinator/Bookkeeper

5.2 STARS & Registration

- Important to remember that all new students inputted into STARS will be pending up to 2 business days, and even longer if paperwork is required (i.e., Stat Dec, Compliance & Authorization, Eligibility Application)
- Make sure team rosters are correct, as entries onto teams may affect students in future years
- Team Rosters are printable and if a student’s name is on it, it proves the student is eligible to play
- A reminder that per the Rules, students cannot play until they are on a roster
- Tiers are created per the Rules & Regulations

5.3 Eligibility Applications

- Have gone from approximately 80 applications per year to about 250 per year, in part due to home school eligibility being determined in grade 8 (used to be grade 10)
- In the fall, staff deal with about 30 Statutory Declarations per day

Action:

- Ian Close, BCSS Advisory Committee, and Delta Athletic Association volunteered to work with BCSS to help education parents with a one pager on Eligibility.

5.4 Sanctioning of Event

A reminder that if you go out of the province, it must be sanctioned.

5.5 Coaching Development

- Coaching in BC Schools course was held yesterday as well as 3 CIAAA sessions held around the province yesterday
- If you want a Coaching in BC Schools Workshop done in your community please let BCSS Staff know.

6.0 RESIDENCY RULES AND COMPLIANCE AND AUTHORIZATION, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (Christine Bradstock)

- Page 58 of the Handbook, Section III D5 outlines the Residency Requirements
- Students are being denied if they don't live with parents or legal guardians for 12 months
- Boarding school students must have lived in the boarding school for 12 months before they are eligible, regardless of the sports that they played the previous year
- International students (except from the USA) are eligible right away for every sport

7.0 GRADE 8 AND 9 MOVE (Christine Bradstock)

- Student home schools are designated in grade 8. Student transfers after the first day of grade 8 are subject to school district policies.
- There are currently to rules permitting grade 7 students to play. Any Grade 7 applications are going to the Eligibility Officer.
- A reminder that if a grade 7 is approved eligibility, then their grade 8 home school has been determined and could affect a grade 8 student's eligibility if they change schools in grade 8.

Actions:

- If members are aware of any district policy changes, please help update BCSS staff.
- Competitive Standards & Rules & Regulations Committees would like input.
- Suggestions for change can be submitted to Competitive Standards Committee by January 16th each year.

8.0 JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Nancy Champagne, Cross Country Sport Commissioner, found that including Jr Provincial Championships within the Cross Country Senior Championships event, doubled participation. There will be over 1,200 participants on November 7th.
- Basketball has not brought forward a request for Junior Championships to the Competitive Standards Committee.

Action:

- Please provide your opinions or perspectives regarding Junior Championships to the Competitive Standards Committee.

9.0 ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Bylaw 2.2 (iii) and (iv)

- Per Bylaw 2.2: to be a Member School, that school:
“(iii) Must be a member in good standing of the local School Athletic Association within whose geographical boundary the Member School is located, and,
(iv) Must be a member in good standing of the Regional School Athletic Association within whose boundary the member school is located, if such a Regional School Athletic Association exists;”
- Every year, BC School Sports staff request contact information from the 26 Recognized Athletic Associations, and we usually only have information from 5 or 6.

Action:

- Please let us know of your current contact information for your athletic association.

10.0 SPORT SPECIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Bruce Ito)

Aquatics Commissioner spoke to the group regarding Sport Specific Education Programs. The existing rules exclude some students from competing and there is no benefit to having this rule in Aquatics. The affects of this rule decreases participation rather than encourages. He would like to seek support of Commissions/Associations to consider rule changes to permit sport specific education program students to participate in BC School Sports.

11.0 COMPLIANCE AND AUTHORIZATION, STATUTORY DECLARATION AND ADVANCED RULED FORMS (Mike Allina)

Eligibility issues discussed earlier in agenda items 5.3, 6.0 & 7.0.

12.0 FEES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY COMMISSIONS (Mike Allina)

Discussion:

- M. Allina advised that he would like to see championships student athlete fees reduced.
- He finds different commissions are not equally accountable or transparent.
- Sport Commission Terms of Reference require annual reporting of commission and event financial statements.
- Some of the Sport Commission finances are being accounted for with BCSS support and those are consistently reported.

Action:

- Sport Commissions financial reports will be posted to the BC School Sports website

13.0 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS (Mike Allina)

M. Allina provided the following comments:

- Some sports are doing invitational tournaments and parents think that those are more prestigious than provincial championships.
- Invitational tournaments are a cash grab.

14.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion:

Per 8.3.1(1) of the Bylaws, a Director of the Board must: be a teacher or administrative officer assigned to a public member school, or be a non-instructional teacher or school district administrator paid by a school district (public school) or be a teacher or administrator at an independent member school.

We have a School Trustee on as a Director and someone thinks he should not qualify as a Board member.

Action:

- Deb responded that the Board felt that their interpretation of the bylaw was such that a School Trustee would qualify.

15.0 CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 11:45 am, followed by breakout sessions for Sport Commissioners and Athletic Association Presidents.