# BC SCHOOL SPORTS ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE MEETING AGM Week-end Friday May 7, 2010

**Meeting Locations:** North Surrey Secondary

Dinner will be provided commencing at 6:30 PM

Meeting Times: 6:30 PM

**Present:** 1. Chairman Sean Lamoureux – Twin Rivers

2. Zone A - Kootenays Sharon Popoff – Prince Charles

3. Zone B – Okanagan Jon Brady - Barriere

4. Zone C – North Central
 5. Zone D – North West
 6. Vancouver Island
 Brian Naka – Nechako Valley
 Cam MacKay - Caledonia
 Jesse Witte – Kwalikum

Deb Whitten

7. Lower Mainland Andrew Scofield

8. Fraser Valley Murray Mcleod - Sullivan Heights
Mike Keenan - Samuel Robertson

### Regrets:

Sharon Popoff, Brian Naka, Cam MacKay, Deb Whitten, Andrew Scofield, Murray Mcleod, Mike Keenan

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Introduction and Welcomes
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda
- Moved by Witte, Seconded by Brady, Passed
- 3. Approval of the Administrator Committee Minutes of May 8, 2009
- Moved by Peacock, Seconded by Witte, Passed
- 4. Business Arising form the Minutes of May 8, 2009
  - a) Jesse questioned the rationale of players not been able to play up when it is necessary to field a team

### 5. New Business

- a) Funding Update: Currently we are an organization that is solely funded by the member schools. BCSS is always seeking an influx of funding fro the government and the private sector however we are no longer reliant on it to survive. The increases voted on at the emergency AGM will begin in September.
- **b) Sport Alliance**: Representatives from the Board of Directors meet with the Sport Alliance to discuss the possibility of funding for the new school year. Legacies Now used to be the funding agency for BCSS. In 2004 this switched to the Government (Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport: Ida Chong?). 2010 Legacies Now, Sport BC,

BC Games Society and Canadian Sport Pacific have taken the name the BC Sport Alliance and are facilitating the funding allocation for the Government. The will provide input, a strategic direction and accountability for the allocation of monies.

Marilynn Payne asked the question "What exactly is BCSS doing to increase the participation and performance of BC athletes?" A new structure for sports is being built for BC. We are not sure where or even if BCSS has a place in the new system. A minimum criteria for eligible funding was presented. Ie; increased participation, high performance development. The current criteria would make it very challenging for BCSS to be granted funding from the Sport Alliance. A letter will still be drafted from the Executive Director to pursue funding opportunities.

Raj and Sue met with the MLA Opposition Critic for Sport to discuss BCSS and the relationship with Leagacies Now and the newly created Sport Alliance.

## c) Grade 9 Boys Basketball Provincials:

A grade 9 Provincial basketball tournament was played "Out of Season". BCSS discovered this when a community coach contacted the organization to grant permission to have 5 of their players moved up from the grade 8 team. As soon as BCSS found out of the violation the organization tired to contact the tournament organizers. A cease and desist letter was sent to principals and Athletic Directors of the offending schools. 10 teams willingly choose to continue playing in violation of the rules while 6 other teams defaulted their remaining games. Fines were applied to schools based on the amount of games played in the tournament. In cases where the principal and AD wrote a letter recognizing the violation and apologizing the amount was reduced.

# d) Telus – "AAA" boys tournament:

At the 2009 LMHSBBA meeting a decision was made to reduce the amount of births to the BCSS AAA Championship. 16 teams to 12 teams. As a result only 1 independent school was allowed to participate. St. Georges (ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Province) were not able to participate. Telus has contacted BCSS about their concerns around the negative press this decision has caused for their business.

- **e) New BCPVPA President**: Jameel Aziz will be the new President of the BCPVPA. He contacted me about becoming more involved (knowledgeable) about BCSS. He would like at attend an upcoming meeting.
- f) Gender Equity: Ontario Ruling: a 17 year old soccer player in Ontario recently forced the body that over-seas high school athletics in Ontario to change its rules to permit female athletes to try out for boys teams regardless if they have the same opportunity to play for a female team. It is not about participation but rather skill level. It could have an impact of BCSS hover the main mandate is still participation.
- g) Wrestling Provincials: One of the wrestlers in the finals was threatened by a gang member prompting numerous police to be present at the finals. A lengthy discussion occurred about how do we ensure the safety of the participants and the spectators.

# 6. Issues of concern from around the province?

a) One of the main topics we discussed was the true value of the Administrators

committee in light of the poor attendance and does BCSS get full value from our meetings. We came to the conclusion that having an administrative group act as an advisory body to the Executive Director and the Board was valuable but the current format of meetings was costly and inefficient. This will be looked at in the future to help determine how the committee should function best.

## 7. Recommendations from the Administrators' Committee

a) A re-evaluation of the role of the committee and how we can best support the Executive Director.

Adjournment @ 8:20 pm