



MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 11:50 am by Mike Allina, Chair

Members Present:

Mike Allina	President
Rob Colombo	1 st Vice President
Rick Lopez	Director
Rick Thiessen	Director

Regrets:

Mykola Misiak	2 nd Vice President
Brent Sweeney	Director

BC School Sports Staff and Others Present:

Jordan Abney	Executive Director
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1. WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone. He noted that the Board did have quorum and this meeting was being conducted as official board business.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. DECISIONS FROM THE ELIGIBILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

Jordan introduced the discussion topic as the office was receiving numerous inquiries from concerned parties over recent EAC decisions where athletes are being granted the ability to play at schools other than they are registered at. Any basic communication is difficult for staff to answer questions regarding how things are being approved. It is also increasing the amount of applications coming in, as people are hoping more exceptions will be granted. We have received over 150 Eligibility Applications already this year.

Board members offered their thoughts to the situations. All felt that it is important for a student to compete at the school they are registered at. Exceptions should be very rare and only for the most extreme cases. It was noted that one of the few core principles of BC School Sport is that a student must play at the school they are registered at.

Jordan noted that our lawyer drafted a Memo in 2014 for the EAC as a guide on how to make sound decisions.

Board members commented that some of the pillars of school sport are: Under 19 to play, play at the school at which you are registered, etc. These should be granted exceptions extremely rarely.

Recommendation of the Board was to draft a letter to the EAC, from the Board, suggesting a stricter approach and reinforcing that the pillars must be unalienable except in the most extreme circumstances. Also to use the letter from Peter Spencer to reinforce the messaging.

MOVED, SECONDED & RESOLVED THAT Jordan will draft a letter to the EAC Chair for review by the Board, reinforcing the pillars of BCSS and provide support with the Legal Memo from 2014.

4. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 12:14pm