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**BOARD MEETING  
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm, Mike Allina, Chair

**Members Present:**

Mike Allina	President
Rob Colombo	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Mykola Misiak	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Rick Lopez	Director
Brent Sweeney	Director
Rick Thiessen	Director

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

Jordan Abney	Executive Director
Merrilla Thorp	Financial Officer

**1. WELCOME**

The President welcomed everyone.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED** that the Agenda be adopted with the following addition:

8.9. Field Hockey - Remembrance Day

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

**3.1. MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**

**3.2. MEETING (TELECONFERENCE) OF OCTOBER 19, 2016**

**MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED** that the Minutes of September 24, 2016 & October 19, 2016, be approved.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**4.1. Standing Committee Volunteer Applications (L. Karpluk)**

L. Karpluk will continue as a member of the Eligibility Appeals Committee.

**4.2. Board of Director's Pictures**

Pictures of Board members will be posted to the BCSS website; reminder to be sent to Directors.

**4.3. Signing Authorities**

The President will attend the Bank to sign documentation to be added as a signing authority.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mike Allina (verbal)**

The President's report is as provided at the Joint Council meeting this morning.

**6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Jordan Abney**

The Executive Director's report was received with the following highlights:

### **Operations**

- Financials: Reduced sponsorship this year requires deficit budget. Auditors were in for 2 days in September and should have a draft report soon. Fines to schools have started
- Commissions: Doing bookkeeping for 7 Commissions, one more considering.
- Staff: 4 full-time staff, 2 Eligibility Officers (part-time contracts), summer students now finished

### **Programs**

- Membership Services: STARS was updated over the summer. Still some bugs being worked on.
- Championships & Zones: Some hosts still needed. Championships banners are in and being distributed. SportsCanadaTV offering increased services for webcasting. Board members may be to attend Championships on behalf of BCSS.
- Coach Development: CIAAA courses cancelled Oct 21<sup>st</sup> due to low registration. Track & Field ran a sport-specific conference Oct 21.
- Recognition: Scholarship information available on the website.

### **Partnerships, Representation & Advocacy**

- Sponsorships: Continuing work on sponsorships
- Representation: ED had meetings with: Select Standing Committee for Finance of the Provincial Government in October, MSO Leadership Council, Safe Sport Committee met in late September, KidSport BC, Special Olympics BC, Upcoming meetings with Chairs of Boards of Education
- Advocacy: Upcoming one-on-one meeting with Minister of Culture, Sport & Community Development in November

### **Commissions & Committees:**

- Continued work with Girls Volleyball meetings, Boys Basketball tiering, and Football Commissions re minimum numbers

### **Policy & Governance:**

- Policy Work: Clarity from Board on interpretation regarding transfers have guided EO's on decisions and communications. Building a long list of policies that will need changes. Would like meeting schedule to work with Competitive Standards Committee.
- Societies Act: Board authorized Task Force created and met and proposed a plan.

## **7. 2016-17 Q1 OPERATING STATEMENTS**

Q1 comparative report was distributed.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8.1. Vacant Board Seat**

S. Robertson was a VSB Trustee. The VSB has been dismissed by the Minister of Education, therefore he has ceased to hold office per 8.4.1 of BCSS Bylaws.

**MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED** that the Board is committed to moving forward and will consider options, including inviting someone to fill the vacancy.

### **8.2. Letter to EAC**

A letter was presented to the EAC from the Board, providing guidance on future EAC decisions, outlining some core pillars:

- A student-athlete must be under 19 year of age to compete
- A student-athlete must compete for the school at which they are enrolled
- A student-athlete transfer is not to be completed for athletic-related purposes

These pillars and their decisions are to protect the integrity of the policies established within the rules that are laid out and approved by the membership.

Discussion:

- NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) recently did a survey of transfer rules

- Massachusetts' appeals are reviewed asking a series of questions, and are denied if any are answer negatively.

Action:

- The ED and Board will investigate how other jurisdictions handle appeals and discuss further.

### 8.3. School Sport Canada Report

R. Colombo provided a report on the meetings in Quebec:

- School Sport Canada is the national body for school sport in Canada
- Meetings are attended by Presidents and Executive Directors from all provinces
- BC School Sports is hosting next year in September
- All BCSS Board members are encouraged to attend the social and meeting next year
- A good opportunity to share common issues and solutions.
- Each province organizes themselves differently.
- Most provinces are responsible for hosting championships and generate the revenue to subsidize the costs to run the events and support the provincial organization. Typical split is 60% to host and 40% to the provincial organization
- Hosting all the championships offers large sponsorship opportunities

Action:

- Staff to send next year's School Sport Canada dates to Board.

### 8.4. Grade 8 Basketball Seasons of Play Request – Central Okanagan

School District 23, Central Okanagan, has a seasons of play change request for grade 8 basketball.

**MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED** that School District 23, Grade 8 basketball will run from November 21, 2016 to January 23, 2017. For next year (17/18), they will need to work with the Competitive Standards Committee for an on-going exemption.

### 8.5. Societies Act Changes – Feedback and Rollout

Discussion:

- Based on information received at the Joint Council meeting, the preferred option would be to have the draft new Bylaws permit Voting in Person, Voting by Proxy and Advanced Voting, if permitted by the Registrar of Companies, and recommended by legal counsel. If not recommended, then Voting in Person and by Proxy would be the alternative.

Action:

- Staff to work with legal counsel to update draft Constitution and Bylaws.

### 8.6. Motion to Call Extraordinary Meeting – November 23, 2016

Discussion:

- Boys AA Soccer championships end November 23 in Burnaby (ends at 3 pm), and Boys AAA Soccer championships start November 23 in Burnaby (coaches meeting starts at 7 pm).
- This is an opportunity to have province-wide representation available for a quorum for an extraordinary meeting to adopt Bylaws which will be in compliance with new Societies Act.

**MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED** that an Extraordinary General Meeting be called for November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 to replace Bylaws.

M. Misiak and R. Thiessen departed.

Discussion:

- Historically parliamentarian at meetings. With only one resolution, it's not recommended, not recommended this time.

#### **8.7. Strategic Plan**

Item Tabled until January Board Meeting

#### **8.8. Feedback on Joint Council Sessions**

Discussion:

Staff would like feedback:

- What did you like?
- What would you like different?
- What we did differently: we set agendas for Council meetings
- In future should there be a Friday session? Friday night social? Education? and then Saturday meetings?

#### **8.9. Field Hockey – Remembrance Day**

Discussion:

- Staff have received a complaint regarding a BCSS event occurring on Remembrance Day (Friday).
- Jordan has engaged the author of the complaint to determine what sport and event
- Jordan will also speak to FH Commission to ensure there is appropriate action during AAA Provincial Championships

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 4:30 pm.