



MINUTES

Meeting called to order via teleconference at 9:22 AM Mike Allina, Chair.

Directors Present:

Mike Allina	President
Sean Juteau	Director
Mykola Misiak	1 st 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
Shannon Key	Manager of Sport, part of meeting
Kim Senecal	Strategic Planning Contractor, part of meeting
Bradford Waterhouse	Strategic Planning contractor, part of meeting

1. WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone. Roundtable on recent news from each person at meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that the Agenda be adopted with the date amended to September 20, 2017.

3. MINUTES

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1.1. MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that the June 23, 2017 Minutes be approved with the following correction: Sean Juteau attended the meeting.

3.1.2. MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that the September 7, 2017 Minutes be approved with the following corrections: Header-meeting date information be corrected.

3.2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President provided a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Last year's progress has been positive
- Opportunity to keep up the positive momentum
- Work starting on Strategic Plan and continuing on Zone review

3.3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

- Subway donation increased to BCSS, Subway to Commissions continuing
- 54 Eligibility Applications so far

- 18 Eligibility Appeals going to Committee this weekend
- BC School Sports will be a member of Sport BC, so school athletic programs can qualify for KidSport funds. Football commission will pay \$750 towards annual SportBC membership.
- Met with Football Commission in August
- Met with District Coordinators. Some interest in all sport rules being in the BCSS Handbook
- Continuing consultation with Commissions, Athletic Associations and Districts

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & RELATED ITEMS

4.1. OPERATING STATEMENTS TO AUG 31, 2017

MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that the Operating Statements to August 31, 2017 be received as presented.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1. BCSS ZONE REALIGNMENT

Executive Directors Report on Survey results:

- 126 responses
- 9 or 10 zones is preferred through survey
- # of zones affects all schools
- Suggestion of some regional directors that only membership from possible zones affected by change: 8, 9 or 10 options - should be only ones to vote on zone changes
- Should Alignment (options A&B) be voted by whole membership or those affected only?
- Next steps:
 - Should get legal advice re full or partial membership vote on zones/appendix changes
 - Staff recommends that build consensus and include in Extraordinary meeting this fall for 2019
 - Then work on alignment to be voted on this May AGM, for implementation 2019

Discussion:

- Surrey is very large and still growing so considering 10 zone preference
- Concept 3 districts within each zone?
- Fraser Valley Athletic Association Executive is meeting Tuesday, October 3rd. Can it be discussed at this meeting?
- Should there be another survey to determine A or B preferences?

Actions:

- Brent & Jordan to talk off-line about October 3rd FV Meeting
- Executive Director to examine voting process for rezoning based on legal advice (re Appendix Changes)
- Call Extraordinary Meeting in the fall of 2017

Item 5.2 was discussed from 2:30 – 3:00 pm, with Strategic Planning Contractors in attendance for only this part of the meeting. The Minutes reflect the order of the Agenda.

5.2. STRATEGIC PLANNING – KIM SENEAL (2:30 PM-3:00 PM)

Kim Senecal & Bradford Waterhouse attended this section of the meeting only.

The Strategic Planning contractors were introduced and provide a brief summary of their sport experience. High Level Question to Board: What does the Board want as an outcome?

Responses:

- How to govern organization
- How to encourage/bring Commissions into the organization
- How to update the governance model
- How to create a common understanding v application of rules
- How to encourage members to abide by same rules & understanding of rules

- Rules / vision direction - living document to clarify values to help interpret rules
- Re-focus – do we want as many kids playing as possible, fairness when competing, and yet remove barriers to students to play
- Common understanding of purpose/Mission/Vision/Values – membership taking responsibility for activities
- Communication expectations?
- Envision an ideal future: internal/external
- How best to engage members
- How to get buy-in from stakeholders and identify stakeholders
- Change and governance takes guidelines (governance and zones)

Next Steps:

They will put together the path forward and bring to the Board to refocus. They will continue engagement, communicating through the Executive Director.

5.3. LOWER ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (LIMSAA)

Copy of the letter sent to LIMSAA was provided to the Board for their information.

5.4. SCHOOL SPORT CANADA

- The national meeting being hosted by BCSS and held in Whistler starts one week from today
- The Executive Director recognized the Manager of Sport (Shannon Key) for taking the lead on all meeting arrangements
- Have received grants from the following organizations: Reliance Insurance, Infigo Imaging, Contra regarding bussing from Airport to Whistler

5.5. ADDITION OF ULTIMATE AS BCSS SPORT

Discussion:

- Sean Juteau spoke to the Ultimate provincial sport organization (PSO) and they are not keen on BCSS organizing Provincial Championships. They currently charge \$450 per high school team to participate
- Board discussed having the BCSS appoint a committee to host Ultimate provincial championships on a trial basis
- North Shore, Richmond, Vancouver are interested in BCSS hosting Ultimate as the costs were \$450 per team. Costs have significantly accelerated in the last few years
- What are the operating policies to create a new sport
- Committee required to establish rules, Committee terms of references
- Staff resources required to run event

MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that at the Executive Director proceed with the planning of an extraordinary general meeting in Fall 2017 to address the addition of Ultimate as an official BCSS sport beginning in the Spring of 2018; **AND FURTHER** that the it be run by BCSS and there be an Rules Committee be formed to assist the membership with approving the rules of the sport.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. ELIGIBILITY PROCESS SEMINAR – SEP 23

- The Eligibility Appeals Committee (EAC) will meet face-to-face in Burnaby on the afternoon of September 23 to review 18 Appeals
- In the morning, the full EAC and staff will meet with legal counsel for an educational session on Eligibility, Rules, and decision making
- Board members may attend if they wish

6.2. REQUEST FROM COQUITLAM FOR ONE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD RE: MEMBER SCHOOLS

- Similar to the Island Middle Schools, Coquitlam Schools have requested a one-year grace period

MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that staff send a letter to Coquitlam Schools Athletic Association approving a one-year exemption for Coquitlam schools similar to the Lower Island whereas they may play a non-member school from their district for this year. Also noting that members are still expected to follow all the rules of the organization and that if a grade 8 plays up to a senior school, they have established their home school.

6.3. RUGBY PREMIER LEAGUE CONCEPT

- The Rugby Commission has identified an imbalance in school team skills with one school team being more skilled.
- Last year the Commission attempted a Stadium Series/fourth tier to try to improve the competitive balance.
- The Rugby Commission drafted proposed ballot for Rugby Schools to consider a Rugby Premier League, to be signed by BCSS Executive Director and sent out.

Action:

The Board directs staff to provide a letter to Rugby, and message that the proposed ballot letter/message NOT be signed by the Executive Director, and is not endorsed by the BCSS Board. The Board recommends that the Rugby Commission attempt to resolve the issues.

The Manager of Sport departed the meeting.

6.4. INDEPENDENT v PUBLIC SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

- Report presented to Board for their information
- Reviewed results over past 5-7 years
- Looked at schools finishing top 4
- Stats per tier and by sport by tier

6.5. POLICY INTERPRETATIONS

6.5.1. CANADIAN SPORT SCHOOLS

- There are 2 new Canadian Sport Schools in BC this year, bringing the total to 3
- They are run in partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute and the Pacific Sport Network and the transfers are sport related
- Is a transfer to a Canadian Sport School considered a bona fide academic transfer?

Action:

Transfers related to these schools will continue to be reviewed by the Eligibility Officer on a case-by-case basis. Sport course credits are not considered academic courses.

6.5.2. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMMUTING DAILY FROM WASHINGTON

- A student lives in Washington State, but attends a BC school as an international student
- The eligibility policy requires international students to be resident of BC or be subject to Student-Athlete Transfer rules
- Does the transfer rule requiring a student to sit out a year take precedence over residency? Meaning that even if a student never meets residency (living outside of BC, living with a relative or person other than parents/legal guardians) can they play after they sat out for a year?

6.5.3. SITTING OUT A YEAR v RESIDENCY/DL/CATCHMENT etc.

More discussion regarding sitting out a year:

- Impacts of a DL student wanting to play a team sport and has never played sports then do they still need to sit out a year?
- Should “residency” be removed from the rules, so that if a student sits out a year, they can still play?
- Executive Director noted the need to identify what are Eligibility Rules and which are Transfer Rules as the two right now are linked
- Board indicated to continue to apply rules, whereas a student who doesn’t meet Residency Requirements, becomes eligible after sitting out one year, despite still not meeting Residency as alluded to in the policies of the organization.

Action:

Executive Director to add to list of updates for the policy recommendations for Spring 2018 AGM

6.5.4. MAPLEWOOD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL – STATUS

- Ministry of Education classifies this school as “standard” and “independent” but they also have an alternative school for students with learning differences in Grades 8-12. The Ministry has only classified them as one number so they do not qualify under BCSS rules as “alternate”. What happens to the student who wants to participate in a team sport which the school doesn’t have?

7. BOARD OF DIRECTOR DUTIES

7.1. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that Brent Sweeney, be appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

7.2. CONSENT TO ACT PAPERWORK

Action:

M Thorp will follow up with Board members directly regarding any missing Consent forms.

7.3. BANK AUTHORIZATION & SIGNING AUTHORITY CHANGES

MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that Brent Sweeney be added as an authorized bank signatory.

7.4. 2017-18 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

List of Standing Committee appointments was distributed.

Mykola Misiak to be added to the Disciplinary Committee.

MOVED/SECONDED AND RESOLVED that the persons named on the form, with the one addition of Mikoyla Misiak be appointed to the positions as indicated.

7.5. 2017-18 BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING DATES

Next Board Meeting Dates:

- October 21 Fall Council Meetings in morning with Board/Advisory Committee in afternoon
- Late Nov/Dec Board meeting before Christmas to be decided by doodle poll, and maybe tied to Fall Extra-Ordinary meeting
- January Budget Meeting
- Spring AGM preparation
- AGM May 12
- Strat Plan Maybe an extra Board meeting regarding Strategic Planning

Items for discussion at Fall Council:

- Rezoning
- Strategic Plan
- Ultimate

Action:

Staff will draft Fall Council meeting schedule and report back to Board.

Executive Director to send out Doodle Poll for Dates in December and January

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to the In-Camera portion of the meeting at 3:00 pm.

In-Camera Minutes are recorded separately.