



**BC SCHOOL SPORTS
COUNCIL OF SPORT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Friday, May 8, 2015
Accent Inn Victoria**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 8:14 pm by Don Moslin, Chair.

Commission Members Present:

Badminton	Jeff Hunt
Basketball-Boys	Paul Eberhardt
Basketball-Girls	Jennifer Farano
Cross Country	Nancy Champagne
Curling	Janet Dunkin (Co-Commissioner)
Field Hockey	Alanna Martin
Football-Boys	Brien Gemmell
Golf	Mark Figuera for Bill Richards
Gymnastics	Adrian Wong
Rugby	Walter Van Halst
Soccer	Don Moslin, Chair
Tennis	Marci McLean
Volleyball-Boys	Al Carmichael
Volleyball-Girls	Joe Moreira

Commission Member Regrets:

Aquatics	Bruce Ito
Curling	Moe Williams (Co-Commissioner)
Mountain Biking	Chris Stromgren
Ski/Snowboard	Hubert Wohlgemuth
Track & Field	Andrew Lenton
Wrestling	Ian McDonald

BC School Sports Staff/Board/Committee Members Present:

Brenda Chinn	Director of Sport
Christine Bradstock	Executive Director
Andrea Michaud	Membership Coordinator
Deb Whitten	President
Mykola Misiak	Board Member
Brian McAskill	Board Member

Observer: Jay Guillet (College Heights)

1. WELCOME

- Don Moslin welcomed the Commissioners

2. INFORMATION COLLECTION (Commission Executive, etc.)

- Due to seasons of play and/or job action some commissions are just completing their submission now however it is already time to submit the information for 2014-15! Similar to last year, the forms will be pre-filled with as much 2014-15 information that we know and you will only have to update.
- Where possible, please provide a 3 year plan for your provincial championship(s).
- Difficult items such as spectator numbers and volunteer hours are needed to help BCSS apply for more funding as well as insurance. If you have way more spectators than what we have reported to our insurance provider, your event insurance may be null and void!
- Please submit before the end of the school year.

3. BCSS GRANTS AND GAMING GRANTS

- A question arose as to how many commissions have not received their funding and the answer was two.
- As per the BCSS rules and regulations, an information request will be sent out shortly to all sport commissioners. The information is required for insurance purposes as well as the BCSS Handbook and Calendar. Please complete and return before the end of the school year.
- Upon submission of the requested annual information, funds are released to the sport commission and the commission becomes eligible for their allotment of the Gaming Grant.

4. CHECKING ROSTERS AT ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PROVINCIALS

- Discussed during joint councils meeting.

5. AUTHORIZATION FORMS FOR COMMISSION AGMS

- This was an agenda item from last year whereby a few sport commissions were looking for a standard form to be signed by schools to authorize of who has the permission to vote at the commission's AGM.

6. BCSS SERVICES:

- A reminder that BCSS is available to assist sport commissions with:
 - Bookkeeping – more commissions are taking advantage of this service; testimonials from Nancy Champagne (Cross Country) and Jeff Hunt (Badminton).
 - Medical coverage – more commissions are using the SportMedBC service and/or organizing their own and receiving financial assistance.
 - Webcasting – several commissions/hosts used the EZ Cast system this past year and it worked well. Some sports and locations are not “webcast friendly” but most are taking advantage of this technology.
 - Teleconferencing at competitive rates is available to commissions for which BCSS provides bookkeeping
 - ***ACTION: Brenda to find out the maximum number of participants permitted for a conference call.***
Answer: 125

7. SPORT ON THE MOVE GRANTS

- BCSS can assist in submitting the form to ViaSport. Information to provide:
 - All teams participating regardless of travel or not
 - City/town the team is from
 - # athletes who travelled to championships (male/female)
- ***ACTION: BCSS to ask ViaSport to include a letter or notation when the cheque is sent to the school so that it is deposited to the correct account.***

8. TRAVEL COST SURVEY – PRELIMINARY RESULTS

- Last year BCSS staff were asked to conduct a survey regarding travel costs. Some preliminary results were presented. If a commission would like sport specific data, please contact Brenda
- A reminder that items such as banquet tickets, t-shirts, souvenir programs are NOT mandatory
- There was a brief discussion on how to reduce costs:

- A ferry subsidy is available through BC Ferries but it is a bit of a process
 - Can also try applying through ViaSport: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/viasport-bcferries>
- The desire to be in particular venues may be driving up the cost of championships so perhaps need to look at other options

9. REPRESENTATIVES TO BCSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2015-16

- Sport Commissions Representatives will be Rugby and T&F as per the previously circulated rotation.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Issue of single gender schools in co-ed competition
 - Historically there are some pre-existing pairings and there is a school that doesn't have a "partner". Note that there are no rules regarding the pairing of schools.
 - It is a legal issue (cannot prevent a school from participating due to gender) with many complexities that are changing daily.
 - Commissions that have co-ed competition need to develop some guidelines regarding this issue.
- Issue where a red card incident was reported to the Commissioner two months after the fact. There was essentially no response by the school. Are disciplinary actions tracked by BCSS so that athletes cannot continue to participate in other sports?
 - Consensus is that it is a school issue and the responsibility of the coach and AD.
 - Each provincial championship should have a discipline committee to deal with possible suspensions
 - Some athletic associations have policies regarding suspensions that carry sport to sport.
 - Sport commissions need to determine a procedure and if there are issues with particular school(s), to ask the BCSS office for assistance.
- Items from earlier Joint Commissions meeting:
 - Further discussion regarding Boys' Basketball request. Can't change this past year but need to move forward to future years process. It becomes an issue of season of play vs. venue choice. The bottom line is that better communication is vital.

11. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 9:22 pm