

BCSSA Board of Directors Meeting
Location: BCSSA Office
205 – 2323 Boundary Road
Burnaby, BC V5M 4V8

Friday, April 20, 2007 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, April 21, 2007 - 9:15am – 4:00 pm
Sunday, April 22, 2007 - 9:00am – 2:00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Don Miller, Mike Nickerson, Steve Shipley, Neil Wuolle, Cindi Borsoi, Glen Terrillon, Greg Harassemow, Joanna Linardis, Ian Allen, Darcy Morris, Tony Dixon, Norm Scott, Stella Kosciuk, Brenda Krueger, Heidi Light Ryan Corbett, Jim Toy, Mike Lorusso, Rosemary Nickerson, Frank Ball, Claude Desrosiers

Meeting called to order: 9:17 am

1. Comments – Don Miller

- Recap Strategic Plan Meeting
- Informal meeting – reviewed Strategic Plan and what our next process should be. We reviewed the strategic plan and what needs to be revise and how we are going to proceed.
- Suggested Mission Statement revision:
- **“The BC Summer Swimming Association promotes the development of its athletes through participation in competitive aquatic sports”.**
- We have suggested that Neil Wuolle facilitate our discussions and review of the Strategic Plan and we are requesting **all Board members** to review the “ Guiding Principles” and, before the October Board meeting, forward our visions or suggestions of how this should read by email, to Neil Wuolle, so he can review and be prepared to guide these discussions.

2. Review Minutes of the January 2007 Board Meeting

2.1 Motion to accept previous minutes as presented.

Ian Allen/Tony Dixon

CARRIED unanimousl

3. Business Arising

3.1 Boot Camp / Course for Club Presidents, VP's & Directors update – C.Borsoi/N. Woulle

There have been 4 Boot camps throughout the province.

Neil – believes they were very successful. That will depend on whether the Club now takes their information and knowledge onward. Response was very positive. Members were very pleased with the Boards support in these camps. Throughout the camps with the wisdom and knowledge, more information was added to the Binders.

Norm- On the Vancouver Island Region discussed the camp at their Regional Meeting and discovered that a number of their clubs have put new processed in place in their clubs because of the camps.

Don – what he found beneficial was the open discussion that has come from these camps.

All participants received binders with the information to pass on and continue to add to.

Don – Cannot remember any negative comments from the camps. On the contrary, people are very pleased that these camps have started.

We now need to put in place how these camps can carry on. How do we develop people in the organization to train people to continue the growth with these camps.

Neil and Cindi have been asked to come forward with a suggestion of how to educate and put people in place to continue these camps annually.

3.2 Insurance Clarification – Directors and Officers Coverage- D. Miller/N.Scott
Motion to be brought from the table:

Motion to increase fees up to \$5.00 per swimmer for the 2008 Summer/Winter Season

Mike Nickerson / Frank Ball

Clarification: this motion was brought forward with the intent to cover costs for Directors and Officers Insurance. As there are other increasing costs to review, we will bring this motion forward later in this meeting.

A presentation by Leslie Neilsen on Insurance. Package distributed to all Board members.

1. **General Liability Policy-** covers if you are negligent. ie injury from tripping on a cord from electronics on deck
 - Blanket policy that covers other than meet and drive to and from event such as a Picnic etc. coverage 5,000,000 Liability.
 - Covers Rental space accidental damage (example: Something fall off the shelf and puts a hole in the wall of the Rental Space)
 - Commercial Property – Computer, electronics etc. owned by club
 - Covers Participants in an event, ie spectator, volunteer,
 - This Policy will not cover events or clubs out side of Canada. However they will be covered to coming to Canada. Will not cover Canadian swimmers going to US meet.
 - **NOTE: Leslie will look into insurance regarding the participating team from the USA**
2. Accident Insurance – Insures participants of the policyholder.

3. Directors & Officers Liability Insurance

NOTE: will policy cover in a case of harassment, molestation, etc. and the board is being sued? **Leslie will get further clarification.**

Each club and the Provincial Board would purchase a Directors & Officers Policy.

Leslie will get back to Don Miller with more information within a few days.

Discussion: We need to deal with the gaps that are in our current Coverage.

le. Colville, and the coverage we would have with our members going into the USA

Proceeding. We need to ensure our CGL covers our athletes.

Previous coverage premiums were: CGL 10000 and AD&D coverage \$7000

Norm went to 5 different underwriters to be quoted on our needs.

Motion: that a committee be formed to obtain, expeditiously, a full insurance coverage package to insure the BCSSA Board of Directors.

Mike Lorusso/Cindi Borsoi

Discussion

Don - A committee has already come forward with recommendations.

The Presentation was the recommendations.

Actions are subject to the information that Leslie needs to acquire and report back on.

Motion died.

Motion that subject to the information on the Coverage regarding Colville and the answers on D & O Insurance we accept the package put forward.

Ian Allen/Mike Nickerson

Discussion: time is of an essence, but we need to ensure the coverage we are asking for

Motion is DEFEATED

MOTION: that the Insurance Committee be instructed to purchase appropriate insurance for organization.

Mike Nickerson/Frank Ball

CARRIED

Obstension : Norm Scott

3.3 Contracts with BC Water Polo, Synchro, Diving

Re Development Funding – Don Miller/Mike.Lorusso

We have made some contact but we do not meet the criteria of a PSO (Provincial Sport Organization) in their eyes. Mike and Don will deal with the three Directors of these sports but it is not an easy sell.

Mike Lorusso – Met with Gail Donahue (Sport BC) to discuss how the funding flows out to the separate disciplines and the Minimum Eligibility Criteria , which we do not meet, but believe we could work on these criteria. Swim BC has indicated they want to open a discussion with us, so we need to work on this.

Mike will give each Director the contact name and numbers.

Motion to go into Committee of a Whole.

Norm Scott / Ryan Corbett

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to come out of Committee of a Whole

Frank/Norm

Carried unanimously

4. Director of Competitions

Frank Ball

4.1 2007 Provincials Report on Prince George – Rosemary and Frank Committee in PG is on line and working well with us.

- 4.1.1 Assignment of Responsibilities/Provincials 2007 –
Regional Directors please be on with fulfilling their responsibilities (See Attached Copy)
- 4.1.2 Event Apparel at Provincials – **Esquire Wholesales**
- 4.1.3 Contracts – Wilsons and Team Aquatics – update . Rosemary is signing contract with Team Aquatics for 2007 only and will review all contracts with them for 2008 to perhaps sign a longer term contract.
Wilson – we will not use this year .
- 4.1.4 List of Board Member Arrival Dates- Hotel List distributed. Board Members were invited to discuss with Frank and Rosemary at lunch.
- 4.1.5 List of Event dates and times – Per Meet Package which will go up on the Web site.
- 4.1.6 Possible use of Air Flights for Judges and Regs(WP/Synchro/Diving)- discount about 10% - once organized and have been given the Event Booking Number, Rosemary/Frank will email to all but ask that each Board Member keep a list of who is using this number and forward to Rosemary when list is completed.
- 4.1.6.1 We will use a Shuttle service from Airport –Hotel-Pool that has been graciously donated.
- 4.1.7 **Updated instructions for Provincial Entries – PRESENTATION (Package on Web site under Provincials 2007)**
- 4.1.8 RV Parking Lot at Provincials – Shared with Mens Soccer League Evenings
- 4.1.9 Cost of Provincials and concerns
- 4.1.10 **PRESENTATION on Provincial Dinner – Saturday pm – Barb Forest**
- 4.1.11 Posting of top 60 times will continue with a new file for Hi Tek
- 4.1.12 Posting : results of that year will remain in the Meet record spot **and** The New meet Record will be identified in the result.
- 4.1.13 Results from Preliminaries should be posted on Web as well.
- 4.2 **Motion to be brought from the table reads** : MOTION to remove the “O” Cat 1 and “O” Cat 2 designation from our rules for one year and combine those swimmers in their respective “S” Swimming Category.
Frank Ball/ Claude Desrosiers

Frank Ball / Stella Kosciuk

Carried

Discussion

Regions Response:

Vancouver & District – No	Okanagan – No Comment
Fraser Valley - No	Fraser South - No thank you
Cariboo - No Response	Simon Fraser - No
Vancouver Island - No	Kootney - No

The question to vote on the motion on the table is called.

Norm Scott/ Neil Wuolle

Carried

MOTION: DEFEATED

Abstaining : Frank Ball

Discussion : How do we deal with the inequities. Our “O” category competitors do not have equal competition to the “S” Categories.

Perhaps we, as clubs, could start using our Time Standard meets and swim the “O” competitors and the “S” competitors together and sort them out for award presentations. This will promote the acceptance and inclusion of the “O” swimmers in our association.

5. Director of Marketing

Claude Derosiers

5.1 Marketing Plan for 2006/2007 – Report

Currently working with Ms. Ellen Aexnov Marketing Director for IPSOS REID. She is helping and guiding me to develop a proper “Media Release Package”. This package will be instrumental in marketing BCSSA. It has to be done right by the right person in order to help produce it.

Marketing for the 2007 Provincials is being handled by Frank and Rosemary.

The Promotional Leaflets that Carl Repp produced, are being worked on and a draft will be provided via email before it is printed/distributed

5.2 50/50 Draw for Provincials - Claude to get license and arrange for the draw to run at Provincials. **Reminder to Claude** – the monies from these daily draws are used to help offset the costs of Provincials.

6. Director of Finance

Mike Lorusso

6.1 Income and Expense Statements – distributed and reviewed

When looking at Average Expenditures and Average Revenues it is apparent that we need to do something to increase our Revenues.

6.2 Provincial Sponsorship letters – sent letters to various Lumber companies in the Prince George area.

6.3 **National Sport Trust - PRESENTATION**

6.3 Other- working on an new financial Reporting system

6.3.1 Per diem on Expense Sheets for Board Travel. Suggestion is to set Maximum amounts for each meal (Break, Lunch, Dinner)

6.3.2 Expenses – Mileage 25 cents per km or cost of fuel not to cover more than your out of pocket costs.

MOTION to come forward Sunday

Provincial Championship Sponsorship letters:

The following businesses have been approached for funding to date;

Canadian Forest Products Ltd., Prince George (PG)

Lakeland Mills Ltd, PG

Dunkley Lumber, PG

INTEGRIS Credit Union, PG

ING Canada.

I'm looking at others also. I've received some other companies to approach.

Sports BC and PSO Funding Update:

I have been in communication with Gail Donohue (Director, Sport Development) and she indicated that quote, “during 2005, the funding criteria and “filters’ for providing funds to PSO’s was completely reviewed and revised. Consequently, as of April 1, 2006, these three aquatic PSO’s were no longer required to provide funding to BCSSA. Each PSO can now direct their own funds into any

fee for service contract of their choosing. This could include a fee for service contract with BCSSA. As BCSSA does not meet the MEC for the provincial sport funding programs, I suggest you directly contact the aquatic sports to discuss how the BCSSA program could enhance their respective sport development. This could potentially lead to a fee for service contract with the aquatic PSO's / excerpt.... *Letter from Sports BC*

On Friday of this week Jon Cain and I had a phone call with Gail Donohue where she explained what BCSSA needs to do in order to receive funding or resources.

Joanna Linardis has been in contact with Dive BC and seems to be on the road to receiving help from this PSO.

This process has now been passed on the four Aquatic Directors along with the Director of Officials .

PowerPoint presentation of the NSTF (National Sports Trust Fund) was displayed to BCSSA Board members on Sunday. I have requested that the PowerPoint presentation be placed on our website for clubs to access. **The process for receiving charitable receipts must go through the BCSA office in order to succeed!**

I will be working together with Anne Grover and the office staff to align our budget categories with the financial statements. Aligning these categories will help board members the ability to compare our budget estimates with our actuals at year end.

7. Vice President

Mike Nickerson

7.1 Hy-tek Program Update – Time Standard Meets is now set up in Hy-tek to run A/B meets

7.1.1 Entry Cards – Our own are set up to print out of the Hy-tek program. Pinks /Blues perforated paper to be supplied by each club/region.

7.2 Rule Book Update – Each Section will be numbered as such that they can be updated and ordered individually.

7.2.1 Forms kept at Club level/ Electronic submissions

We would like to see all paper work to be kept at club/region level including Coaches conduct etc. with them sending electronic copies of these, only, to the Board. This would mean Registrations Forms will be kept at the Club level with the Hy Tek Electronic Registration forwarded to the Region then the Provincial. Question: We are an organization of Member Clubs and members join a club. Who needs to keep the Registration Form, the club or the Provincial Board?

Motion to table this discussion until we have an answer to the question .

Steve Shipley/Ryan Corbett

Discussion

Opposed 7

In favour 8

CARRIED

Clarification is needed for registration forms for this process. What the rule book states or what we would like to do and what we may be legally responsible for, may be different.

We need to determine the legal requirements before changing any process. The Rule Book will not be published in Paper "Hard Copy" until these questions are answered. It can go to the Website in the mean time.

Mike Nickerson will contact Sport BC to ensure what the process is and get the process back to us ASAP. He will contact Brenda to ensure Registrars are following required procedure.

Tony – suggestion is to Hard Copy print the other sections (water polo, synchro, diving, swimming) and update the administration when the answer comes. Suggested each section will be printed.

Mike will also contact Printer to begin the print of other sections. All sections will be produced and numbered separately so people can purchase only the section they need and it will allow updates to a section without having to reproduce the entire book.

8. Director of Synchro

Stella Kosciuk

8.1 New plan for Seeding meet for Provincials 2007- unknown

8.2 Other – **PRESENTATIONS at 10:30 am Saturday with Synchro BC Rep Shannon Berg**

8.2.1 Working with Cariboo, Vancouver Island, Kootneys to set up new Synchro Teams

9. Director of Officials – Report as follows

Tony Dixon

9.1 Director of Officials Clinic – Feb. Report - SUCCESSFUL

- Discussion on Protests/Appeals – whether we remove the ability to disallow an appeal on "Matter of Fact" ie the Coach disagrees because of what some one said, as an example. Tony will direct the Officials to tighten up process for this year

9.2 Other- Swimming Rules Book has been updated

The annual Regional Directors of Officials' Workshop was held on February 24th and 25th this year. All regions, except for Fraser South Region, were represented with some regions having additional representation.

Prior to the workshop, the Swimming section fo the BCSSA Rule Book was updated to reflect the changes adopted at the January 2007 Board Meeting. These changes included not only a revision to wording of the rules for some of the strokes, but also the editing and correction of typographic errors and a standardization of some terms. These changes were reviewed and their adoption for this year's competitive season was discussed.

Staffing of meets, recruiting officials continue to be among the primary issues reported by directors of officials from all regions. Some regions reported an increase in the number of new officials joining the ranks, but others reported a decline. All regions expressed a concern for the number of officials seeking to advance to more senior responsibilities. Adequate staffing of some meets continues to be a problem.

Successful strategies for improving participation st clinics were discussed. These include holding clinics during or immediately prior to meets and dedicating weekends early in the season exclusively for region-wide training

sessions for both swimmers and officials. A key factor in recruiting appears to be immediate involvement in officiating following clinic participation.

Several procedural issues were raised. With respect to the presentation of clinics on starting and refereeing, it was agreed that these topics should be presented as separate clinics to provide more time to discuss the role of each position. Participants in the Referee's clinic should have previously attended a Starter's Clinic.

A second procedural issue that was reviewed is the fact that the Rule Book does not currently state specifically when a card becomes official. This is a timing issue related to when changes to the disqualification on a card can be made. Therefore, all disqualifications should be reviewed as soon as they arrive at the recording office (Crash Desk) and before the determination of the official time. It was also agreed that a card is not official until it has been accepted by the Chief Meet Recorder and that coaches cannot see cards without approval from the Session Referee. The responsibility for review normally rests with the Chief Meet Recorder, but a senior official can be delegated to assume this responsibility. For example, at Provincials, an Office Referee reviews all cards as they come into the recording office on behalf of the Chief Meet Recorder. Questionable cards should be presented to the Session Referee for review. The Session Referee will be responsible for securing any changes that may be required.

The third procedural issue relates to whether BCSSA referees should be permitted to exclude from any consideration, appeals that simply challenge a statement of fact. Presently, unlike FINA regulations regarding such appeals, they must be given consideration in BCSSA. The Regional Directors of Officials were unanimous in their desire to see this change adopted.

Harassment and Conflict Resolution workshops will be held again at Provincials in Prince George this year. The workshops will be scheduled so as not to overlap shift times during the meet, as this was a problem for some officials wishing to attend but also were on duty. As was in the case previously, one workshop on each topic will be held on Friday and Saturday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The "Officials' Resource Disk" has been updated for this year. The Clinician's Guidebook, and the Official's Handbook have been revised to reflect the updated BCSSA Rule Book. A copy of the updated BCSSA Rule Book has been included, along with additional resource materials to support officials' clinics. These include a revision to the PowerPoint presentation for the Stroke and Turn Clinic, and the introduction of PowerPoint presentations for the Referee's and Starter's Clinics and the Head Timer Clinic. A video presentation is also under development. Copies on CD of all these materials have been distributed to Regional Directors for forwarding to their respective Regional Directors of Officials.

10. Registrar

Brenda Krueger

10.1 Review Registration Responsibilities of Regional Registrars and Regional Directors and Clubs – Reviewed Process per Rule Book and will await confirmation of legal responsibility of paper flow.

10.2 Review the importance of all Regional Registrars (or designate) attending Provincials verification meetings.(Regional Directors must ensure their Region is represented at the correct time). Their responsibility is to confirm Relay participants in a timely manner. If a Region is not represented , that regions relay teams may be disqualified from competing.

10.3 Other – Affiliation Fees – one Region still owes money.

11. Secretary

Rosemary Nickerson

11.1 WaveLength – **Articles Please for Summer Publication are due to Rosemary or the office by May 15th.**

11.1.1 Articles – **PG last HYPE, Kootneys, Fraser Valley, would like to see some hype for Provincials coming to your regions.**

11.2 Minutes – Posted on Web – Be sure Club Presidents are aware

11.3 Other

12. Director of Member Services

Cindi Borsoi

12.1 Website Update – progressing slowly – received some responses on proposed Sites. Looking for a company that can come in to train the office staff for updating. Committee may meet by mid May.

Expectation for the Web site -varies

12.2 Conflict Resolution and Harassment

- Case update – Reviewed – it has been quiet. Boot Camp has put tools in the hands of the people who have attended the Camp.

12.3 Other-

12.3.1 Incident and Accident Reports – be sure members are aware of our processes.

12.3.2 Discussion on jewelry wear during competitions. What is our policy?

Comment: perhaps it will be up to the Session referee to determine what is dangerous. Maybe we need to look at other sports for guidance on Policy.

12.3.3 Reminder someone needs to sign up and take ownership of being at the Member Services Tent at Provincials. **Rosemary asked Cindi to put together a schedule and information for the Tent and get it to her, and to ensure information given to our members is consistent throughout the Meet.** Rosemary will ensure the Membership Tent is transported to Provincials.

13. Director of Diving

Joanna Linardis

13.1 Report

13.2 Other – Discussion on Swimming in one club and Diving in another without having to pay a FULL fee in both clubs . Reg. Directors please forward your club policies within your regions for information to Joanna.

DIVING -- QUARTERLY REPORT

Officials Update:

Course Date: JUNE 3rd, 2007.

Please circulate this date to your regions and let everyone know when the course is...and to email Joanna Linardis (jlinardis@hotmail.com) to express their interest. In communications with BC Diving, we will be offering a Judging Course each Spring/Summer in order to prepare the BCSSA to self officiate.

Rules & Regulations:

We have submitted our updates to the Rules & Regs Committee for review / updates.

Coaches Development:

NCCP Level 1 / 2 DIVING started in January and will be completed in June. Pre-Level 1 will be offered in the Kootenays (Trail/ Nelson) late May. The publicity was offered by the Trail Parks&Rec thru their ¼ ly publication and registration will be run thru BC Diving.

Funding:

We are working with BC Diving to prepare a working partnership and an agreement for this summer season. I will have meetings with them in May / June and will circulate the findings to you after this point.

History Update:

I have asked for help from Donna Sherry to help update the History of Diving and the athletes who have come from our programs onto Olympic and National team...etc. Once this data is updated, I will forward it to whomever it needs to go!

Contact List/ Dive Meets etc

I will be updating our contact information and the dive meet list etc...I am hoping to finalize this information and have it ready for the minutes! I will also endeavor to have information sent directly to the regions thru the office next week! (North Van Cruisers have set their date: July 22 10:00am – 3:00pm)

Clubs Update:

Currently the clubs we are aware of: North Vancouver Cruisers, Coquitlam Sharks, Port Moody Aquarians, Grand Forks Piranhas, Trail Stingrays, Castlegar Aquanauts, and hopefully Nelson Neptunes.

I will be looking to the Regional Directors to take the following back to their regions: if you do not currently have a diving program in your region will the region be prepared to allow for a Diving Club to register with your region. Feedback please for the fall.

14. Director of Water Polo

Jim Toy

14.1 Director of Waterpolo Report

I have been working in conjunction with Gabor Toth and Peter Chapman to finalize the training material for referee courses for us in BCSSA. There are two specific courses that have been developed for minor officials and referee. These are resource materials for senior and master referee to conduct their training session. This will ensure that we have consistency of training. I have attached copies of these power point presentations. I would like the actual power point presentations this to be put on the web site so that it can be downloaded by Regional Water Polo Directors.

I have also incorporated a check list which I will also like to be posted on the website, which I have attached. This will give each referee a list of proficiencies they have to complete in order to obtain their next level. This will also ensure that we have a data base of referees for each of the tournament co-originators can email for their various tournaments through the summer season.

I would like each of the Regional Directors to go through my list of Regional Water Polo Directors to ensure that the information is up to date. I would then like each of the Regional Water Polo Directors to ensure that the information for each of their Club Water Polo Directors / Reps is up dated. Once I have this list I will forward to everyone has each other information. I will also up date the various tournaments dates so this information can be pass a long

14.2 Update on Minor Officials and Referees List – Asking that as referees attend Clinics and update their Level for Officiating, that they also update their information with Jim to ensure Available Referee Lists stay current.

See Attached Referee Development Lists

14.3 Other – Jim , in the past, sent out copies of Water Polo clinics for Power-point presentations within each region. He hopes that each region will hold clinics as Swimming does. Following with this kind of support will hopefully encourage the growth in Water Polo Officials.

15. Coaches' Representative see email

Ryan Corbett

15.1 Coaches Conference – Facility Booked – May long weekend in Nanaimo. Invitations have yet to go out. Will be sent to Regional Directors for distribution to club Presidents and Club coaches.

Friday – arrival and casual day. (Meet and Greet with DVDs)

Saturday and Sunday – full days starting at 9:00am each day.

Conference-

The conference planning is well underway. The date again is the May long weekend in Nanimo. A big thank-you to Norm and Hayley on the Island who have been integral to the planning. Info and forms will be out to the Regional Coaches (where available) and to all Regional Directors by the end of the week. Attendance (as much as possible) is encouraged as coaches indicated a need

and want for this at the last coaches AGM, although there have been reports of less than interested coaches when the topic of this years conference arouse.

15.2 Junior Volunteer Coaches Program- The Valley and Van. and District are running their own clinics.

Jr Coach Course-

-Abby Whalers are running a course as well as the Vancouver District that I am aware of.

-Generally regions should assess their needs and plan accordingly, Jon at the office has a list of available Course leaders.

15.3 Coaches NCCP I / II (or equivalent) training Ryan has heard very little requests for Level 1 training. If you as a region have a need please let him know.

NCCP Training

-Only updates are Courses being offered off the SwimBC web page, as well there is an upcoming course in North Vancouver at Hollyburn. If regions assess need, it is most successful when the coordinate locally to meet demand.

Suggestion for Ryan: please contact Clubs and Regions if there is not a Regional Coaches Rep. to dialogue with regarding Skills level training.

15.4 Other

16. Regional Director's Report

16.1 Vancouver & District

Glen Terrillon

Training / information sessions / workshops have been scheduled for:

- equipment setup and maintenance
- registration
- officiating
- junior leadering

The region is also organizing a coaches, senior officials and regional executive meet-and-greet. There are many new coaches from varying backgrounds (winter, Alberta) and this would be chance to put various topics on the table.

The regional registrar is soliciting input from each of the club registrars to put together a 'best practices' guide to registration and governance of the process. All clubs have filled their coaching positions except the Supersharks. Their expected head coach has found other employment and their have restarted their search.

The Supersharks have also cancelled their meet (May 27) due to a lack of trained, experienced parents (or conversely, an excess of new, inexperienced parents). They may participate in an extended role in assisting our other small club, the Squamish Pirates, in putting their meet on in June.

The NV Diving Society has dissolved and now will be affiliated under the NV Cruisers.

There was an initial contact made by a member of the Vancouver Dolphins, a winter swim club, about creating a team for the summer season. There was no further contact from him. Our contact efforts were not returned. This initiated a discussion from the two Vancouver teams are already in our region that there is already a shortage of pool time available and this would put a higher strain on it.

Finally, the mention of combining O and S into a single category for summer swimming was met with extreme resistance. The key point made was that any athlete who swam for a winter team during the Fall, Winter and Spring months will have an unfair advantage over any athlete who did not. There was no issue with elementary or high school meets. The timeframe is limited, coaching is minimal and, overall, was not creating an appreciable gap.

16.2 Simon Fraser -	Nothing Reported	Darcy Morris
16.3 Cariboo	-	Heidi Light

CARIBOO REGION REPORT

As May 1st approaches, the clubs are gearing up for the summer swim season. Five out of six Cariboo clubs have coaches and pool times in place, one is still uncertain about the feasibility of moving forward this year. Most clubs in the Cariboo have commented on the fact that they are functioning without a full executive for the upcoming season.

The Cariboo meet schedule this year will include four of the six clubs hosting meets. Traditionally the region has had two one day meets on the last Sunday in May, one in the north, and one in the south. Quesnel will hold the tri-meet in the south; a northern meet has not been confirmed to date. Quesnel will also be hosting Regionals. Prince George will host its own meet, and the Provincial Meet. Both Ft St John and Dawson Creek will be hosting regular meets as well. Mackenzie and Ft Nelson will not be holding meets this year. It is likely that Cariboo swimmers will be looking south to attend a meet or two over the course of the season.

Registration numbers appear to be similar to previous years at this point in time; most clubs continue with ongoing registration, and expect higher numbers after the official start of the season. In an effort to build team spirit this year, Ft St John has hired an additional coach, and has extra lanes scheduled so their swimmers can be at a practice at the same time, rather than in shifts. This is intended to help the swimmers of various ages train together, and get to know each other. We look forward to hearing about the results.

The Prince George Club and members from the board have been extremely busy working toward organizing the Provincial Meet. Further information about the meet and special events will be available on the BCSSA website.

16.4 Vancouver Island	No Report	Norm Scott
16.5 Okanagan	-Nothing reported	Neil Wuolle
16.6 Kootenay		Greg Harasemow

KO Region Report

The KO Region has excellent news! The Columbia Basin Trust, which awards various deserving organizations with funding, has awarded the KO Region with \$5000 towards the purchase of a new Colorado timing system. The grant comes in perfect timing for planning and organization of the much anticipated 2008 BCSSA Provincials in Trail/Castlegar!

Another topic of discussion has been a large display board to be installed in the

Trail Aquatic Center as a legacy from next years Provincials .Many organizations and corporations have expressed interest (although, at this point unofficial) in making the 2008 Provincials one to remember! Community and corporate support at this point looks very promising. Our people are motivated and are in place to try to make the 2008 Provincials the best that the BCSSA has seen.

All of our clubs have their coaching in place except for one assistant coach in Nelson.....We are soliciting a position for one of the most beautiful areas in the Province of B.C. with funding that may match a lot of head coach positions! Please ask your Regions if there are any qualified people that can help us.....!! (The Nelson people told me to remind everyone that this is a really great place to live....or at least spend a summer!!!!)

The registration numbers are on the rise with the initiation of various novice programs conducted by that swim clubs in the Region. Many parents are very impressed how quickly their children learn to swim proficiently under these programs! This translates into more new people joining the KO Region to perpetuate the BCSSA philosophy and lifestyle that many of us have so long strived to continue.....

With the introduction of diving in the KO Region, many of the people that we may have lost to other sports and commitments have made the choice to remain. Our Provincial Diving Director, Joanna Linardis has integrated very well into the KO "lifestyle" and has done an excellent job in recruiting participants for the dive program. I have no doubt that they will be a force to reckoned with in the near future!!

16.7 Fraser Valley

Steve Shipley

'The Word from the Valley' - The Regional Director's Report to BCSSA

The Valley is making progress. Our Meets are all finalized, with our two Developmental meets coming together for our next Regional Meeting in May.

The Abbotsford Whalers have purchased the wireless Dolphin System. Centennial Outdoor Pool in Abbotsford is behind schedule, but is being rebuilt to eight lane FINA specifications. The Whalers are working with the City of Abbotsford for an early season contingency plan.

The Regional Board has approved a Timing System Surcharge, targeting the purchase of a new Timing System for Provincials, 2009.

The Region has also approved and is in the process of purchasing a standardized computer system to run our meets.

Last night our Region met with Frank and Rosemary for Provincials, 2009. It time well spent. Big picture planning, organizing, and delegating processes were reviewed. Our proposal is due in January, 2008.

It has been reported than our link to the BCSSA is not working. Our secretary is emailing the address of our Regional Website Director, Craig Todd, to the BCSSA office. We are hopeful that this can be resolved quickly.

16.8 Fraser South Nothing Reported Michelle Curley/Phil deLeeuw

17. Additional Business –

17.1 Office Computer Systems – Per hand out from Paul Esau
Total Cost for implementation - \$ 14,523.97

**MOTION TO accept and retain Paul Essau to implement the system
proposed to the BCSSA Office**

Don Miller / Frank Ball

Discussion: most are infavor of this proposal.

CARRIED unanimously

17.2 To appointment of committee – Discipline Funding

17.2.1 Don Miller Appointed Committee: Tony Dixon (Chair) With
Reg. Directors: Glen Terrillon. and Darcy Morris along with
Mike Nickerson and Don Miller

17.3 Appointment of a nominating committee – for elections for 2007

17.3.1 Don Appointed Committee: Claude Desrosiers (Chair) with
All Regional Directors on Committee.

The following are up for election:

Dir. Of Officials

Member Services

Dir. Of Finance

Dir. Of Water Polo

Dir. Of Synchro

17.3.2 Coaches Rep comes from recommendations from the
Coaches AGM

17.4 History committee – Ian Allen – notice

**Motion to appoint a History Committee to carry on the the
History of the BCSSA**

Ian Allen / Frank Ball

CARRIED Unanimously

Ian Allen to chair committee and will approach and put in place
the other members of this committee

MOTIONS:

1.MOTION regarding Expense Claim form Section on Meals, to increase the per diem to \$45.00 per day from \$30.00 per day.

Mike Lorusso/ Tony Dixon

Discussion: would perhaps like it to be broken down per meal.

How it was spent is not of concern but for all to remember that if a meal is covered at a meeting that cost (ie \$15. for lunch) would be deducted from the total per day.

Perhaps there should be a per meal max set.

Question has been called

Steve Shipley/ Norm Scott

CARRIED

Mike Nickerson opposed

Mike Lorusso abstained

MOTION CARRIED

Opposed 2

2. MOTION regarding Expense Claim Form Section on Type of Transport, to increase \$ per kilometer to \$.40 per Kilometer from \$0.25 per Kilometer.

Mike Lorusso/ Tony Dixon

Discussion: Ideal is for the mileage to cover your out of pocket expenses.

CARRIED

Opposed Frank Ball

Abstained Mike Lorusso

3. MOTION: The effective date for the changes to the Mileage increase on Expense Sheets to take effect May 01, 2007

Frank Ball / Joanna Linardis

CARRIED

4. MOTION : to use , the calculation for transportation to Provincials 2007 for the Board of Directors, Judges, referees, be either \$.25 per KM or the cost of Air Fare.

Rosemary Nickerson. / Frank Ball (with friendly amendment.)

Discussion: perhaps we could simply not have the increase effect until Sept 01, 2007

MOTION: To go into committee of a whole

Mike Nickerson / Norm Scott

CARRIED unanimously

MOTION to come out of committee of a whole

Frank Ball / Norm Scott

CARRIED

Note: Original motion to calculate differently for Provincials, died in discussion in committee of a whole.

5. MOTIONS: to bring back to the table

Motion to increase fees up to \$5.00 per swimmer for the 2008 Summer/Winter Season

Mike Nickerson / Frank Ball

Come back to the table
Frank Ball / Norm Scott
Discussion

NOTE: the only two regions present to vote on this was Vancouver Island and Cariboo.

**Motion to go into committee of a whole.
Mike Nickerson/ Frank Ball
CARRIED**

**Motion to come out of committee of a whole.
Mike Nickerson / Frank Ball
CARRIED**

**Motion to bring back to the table said Motion
“ to increase fees up to \$5.00 per swimmer for the 2008 Summer/Winter Season”
Mike Nickerson / Frank Ball
Motion Carried.**

**6. MOTION that the BCSSA Provincial Board purchases D and O insurance for this Board of Directors all Club Members Boards, annually.
Mike Nickerson / Frank Ball
Discussed.
CARRIED
Opposed – Ian Allen**

**7. MOTION that we increase entries to Provincials by \$1.00 per event.
Mike Nickerson/ Tony Dixon
Discussion
With costs of Provincials increasing each year, how do we cover the constant increase of expenditures of this meet.**

Motion to table motion to the October Board meeting.

**Frank Ball / Joanna Linardis
CARRIED**

18. Adjournment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
Ryan C / Joanna L
CARRIED unanimously**