

BCSSA – Fraser Valley Region Minutes
ARC in Abbotsford
January 28, 2009

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

Members present: Mark T., Wendy JO., Linda Z., Cos V. W., Craig T., Colleen S., Ann S., Jerry M., John B., Charmaine G., Madeleine M. and Diane K.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes –
Special Olympics – Swimming; Friday & Saturday, July 10 – 11.
Nick - VP from Abby Whalers is the Meet Manager for the Special Olympics on behalf of the region.
Swim BC will also be involved.
Special Olympics will be recruiting.
167 Swimmers.
Barry Parrish is the Chief Referee. We need to provide 5 Officials per day.
Volunteer forms must be filled out in order to participate.

Meet schedule:

Mission – May 30 & 31
Haney – June 6 & 7
Agassiz – June 13 & 14
Chilliwack – June 20 & 21
Langley – July 4 & 5
Abbotsford – July 18 & 19
Regionals – July 31, August 1 & 2 (in Mission)
Provincials – August 17 to 23 (in Abbotsford)
Langley Developmental Meet – June 3
Abby Developmental Meet – TBA
Special Olympics – July 10 & 11 (in Abbotsford)
Motion made by Craig to accept the schedule and post it on the website, seconded by Jerry. All in favour.

Reciprocal Agreement:

There continues to be a great deal of talk regarding whether or not to continue the reciprocal agreement.
Langley – rescind
Haney – maintain
Abby – rescind
Mission – rescind
Each club should e-mail Diane as to whether or not they want to continue with the reciprocal agreement. Also whether or not they want to charge for meet fees. If so, how much? (For example: \$10.00 per swimmer per meet.)

Craig is going to type up a profit/loss information sheet and send it to the clubs. The clubs are going to talk about it. As it stands now, we **DO NOT** have a reciprocal agreement.

3. Executive Reports

a. Past Director – Absent

b. Director – Wendy – Provincial Board Meeting

The province would like to see the size of the Provincial Board become smaller.

Plan: To decrease 2 positions on the board. Remove (3 positions), the secretary, treasurer and assistant director of competitions and then put back on a secretary/treasurer (1 position). This will be voted on at the AGM.

Paying for the water polo officiating.

BC Water Polo helps fund the Provincials. He wanted to use some of these funds to pay for Officials. It was voted that the can do this.

There is no charge for ads in the Wave Length. Clubs can now advertise for free.

Ann Stager has offered the Fraser River Lodge for March 7 and 8 for a Boot Camp. Two regions have already booked boot camps. Boot camps are for club board members and/or Regional executive members. Neil and Cindy would hopefully be available to run the boot camp.

The cost is \$99.00 per room or \$129.00 per couple for the room and breakfast.

There needs to be a minimum of 10 people attending the boot camp for it to happen. A commitment needs to be made by February 14 to Wendy.

Norm – the marketing director would like the community TV contact for each club. His e-mail is: radar1@shaw.ca

For Provincials this year, the cost for diving will be \$20.00 per diver per event. The entries for Provincials for diving will be August 11th. There are two new diving clubs in Nelson and Delta.

The coaches conference this year will be May 1, 2 and 3. The cost will be \$150.00 per coach. There may possibly be an on-line registration through active network but it looks very costly.

Fraser South would like a rule change made that you can not protest a statement of fact. Nothing can be done about this for this season.

The Rules and Regulations committee will look at possibly developing a proposal regarding this request.

Both Cos and Heather are on the Provincial Rules and Regulation Committee.

No rule changes will be made this year at this point.

Swim BC has always had a seat available for one person from BCSSA.

We had someone attend from BCSSA and they were warmly greeted.

There will be a Synchro training session on February 14 and 15. There is also a Synchro Referees clinic being held.

- c. **D Director – Heather – Absent**
- d. **Secretary – Diane – Nothing to currently report.**
- e. **Director of Officials – Cos**
The Regional Director of Officials from across the province met together, some in person and some by teleconferencing. No changes are currently being made. There is a strong push to go cardless.
- f. **Treasurer – Colleen – The money amount in the bank is the same right now. We have about \$30,000. We need to decide how much the region can allocate for a new timing system right now. (We figure that to be \$20,000). A new timing system will cost approximately \$60,000. The Olympic Committee may donate a new board which would cost approximately \$45,000. We need 10 touch pads which will cost approximately \$2,500 each. The largest touch pads will fit in all of our pools. Mark made a motion that our treasurer move \$20,000 from our general funds account into two/ three month term deposits for \$10,000 each. This was seconded by Linda and all were in favour.**
- g. **Our current Regional Fee is \$32.00 per swimmer. This is a \$27.00 fee with a \$5.00 surcharge for a new timing system. This fee is continuing for the upcoming season.**
- h. **Computer – Raj – Absent –**
- i. **2008 Meet manager –**
- j. **2009 Meet Manager – Linda – Club duties were reviewed for Regionals. Linda has suggested to use the Curling Club upstairs at the pool for the Regional AGM.**
- k. **Registrar – There were issues with the age locator data last year. The time lines for registration will be sent out to each club registrar.**
- l. **Dir of Synchro –**
- m. **Dir of Water Polo –**
- n. **Director of Diving –**
- o. **Coaches Rep – Mark – Gave each member on the board a copy of a submission he has worked on for a Regional Relay Policy. Each person needs to take it back to their club, read it, discuss any changes and send their opinions back to Wendy. Thanks for the great job, Mark!**
- p. **Website – Craig – Needs lists from everyone to post on the internet. He needs e-mail addresses of the club presidents, regional executives, coaching clinics, officials clinics etc... Craig is on the committee for the BCSSA website.**
The map page to the pools gets 50 hits a day! Wow!

4. Club President's Reports

- a. **Abbotsford – Have 110 swimmers in Winterfit. March 1 is their registration. They have hired 7 out of 8 of their coaches including a level 5 from Mexico.**
- b. **Agassiz – Their website is going well. They would like to know if they get first pick on the same date that they have for their swim meet this year to use next year?**

- c. **Chilliwack – They would like to thank Agassiz for putting them on their website for Winterfit. Their registration is in March at the start of Spring Break.**
 - d. **Haney – Have a fully staffed executive. They have 46 swimmers currently in their winter session.**
 - e. **Langley –**
 - f. **Mission – February 21 and 25 are our winter registration dates. Linda had the minor hockey new contact her. You can submit information regarding your team in their newspaper for free.**
- 5. New Business:**
- We need some committees to be made.**
 - Heather would like people from specific clubs (Langley, Abby and Mission) to collect sponsorships for Provincials. She already e-mailed a form letter out to everyone.**
 - We need a timing system committee. Wendy would like Raj to chair this committee and have one person from each club join.**
 - A possible logo for Provincials was displayed.**
- 6. The next executive meeting will be held on: Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00pm at the ARC.**
- 7. Motion to adjourn by Cos @ 9:15pm, this was seconded by Linda. All in favour.**