

BCSSA – Fraser Valley Region Minutes
ARC in Abbotsford
October 1, 2008

Meeting Called to Order at 7:15pm

Members present: Heather S., Mark T., Wendy JO., Linda Z., Cos V., Ann S., Jerry S., Charmaine G., Madeleine M. and Diane K.

1. Receive and adopt the minutes from the last meeting on October 1, 2008 – Motion to adopt by Cos, seconded by Gerry. All in favour.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes – We need one person from each club to volunteer to be on the organizing committee for Provincials. Phil is going to represent Chilliwack. We just need one volunteer from Agassiz. Karen Bennett is the Chair of the committee.
Meet schedule:
Langley – July 4 & 5
Chilliwack – June 20 & 21
Mission – May 30 & 31
Abbotsford – July 18 & 19
Agassiz – July 11 & 12
Regionals – July 31, August 1 & 2 (in Mission)
Provincials – August 17 to 23 (in Abbotsford)
Motion to accept the schedule by Cos, seconded by Heather. All in favour.

3. Executive Reports
 - a. Past Director – Absent
 - b. Director – Wendy – Provincial Board Meeting
There is almost a completely new board. Friday night Wendy went to the meeting. They were asked their input of what each person thought was important to work on throughout the year.
The group worked on the external forces that affect swimming. These are the things that we have no control over. The external forces are economic, social, cultural, demographic, environmental, political, government, legal and technology. See the handout for information on each of these external forces.
Volunteerism is a problem in all the clubs. How do we gain it back?
The new board would like the membership to see everything that goes on and make sure that everything they do is above board.
The organizing committee has started. Dinner for provincials? How do we want to participate in it? The Provincial board would like to hold a banquet at the new Arts Cultural Centre. Esquire wanted to sponsor a barbeque as well. What would this look like? Do we want to combine the two dinners? What do we want to do? The Provincial board would like to showcase the next 50 years.

c. D Director – Heather – Provincial Board Meeting

Heather has written a draft of the sponsorship letter. We read it over and discussed it.

Heather attended the board meeting for the rest of the weekend. One big issue is that the Province lost money. One of the largest factors was that they spent too much money sending board members to Provincials. Neil made a chart and everyone checked off the days that they actually had to be at Provincials. It cut the number of days by one quarter. Sending the board members to Provincials cost \$25,000

The entries for Provincials will be due on August 11th this year. Diving entries will be due on August 4th.

There is a new synchro discipline in the town of Nelson.

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NOTE: 4 motions on the table for clubs to discuss and bring back to the region.

Quick note: We have 8 pages of ads to sell so we can get out there and approach sponsors.

Review of last year: not problems we would probably be having. Awesome that there was a lot of information about Trail available and a liaison available as much as possible. James will be sending a package of sponsor values soon. Example, 5,000 donation gets full page and can hang banner, on web site etc.

Issue about cost of regional representatives and will be cutting back on the amount of time each director is needed at provincials. Saved thousands of dollars by creating a chart and looking at what days directors really need to be there.

SUGGESTED that the regions cover the costs of their regional directors.

Entries due August 11. Many regions are holding their regional championships late. Cindi addressed a need to formalize how to solve issues with parents. The need to deal with problems as quickly as possible at the club level as possible, then it goes to the region, then to Cindi or whoever is in her position so that it doesn't escalate in to Provincials. There is a need to replace Cindi and Neil in their role as teachers and trainers as well as the need for conflict resolution.

Strategic plan being put into play. Extremely comprehensive.

Extra diving fee this year so that we don't fall behind when covering extra pool costs in different areas. Pool costs in LMR are quite a bit more expensive and they want to level the playing field. AGAIN, parent judges and hoping to increase numbers. 2 Saturdays a month there will be shadow judging. Will be posted on the web site. Joanna doing a lot of good work creating modules for new coaches and officials so that they have more support to grow from within.

Diving entries will be due by the 4th. Joanna wants to complete the work for the program from home and save the Province the cost of her traveling.

Diving community wants to look after their own deck food.

Diving training camp exemption over the Christmas holiday.

Important to do camps and look at exemptions because of the hard time we are having getting funding at the Provincial level. It shows support at the grass roots level when we are applying. They are also adding an 8 and under category.

Waterpolo:

Asked that the BCSSA to purchase their own game and shot clocks so that we have something guaranteed for Provincials.

Coaches camps and referees courses this year.

Leaving the payment of referees at Regional's up to Regional boards.

1 Motion: to adopt P5 officially. Passed

2. Introduction of Team BC so Jim wants to exempt Players for that camp in the fall. Passed

MOTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR CLUBS TO DISCUSS;

3. Jim is asking for more hours for the Waterpolo hours in the off season. Motion to increase the maximum hours for Waterpolo and synchro to 6 from 4 HOURS.

4. Jim wants to go back to paying referees; Motion on the table; discussion is going back to the regions.

5. There is a motion on the table: to separate the genders from now on at the BCSSA These things are being brought forward because getting funding from the PSO depends on it. Equal funding for girls as boys.

Rules and Regs: Looking at changes after the FINA rule book changes. Dan (VP) is clearing up some wording so that administrative issues don't slip through the cracks.

Motion on the table: go directly to Colorado or whatever system used at any pool instead of manual work and rounding up to the next tens. Systems round up to the next hundredth when soft touch.

A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK AT BY THE NEXT MEETING.

Regions:

Medal presentations. Miscommunication last year; James will make sure it is better coordinated.

Problems because didn't always know who won. Communication problem when region was told to be on duty for awards when the results weren't ready yet.

Concerns from up north because of towns disappearing because of economic downturn. They only have 4 meets a season because they can't afford to host.

Vancouver Island opposite problem with too many clubs and they can't all host.

FS: One club getting so small that they are concerned about losing them. Answers are coming from the regional board taking on some of their club responsibilities.

Concerns about being told that they have to host a Provincial championship. They don't want to be told that they have to travel so far to Provincials.

Asking for guidelines in what regions really have the facility to host. They want minimum standards.

Cindi and Neil need to find replacements for themselves to present the conflict resolution and harassment workshops.

We discussed and decided that we are not in favour of buying shot clocks at the provincial level for water polo.

Heather is on the Rules and Regulations Committee. The committee did not meet last year. This year they will be looking at the changes that Fina make in the upcoming season.

The board is working on a 2009 Action Plan. They are going to decide who is accountable and by when. (See attached plan)

- d. Secretary – Diane – Nothing to currently report.
- e. Director of Officials – Cos – Agassiz is planning a clinic and Dave Goodier has agreed to present it, according to Agassiz. Every club needs to get back to Cos with preliminary clinic dates and who is going to present the clinics so the region can coordinate them.

Trudy Kemper – Provincial Director of Officials is talking about following the Fina rules. We (Summer Swimming) need to decide what our philosophy is. We should not just copy Fina. What make us different from winter swimming? Cos said, “that we should not just follow FINA rules and then randomly change something so we can justify Summer Rules are different. The reason I think we should consider Summer Swimming philosophy is so that we can justify any Rule changes.”

For example: Should we wear skin suits? What length should suits be allowed?

We need a rules and regulations meeting. Heather said that there is going to be one.

An approved timing system – this needs to be clarified.

Breaststroke rule.

Where is it that we want to go as an organization? Cos is concerned about the process.

- f. Treasurer – Colleen – Absent
- g. Computer – Raj – Absent –
- h. 2008 Meet manager –
- i. 2009 Meet Manager – Linda – The pool is booked. Club duties need to be decided for Regionals.
- j. Registrar – There is a training meeting in November.
- k. Dir of Synchro – We need someone to volunteer to be the director.
- l. Dir of Water Polo – We need someone to volunteer to be the director.
- m. Director of Diving – Cathie Melrose – Absent but e-mailed her information. She attended the BCSSA diving coaches meeting on Thursday, October 23rd to discuss rule changes for next year. The rules are diving specific. There will be a coach/officials clinic again this year on May 2 & 3 at Vancouver Aquatic Centre. Fraser Valley diving will be the host diving club for Provincials and they will do everything other than book the pool time.
- n. Coaches Rep – Mark –
- o. Website – Absent

4. Club President’s Reports

- a. Abbotsford – Madeline - Mark is the head coach. Vicki is also coming back t coach. They are working hard on organizing venues and things for

Provincials. Karen met with the city and they agreed to everything that they were asked for. They would like the Valley to do the concession for Provincials.

- b. Agassiz –Ann– They have a new logo and a new website. They are at the grassroots and are restructuring.**
 - c. Chilliwack – Jerry – They have a new website. They need new coaches for the upcoming season. They need contacts. The new coach liaison is Tim Sword, who used to swim with Hope. Heather is sending Jerry Nathan’s contract so they can see one that has already been used. Love Chilliwack is the same weekend as their swim meet and they need tents. They want to know where to look for coaches and training junior coaches. They are going to try and contact the Spartans - winter swimming in Chilliwack for leads on junior coaches.**
 - d. Haney – Their AGM was on Saturday night. 67 parents came. They almost have a full board.**
 - e. Langley – Cos – Who is holding hands across the Fraser? Langley is.**
 - f. Mission – Linda – We are educating ourselves on our constitution, BCSSA’s constitution and the Society Act. Mo would like to preent Funsript as a fundraiser.
We need a parent’s code of conduct. Does anyone have a good one that we can borrow?**
- 5. New Business:**
- 6. The next executive meeting will be held on: Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00pm at the ARC.**
- 7. Motion to adjourn @ 9:00pm.**