

Regional Meeting – Vancouver Island – Sunday November 23, 2008

Oliver Woods Community Center 10:00am

In Attendance: Bob Carter Regional Director, Susan Mattock SID, Colette Wood OAK, Lynne Testemale Regional Treasurer, Susan Auchterlome COU, Kirk Harris SSI, Kevin Stacey JUA, Brent Forsyth JUA, Norma Lazaroff POW, Angie Bailey POW, Charmaine Harris PDI, David Lewis CVB, Chad Neufeld CVB, Alan Yates NAN, Kevin Bourgeois NAN, Russ Der NAN, Ralph Kussauer CVB, Diane McGonigle NAN, Wayne Ralph Director of Officials, Alan Jackson Regional Treasurer, Duane McMillan CAM, Norah Thornton ESQ, Brian Hammond ESQ

Accept Minutes of Regional Meeting from April 13, 2008

Wayne SID/David CVB Passed unanimously

Reports: Regional Director Bob Carter

Encourages all Clubs within our Region to be transparent and open with each other. If any club has questions or needs help, please feel that they can ask other clubs as we are here to support and help each other.

Report: Regional Treasurer Alan Jackson

The region has \$15,805.21 in the bank at this time.

Report: Regional Registrar Lynne Testemale

Nothing new, there was no Provincial Registrars meeting held this year. The Region has 806 registered swimmers from the 2008 summer registration. Information will be sent out to Registrars regarding winter maintenance registration. Winter insurance is \$23, summer insurance will be \$40. Thanks to all clubs for getting their registration in on time.

Report: Director of Officials Wayne Ralph

Discussion regarding saving money to attend meetings and putting on officials clinics. Sharing hotel rooms. Trudy Kemper at provincials stated that our region has high standards for our officiating on the Island.

Wayne would like to see the continuation of the Regional officials meeting in 'person'. Would the region compensate for Wayne's travel/accommodation? The Provincial Board would like to hold more of these meetings by using conference calls rather than paying for all regional representatives to fly down and stay in Vancouver.

MOTION: If the BCSSA is not willing to cover the cost of our Regional Director or Officials to attend the Provincial Officials Meeting, that the VI region will cover their costs. Lynne OAK/Susan SID. Passed unanimously.

Report: Regional Waterpolo Representative Kevin Bourgeois

We need to change our outlook and approach to waterpolo in our region. There are three skills that an athlete needs to play waterpolo - eggbeater, dribbling with the ball and passing. We could teach these skills to our speed swimmers so that they could be encouraged to go out to waterpolo scrimmages with their clubs/or at swim meets. This would potentially increase the interest in waterpolo within our region. Waterpolo coaches are hard to find, Kevin will be looking into this further.

Lynne OAK states that any swimmer can play waterpolo within their clubs as part of their practice time, but can then be assigned to another club who has an official team in order to play waterpolo during the summer in competition.

Susan COU - Could we encourage any swimmers from outside of NAN to participate in order to make a decent team or two? Yes, from NAN, information will be sent out.

Russ NAN – The High School Swim Meet is looking at adding a waterpolo tournament. Reiterate what Kevin said regarding integrating some of the waterpolo skills within speed swimming in order to promote the sport within the region. It may help enrolment in our clubs if we offer diversity.

Norma POW – feels that they have many swimmers in their community who love swimming but do not want to join a “competitive” club. She would like to see someone come up and do an instructional day on the different aquatics to show the kids there are other options.

Report - Regional Coach Nicole Schneider

No report.

Update from Provincial Board Meeting

Held in Trail at the Provincial Championships. A new board was elected and they are wanting to be much more open and transparent both in their decisions and with the regions. They would like to get their finances in control, ie deficit of \$80,000 a couple of years ago. More meetings will be held by conference calls. Last years Provincial Championships cost \$100,000! Approximately 20% is due to expenses of Provincial Board members. Will revisit the Provincial meet schedule, to relook at the facilities being used specifically for waterpolo tournaments (shallow end), maybe setting a standard for issues such as pool depth and temperature.

Provincial Championships 2009 will be held on August 17 – 23. Entry deadline will be August 11. Our regional duties will be crash desk.

Check SwimBC for updated Coaching Skills Levels.

Coaches conference last year was excellent, encourage clubs to send their coaches. 16 years is generally the minimum age for attending a conference like this.

Jim Toy, Provincial Waterpolo Rep, will be organizing waterpolo conferences. There is a new motion on the table (Provincial Board) to increase the waterpolo time in the water by 2 hours per week.

Diving is signing up volunteer parents to increase numbers for the Gaming Grant requests. Some summer clubs sign up parents as well to increase numbers. David CVB feels that fundraising effects their grants more than number of swimmers.

Discussion regarding swimsuits - will be restricted to no longer than past the knee, and no sleeves. Following a SwimBC ruling.

Elementary School exemption. COU stated that they have an Elementary Swim Meet coming up before the end of the year. Discussion that swimmers must include the school training within their 2 hours of practice per week. At this time, the Elementary School meet is not allowed. Our region has requested that the Provincial Board exempt the Elementary/Middle Meets. A decision should be made in January 2009.

2009 Swim Meet Schedule (tentative)

May 23/24	
May 30/31	CVB
June 6/7	
June 13/14	OAK
June 20/21	
June 27/28	COU
July 4/5	NAN
July 11/12	
July 18/19	SID
July 25/26	CAM
August 1/2	B&C SSI
August 8/9	Regionals NAN
Aug 15/16	
Aug 21-23	Provincial Championships

MOTION: That BCSSA VI (ie all of us) apologizes to the Courtenay Club for the manner in which Regionals 2008 was removed from their club. Kevin NAN/Kevin JUA. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: That the B&C Championships be held the week before Regionals. Kevin NAN/Ralph CVB. Passed.

MOTION: That the B&Development Meet be changed to be called the Regional Developmental Meet. David CVB/Wayne SID. Passed.

Reminder that if you are hosting a meet and holding a 50/50 or raffle tickets must have a gaming license.

MOTION: That the B&C swimmers who achieve a 1st, 2nd or 3rd ranking in the C category receive a medal (not just a ribbon) similar to the B category. Division 8 swimmers will not receive a medal or ribbon. Kevin NAN/Ralph CVB. Passed unanimously.

20% Payment for Holding a Swim Meet

Kevin NAN – Discussion of the request of the Regional Board to bring ideas to the meeting regarding the spending of the 20%. He feels that everyone should have been included in the initial discussion (NAN was not in attendance). Feels that their club would have to change the type of meet they hold as well as raising meet fees in order to “make up” the money that we are requesting and their club is not willing to do that.

Discussion that we are a group and should be supporting each other in trying to work out our swim meet participation. The 20% was based on an honour system and those clubs who are due to pay will be expected to do so on their own accord. Kevin NAN states that they do not know how much profit they make on their meets due to the way they keep their accounting books.

Regional Website

Colette OAK will ask their volunteer parent if he’s willing to take on looking after our VI Regional Website. Information will include links to our Clubs, meet packages, meet schedule, link to BCSSA (for results), Regional Board Members and contact and regional meeting minutes. David CVB will ask his paid webmaster if the above does not work out.

Kaitlin Yelle Trust Fund

Kevin NAN spoke about Katilin and her family. Maybe a decision that all clubs may want to make a donation separately.

MOTION: That the VI Region put \$300 towards the Kaitlin Yelle Trust Fund. Wayne SID/Ralph CVB. Passed unanimously.

Norma POW stated that if that amount of money was to be given, maybe it should be designated to something specific such as supporting her swimming. Kevin NAN thought we should be careful with the amount we donate as we will be setting a precedent.

MOTION: That the VI Region spend up to \$1000 for the Regional Directors use. David CVB/ Susan SID. Passed unanimously.

Bob CAM will first have a look at the computer that’s not working (hence the request for a new one).

New Business

Russ NAN is the new Director of High School Meets and would like to up the participation at the High School Regional meet next year.

Lynne Regional Registrar – deadline for Club Affiliation Fees due April 1/09.

Next Regional Meeting is scheduled for April 19/09.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00pm

Minutes taken by Colette Wood OAK