

Regional Meeting Minutes

Sunday April 19, 2009 Oliver Woods Community Centre 10:00am

In Attendance:

Susan Mattock SID, Nicole Schneider SID Reg. Coach, Susan Auchterlonie COU, Charmaine Harris PDI, Kevin Bourgeois NAN, Russ Der NAN, Alan Yates NAN, Don Goodman NAN, Kirk Harris SSI, Janet McLean CAM, Karen McMillan CAM, Alan Jackson SID, Wayne Ralph SID, Kevin Stacey JUA, Valerie Young POW, Sandy McLeod POW, David Lewis CVB, Deanna Lewis CVB, Lynne Testemale OAK, Colette Wood OAK and Bob Carter Reg. Director.

Motion to accept previous minutes from November : Susan Mattock SID/Lynne Testemale OAK Passed unanimously.

Regional Director Report – Bob Carter

Discussion regarding provincial board. Electronic voting. Board is too big, some positions may be amalgamated. Our region should think about electronic voting for some issues.

Discussion regarding Provincial Board's new swimmer try-out guidelines. It is a fairly large process, but it is an option for clubs who may not have anything in place already to deal with new swimmers.

Water polo teams do not need to be gender specific. Players are now allowed to train up to 6 hours total per week as of May 1.

Coaches Conference May 1-3. Very good last year, worthwhile event, being held in Surrey this year.

Potential rule change: May no longer allow "statement of fact" protests. The referee will make the decision whether the protest will be allowed.

Wayne Ralph SID does not agree with this rule. Everyone should be able to have their day in court. Officials should not have the last word without hearing both sides. This issue has come out of a region on the mainland.

"Into the Next 50 Celebration" at Provincials. Look on the BCSSA website for more information.

Boot Camp: Successful. Lots of information for new people involved in clubs.

Regional Executive met in March to go over the regional guidelines. In the guidelines it states that B&C regional championships should be held after Regional's due to the fact that provincial qualifiers are not allowed to participate at the B&C Championships.

Treasurers Report – Alan Jackson

New laptop for the region was purchased.

Regional Registrar – Lynne Testemale

Hand out of registration timeline. Winter insurance fee was \$23 per swimmer. Summer insurance fee for 2009 is \$40 per swimmer. Summer registration forms must be signed by parents and coaches by May 1. Swimmers are not allowed in the water after May 1 if the form has not been signed. Please make sure your club registrars are aware of the timeline deadlines for sending in registration forms and cheques.

Director of Officials – Wayne Ralph

Encourage your club parents to attend an official's clinic. First one will be at the OAK skills clinic on May 10, possibly at Duncan at the end of May. Nanaimo would like to hold a level 2 clinic on the Friday of their meet in July.

Water Polo – Kevin Bourgeois

Three basic skills, dribbling, throwing and egg-beater. Exposing swimmers in your club to these three skills will be beneficial when clubs get together for a water polo scrimmages during the summer, they have had some exposure to these. NCCP for water polo is being organized for May 15-17 in Nanaimo. Confirmation pending.

Regional Coach – Nicole Schneider

Please send your coaches contacts to Susan Mattock.

Update of Regional Guidelines

Questions about entering swimmers with NT's (no times). Please do not make up times, your swimmer has to swim that race only once, then they will have an official time.

Discussion regarding holding the B&C Championships either before or after Regional's.

Swimmers in the past, were able to move up into the B events if they have C times. This will no longer be allowed.

Novice swimmers are not allowed to swim in relays if they need to have a coach or assistance in the water with them. Novice designation is stroke specific. Once a swimmer swims a stroke for a 50m length, either in a relay or an individual event, they will no longer be allowed to swim as a novice in that stroke.

The following clubs are allocated \$100 maximum each for travel expenses to the spring and fall regional meetings: SSI, PDI and POW.

Motion: Accept the Regional Guidelines as proposed. Kevin Stacey JUA/Sandy McLeod. Passed unanimously.

Meet Schedule

Motion: That the region moves the B&C Championships meet be moved to the Aug 15/16 weekend. Colette Wood OAK/Lynne Testemale OAK.

Discussion. Motion carried 7 to 2.

May 30/31 CVB – will qualify swimmers for Regional's. A, B and C swimmers will be separated.

June 13/14 OAK/SID (SID may host a meet with either JUA or ESQ)

June 27/28 COU

July 4/5 NAN

July 25/26 CAM (may be moved to July 18/19)

Aug 1/2 JUA/SID/pdi/ESQ?

Aug 8/9 NAN Regional's

Aug 15/16 SSS B&C Championships
Aug 21-23 Provincial Championships
Meet changes and confirmation must be submitted by Saturday April 27, 2009.

VI Website

Forms need to be available. Coach's link. Lane timing form. Incident and accident forms. Assignment/transfer forms.

Marketing Ideas

Kevin Bourgeois NAN set out some ideas last fall regarding marketing your club. Membership in the province has been declining over the last few years. Pamphlets, Face book, YouTube presentation (careful with photos and identity), home schooled children-approached individually, newspaper advertisement to promote a fun meet (come and watch-free cookies), posters, club banner hung outside the pool, word of mouth-bring a friend, organize a fun swim or swimathon so that the public coming to the pool can watch/share the pool. Kevin Stacey JUA asked for ideas regarding gaming money. Maybe could be a future discussion.

New Business

Next Meeting – Saturday July 4, 2009 during break between heats and finals
Motion: Meeting Adjourned 1:45pm Bob Carter CAM/Kevin Bourgeois NAN