

# BCSSGBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 8:30 a. m.

Langley Events Centre, Langley, B. C.

**Attendance:** Don Hildebrand (Executive - Jr. Tier Rep), Brad Lidstone (Belmont), Jason Knight (South Delta), Paul Langford (Riverside - Executive), Mike Evans (Britannia), Mitra Tshan (Britannia), Chris Veale (Brookwood) Scott Reeves (Valleyview), Ross Tomlinson (Heritage Woods - Grade 9 Tier Rep), Pam Reynolds (Fleetwood Park), Amber Forsythe (Fleetwood Park), Stephanie Flaming (White Rock Christian), Rob Rai (Seaquam), Christina Young (Delta), Andrea Van Koll (Semiahmoo), Lori Pajic (Semiahmoo), Anthony Fortunaso (Argyle), Todd Purves (Heritage Woods), Marie Vondracek (King David), Dan Village Robert Bateman), Rick Thiessen (MEI), Cameron Nelson (Carson Graham), Jen Farano (St. Thomas More - BCSSGBA Vice-President), Neil Brown (Fraser Heights - Executive Member at Large), Anthony Beyrouiti (Argyle - Executive), Brett Westcott (Spectrum - BCSSGBA President), Jason Winslade (LEC - Host), Jordan Abney (BCSS)

**1. Call to order:** 8:35am – reminder to sign in for attendance

**2. Explanation of voting power and who is eligible to vote**

ONE vote per school, BCSSGBA exec. members have one extra vote each

**3. Adoption of the minutes from the 2019 AGM**

MOTION: MOVED Beyrouiti SECONDED Langford - CARRIED

**4. Additions to the Agenda**

- Grade 9 provincial championship tournament
- Move the BCSS report to the end of the meeting

**5. Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: MOVED Brown SECONDED Tomlinson - CARRIED

**6. Adoption of the President's Report** - Brett Westcott discusses key points from his president's report. See attached.

MOTION: MOVED Westcott SECONDED Brown - CARRIED

**7. Financial Report** - presented from our Secretary-Treasurer Doug Piltazke

MOTION: MOVED Reeves SECONDED Tomlinson - CARRIED

**8. AAA/AA/Junior/Grade 9 Tournament Reports – Jason Winslade / Tier Reps**

Jason Winslade discussed some key points from the tournament overall.

9<sup>th</sup> year with girls tournaments hosted at Langley Events Centre; 6<sup>th</sup> year with juniors and seniors hosted together at the same time and location as a joint tournament

Attendance has been about the same as past years. Streaming orders are up. The streaming service provided by the LEC is terrific. Thank you to tier reps: 4A- Paul Langford, 3A- Jody Vosper and 2A - David Prissinotti who took on some extra responsibilities this year organizing Game Directors and the All-Star Selection Committee for their respective tiers. This helped the LEC manage these responsibilities. Program looks great. If you see corrections, know some missing history or even have some old articles, etc... and can share them with Jason, they would like to continue to build the program history. Senior banquet was held on hockey arena ice;

could add juniors and run altogether, but it would mean extra costs for some junior teams as they would have to travel Tuesday. Want teams in each tier to be able to see their championship final game which meant some teams played twice Friday and did not play Saturday. Awards for each tier were held after each championship final game rather than have a larger combined awards ceremony which allowed teams to head home after their tier final was completed.

Thank you to Jason Winslade, Christina Williams and the LEC staff for another great week of basketball.

Grade 9 B. C. championship tournament returned to Heritage Woods in Port Moody. Positive feedback received for this event hosted by Heritage Woods. Thank you to Ross Tomlinson and everyone at HWSS for supporting this event.

Grade 8 BC's at MEI this week. Event is organized independently from BCSSGBA. Some discussion took place around the future of this event.

“A” BC tournament is being hosted at Kelowna Christian next week.

## **9. New Business**

-MOTION: MOVED Westcott SECONDED Brown - DEFEATED

The B. C. junior girls provincial championship tournament return to a 16-team tournament and there is acceptance of the new 16-team berthing assignment

-MOTION: MOVED Westcott SECONDED Brown - CARRIED

If the first motion is not accepted, the membership accepts the new 24-team berthing assignment for the B. C. junior girls provincial championship tournament

Kootenays – 1	North Central – 2	Northwest – 1
Fraser Valley East – 3	Fraser River South- 3	Fraser River North- 3
Lower Mainland – 3	Vancouver Island – 3	Okanagan – 3
Wildcards – 2 (host berth could be taken from here)		

MOTION: MOVED Westcott SECONDED Brown - CARRIED

Each provincial championship tournament hosted at the LEC include a host berth each year; this host berth will be taken from the wildcard berth pool in each tier; this host berth in each tier will rotate among the four Lower Mainland / Fraser Valley zones each season; in return for being granted the host berth, the designated host team must provide the personnel to serve on the tier all-star committee, act as game directors for all games in their tier and provide minor official support for games in their tier. The process and the deadlines for applying to receive the host berth each season at each tier must still be determined. The reason for this motion is we need a pool of workers to do these jobs in each tournament and we cannot afford to pay for these jobs.

MOTION: MOVED Tomlinson SECONDED Westcott - CARRIED

The grade 9 B. C. provincial championship tournament be brought under the jurisdiction and organization of the BCSSGBA girls basketball commission.

## **10. Starting Five for Each Tier and B. C. High-School Player of the Year**

- Process explained. Always going to be differences of opinions on what players are chosen.
- Players outside LM / FV region are often overlooked, but 1A coaches happy with change as it brings more publicity to their tier which was often overlooked.
- It is still good promotion for girls basketball and those involved.

### 11. 2020 Tournament Sites

- The 4A/3A/2A/Junior B. C. Championship Tournaments to be at the LEC
- 1A tournament next year will again return to Kelowna Christian
- **2020 playoff dates**
  - AAAA, AAA, AA & Junior – March 3-6, 2021 @ LEC
  - A tournament - March 10-13, 2021 @ Kelowna Christian

### 12. BCSS Report - presented by Jordan Abney, BCSS Chief Executive Officer

-regarding non-recognized B. C. championship tournaments, invitational tournaments should not have a qualifying process (eg. junior, grade 9 and grade 8 tournaments)

-discussion focused on BCSS plan to eliminate all sport commissions starting in September, 2020; ideas driven through strategic plan work since 2017 with intention of changing BCSS governance and decision-making processes; also indicated B. C. Gaming Commission threatened to cancel funding of \$200,000 to related issues with commissions; BCSS provides commissions with insurance for championship events, championship banners and financial support

-current structure presents legal, financial and operational challenges

-want to eliminate all future proxy and advance voting on all issues; would no longer have policy of one vote per school at an AGM; issues would be controlled by a smaller group to stop swings in policies, especially eligibility, from one year to the next year

-should not have commissions which focus on only one sport; want to see multisport approach

-non-educators cannot serve on future BCSS commissions or committees; concerned non-educators are making financial decisions which schools must then follow

-future decisions for each sport will be made by three people: BCSS staff, tournament host and sport commissioner (single person replaces the present commission)

-the sport commissioner will work with a zone rep from each of the BCSS nine zones who will provide information for seasonal rankings, berthing and tournament seeding

-encouraged people to read the 27-page document which BCSS issued three days earlier

-many questions and statements made, but people were not happy with proposed elimination of the sport commissions, the downgrading of championship tournaments and the elimination of coaches having direct input into their sport through the commission; many questions not answered and process seems rushed and without consideration to negative impacts

-unclear if Langley Events Centre will continue to host events as the commission has the contract for use of the facility, not BCSS

-BCSS AGM vote will take place April 19 and needs 2/3 majority support to pass

-if the commission loses its roles promoting high-school girls basketball and organizing the senior girls provincial championship tournaments, the commission will need to consider if it has any future role to play and what to do with its remaining bank account funds and future control of the junior and the grade 9 provincial championship tournaments

### **13. Election of Officers for 2020-2021 Season - role of tier reps**

MOTION: MOVED Westcott    SECONDED Brown - CARRIED

**President:** Brett Westcott, Spectrum

**Vice President / Commissioner:** Jen Farano, St. Thomas More

**Secretary Treasurer** - Doug Pilatzke, South Okanagan, Retired

**4A Tier Rep** - Paul Langford, Riverside

**3A Tier Rep** - Jody Vosper, Sa-Hali

**2A Tier Rep** - David Prissinotti, York House

**1A Tier Rep** - John Mill, Fernie - **to be confirmed at 1A coaches meeting**

**Junior Tier Rep** - Pam Reynolds, Fleetwood Park

**Grade 9 Tier Rep** - Ross Tomlinson, Heritage Woods

**Members at Large** - Jack Closkey, Stanley Humphries, Retired

Neil Brown - Fraser Heights

Winston Brown - St. Thomas More

Lisa Nevoral - Okanagan Mission

Anthony Beyrouiti - Argyle

### **14. Adjournment 10:45**