

BCSSGBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 2, 2019 - 8:30 a. m.
Langley Events Centre, Langley, B. C.

Attendance: Christina Young (South Delta), Samantha Hawkes (MEI), Don Hildebrand (Executive - Jr. Tier Rep), Brad Lidstone (Belmont), Jason Knight (South Delta), Jody Vosper (Sa-Hali), Brian Smith (Brookwood), Sarah Cameron (Brookwood), Danielle Gardner (Langley Christian), Paul Langford (Riverside - Executive), Mike Evans (Britannia), Mitra Tshan (Britannia), Chris Veale (Brookwood) Scott Reeves (Valleyview), Todd Purves (Heritage Woods), Paul Chiarenza (Southridge), Ross Tomlinson (Heritage Woods - Grade 9 Tier Rep), Vince van Dyk (Abbotsford Christian), Cameron Nelson (Carson Graham), Ron Arnold (South Delta), John Mill (Fernie - A Tier Rep), Pat Lee (John Oliver), Rory Allen (D. W. Poppy), Erin Fennell (Robert Bateman), Jen Farano (St. Thomas More - BCSSGBA Vice-President), David Prissinotti (York House - AA Tier Rep), Anne Gillrie Carre (R. A. McMath), Neil Brown (Fraser Heights - AAA Tier Rep), Anthony Beyrouiti (Argyle - Executive), Brett Westcott (Spectrum - BCSSGBA President), Winston Brown (Executive), Jason Winslade (LEC - Host), Jordan Abney (BCSS)

1. Call to order: 8:38am – 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 2018 AGM

MOTION: MOVED Westcott SECONDED Hildebrand - CARRIED

4. Additions to the Agenda

- Langford Motions

5. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: MOVED Brown SECONDED Mill - CARRIED

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

MOTION: MOVED Westcott SECONDED Prissinotti - CARRIED

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

MOTION: MOVED Farano SECONDED Westcott - CARRIED

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

Jason Winslade discussed some key points from the tournament overall.

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: AAA- Neil Brown AA- 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.

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

Gr 9 BC tournament moved from Vancouver out to Port Moody. Positive feedback for this event hosted by Heritage Woods. Banquet at Westwood Plateau. Same week as Jr-AA-AAA. Thank you to Ross Tomlinson and everyone at HWSS for supporting this event.

Grade 8 BC's at Semiahmoo this week. Done independently from BCSSGBA. Some discussion around the future of this event.

A BC's is at Unity Christian with games @ Columbia Bible College next week.

9. BCSS Report - Jordan from BCSS

- Thank You! to coaches and volunteers. This does not happen without you at the level of coaching and organizing girls basketball.

BCSS News:

- BCSS ED, Jordan A here to share information re: BCSS
- New BCSS *strategic plan* is done and is public online.
- Organizational *governance* is a current challenge so some changes look to be coming forward from consultation process. Spring 2020 AGM may include some of these items.
- Re-zoning changes for 2019-2020 are significant.
- *Competitive Fairness Committee*: began with a look at public vs. independent schools and competitive fairness. There are inequities that are systemic inequalities between public & independent schools. However, there are many inequities as well among independent schools and among public schools. The committee is looking at all factors that lead to inequities in sport: financial, urban-rural, demographics, socio-economic status, district policies around student placement, minischool / special academic programs, school choice, academies, etc.
- Discussion began around eligibility related issues and that there are “perceived inconsistencies” that are troubling. It appears that in some cases, schools can build super teams / club teams while other individual transfers get denied. BCSS rules are created by the membership and not by BCSS. The membership needs to create rules that allow BCSS to police transfer policies.
- People ask if decisions can be more public so there is understanding why some cases are approved and others are not? No. Decisions at BCSS re: transfers, etc. are confidential. They have to be. There is often very sensitive information and there has to be a level of trust in the system / process. BCSS has no choice but to maintain confidentiality on decisions. BCSS has had legal advice around disclosure, but there are too many sensitive issues.
- BCSS is continuing to try to build better rules or processes that can be used to help transparency.
- Now, people do organize and recruit kids pre-grade 9 through club systems and players all stay together and attend the same school.
- BCSS says there is a clear process for any one who wants to file a complaint regarding recruiting, etc. against a school / coach.
- Inequality among schools / districts: school districts have incredibly different rules / processes for dealing with student - school placement. Some public school districts do not enforce rules; therefore, kids can move schools at will,

with little verification of address, etc. We have 60 school districts in BC that all have different rules / processes re: allowing school transfers / student placement. District academic programs (mini schools, etc) are everywhere. They all try to recruit students. District academic programs are extensive throughout BC which open the door to more transfers.

- There is concern as well in regards to how districts handle international students. Districts let international students select what school they go to. ie. an international student gets directed to the school with best program that suits the kid. Therefore, some international student who excels in sport X can select or will be directed to the school with the best program for X.
- "Family of Schools" issue and concerns raised regarding kids from middle schools not being able to play for their higher school. Common in Coquitlam district. Something for BCSS to consider.

10. New Business

- A. **MOTION:** that the BCSSGBA adopt 10 / 30 second clock settings rather than 8 / 24 second clock settings as currently used
-this change would take effect at the start of the 2019-2020 season

MOVED: Ross Tomlinson, Heritage Woods **SECONDED: Brett Westcott,**
Discussion: Ross Tomlinson discussed rationale for consideration of moving to 30/10. Basketball Canada encouraged the 24/8 at the time. FIBA rules suits professional players and those at the highest level. It is not helping girls basketball especially at the more developmental ages. Too fast, not developing skills, possible increase in injuries, etc. All rules may be dictated to us by larger body of from Canadian officials association.

VOTE: 8 YES 23 NO - MOTION FAILED

B. MOTION: that the BCSSGBA provide a travel subsidy to non-Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley area teams to help with travel costs for attending the B. C. tournament; all teams will pay an entry fee of \$500 which includes an amount in excess of the tournament host's requested fee; the extra funding will form a pool from which teams can apply to receive a set travel subsidy; this set travel subsidy amount may change from year to year and all tiers will contribute to one association travel pool; the underlying principle is there must be a net zero cost to the tournament host.

MOVED Brett Westcott **SECONDED Lisa Nevorat - CARRIED**

The BCSSGBA will provide a form to traveling teams to apply for subsidy this year. Form sent out shortly after BC's were complete. Next year the subsidy will be provided at the source when teams register for the B. c. tournament and pay their team entry fee.

C. New Four Tier rules & provincial tournament berthing for 2019-2020 season

- **MOTION:** Teams cannot play out of your tier into a single team zone. Teams can appeal.
- **MOVED Brett Westcott** **SECONDED Jen Farano - CARRIED**

- Teams who choose to move up must move up for 2 years. **NOTE:** this motion was already passed at the 2018 BCSSGBA AGM
- **MOTION:** BCSSGBA executive will adjust the tier numbers every two years with the intent of trying to organize close to equal numbers of school teams in each competitive tier.
- **MOVED Brett Westcott SECONDED Jen Farano - CARRIED**
- **MOTION:** teams must declare if they want to play outside their tier level by **MARCH 15** each year tier declarations are required; declarations for school teams playing outside their tier must be sent in writing to both the BCSSGBA commissioner and president
- **NOTE:** the executive will set a later date for tier declaration changes for next year to accommodate the transition period into for the new tier
- **MOVED Brett Westcott SECONDED Jen Farano - CARRIED**
- **MOTION:** that the new berthing proposal for the 2020 senior girls provincial championship tournaments be accepted
- **MOVED Brett Westcott SECONDED Jen Farano - CARRIED**

D. BCSS reorganization of competition zones

- see related information with proposals for splitting of LM / FV
- BCSS moves from seven regional zones to nine regional zones for next season

E. Super 15 All-B. C. Team 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.
- It is still good for basketball and those involved.

F. Status of B. C. junior qualifying tournament series

- Plan to drop to 4 PQT from 8.
- **MOTION:** that the new berthing proposal for the 2020 junior girls provincial championship tournaments be accepted
- **MOVED Brett Westcott SECONDED Don Hildebrand - CARRIED**

G. 2020 Tournament Sites

- Proposal is for the 4A/3A/2A/Junior BC Championship Tournaments to be at the LEC
- 1A tournament host for next two years to be determined at the tournament coaches meeting next week at Unity Christian; two proposals from Merritt and Kelowna Christian have been submitted for consideration
- **2020 playoff dates**
 - AAAA, AAA, AA & Junior – February 26-29, 2020 @ LEC
 - A tournament - March 4-7, 2020 at TBA

11. Other Business – additions to the agenda

Langford Motions

- A. **MOTION:** Any junior or senior game played at zones and BCs when the score difference is over 45 points in a game, with the agreement of both participating coaches, the clock resorts to running time and only stops for foul shots and timeouts.
-MOVED Paul Langford SECONDED Danielle Gardner - CARRIED
- B. **MOTION:** the BCSSGBA create a junior varsity program / tier so kids in grades 11-12 can play basketball when they do not make their varsity teams.
-MOVED Paul Langford SECONDED Danielle Gardner - DEFEATED
- C. **MOTION:** BCSSGBA move to take greater control of the grade 8 B. C. girls championship tournament
MOVED Paul Langford SECONDED Danielle Gardner - CARRIED

12. Election of Officers for 2019-2020 Season - role of tier reps

BCSSGBA is looking for tier reps and zone reps for new tiering.

No volunteers or election at the meeting

MOTION: BCSSGBA executive will seek to recruit a AAA and AAAA tier rep.

MOVED Brett Westcott SECONDED Neil Brown - CARRIED

MOTION: Neil Brown to continue to be member at large

MOVED Brett Westcott SECONDED David Prissinotti - CARRIED

MOTION: the slate of executive members be approved for 2019-2020 season

MOVED Brett Westcott SECONDED David Prissinotti - CARRIED

President: Brett Westcott, Spectrum

Vice President: Jen Farano, St. Thomas More

Secretary Treasurer - Doug Pilatzke, Retired

4A Tier Rep - TBA

3A Tier Rep - Jody Vosper, Sa-Hali

2A Tier Rep - David Prissinotti, York House

1A Tier Rep - John Mill, Fernie

Junior Tier Rep - Don Hildebrand, Retired

Grade 9 Tier Rep - Ross Tomlinson, Heritage Woods

Members at Large - Jack Closkey, Retired

Neil Brown - Fraser Heights

Paul Langford - Riverside

Winston Brown - Unattached

Lisa Nevoral - Okanagan Mission

Anthony Beyrouiti - Argyle

13. Adjournment 10:55