



BC Summer Swimming Association
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2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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AGENDA

2017 Annual General Meeting

- 1. Opening Remarks**
 - 1.1. Quorum & Voting Cards
 - 1.2. Additions to the Agenda
- 2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**
- 3. Board of Directors' Reports**
 - 3.1. President
 - 3.2. Vice-President
 - 3.3. Secretary Treasurer
 - 3.4. Director of Competition
 - 3.5. Director of Officials
 - 3.6. Director of Member Services
 - 3.7. Provincial Registrar
 - 3.8. Director of Diving
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 - 3.11. Cariboo Region
 - 3.12. Fraser South Region
 - 3.13. Fraser Valley Region
 - 3.14. Kootenay Region
 - 3.15. Okanagan Region
 - 3.16. Simon Fraser Region
 - 3.17. Vancouver & District Region
 - 3.18. Vancouver Island Region
- 4. Nominations & Elections**
 - 4.1. Secretary Treasurer
 - 4.2. Director of Officials
 - 4.3. Director of Member Services
 - 4.4. Director of Synchro
 - 4.5. Director of Water Polo
- 5. New Business & Notice of Motions**
- 6. Adjournment**

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

2016 Annual General Meeting

Thursday August 18th, 2016

Centennial Pavilion, Coquitlam, BC

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm by Danny Schilds.
 - a) Reminder to turn off electronic devices and anything that beeps.
 - b) Reminder that only individuals holding a voting card are eligible to vote.
 - c) Review of bylaws relating to the AGM and who is entitled to vote.
 - d) Introduction of Provincial Board members.
 - e) Confirmed that the meeting will be run following Robert's Rules of Order.
2. **Quorum:** It was confirmed by the Provincial Registrar that quorum had been established.
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
 - a) No additions were noted.

MOTION #1

Move that the agenda be adopted as presented in the 2016 Annual Report.

Moved: Dave Jevons Seconded: Ron Anderson

Carried unanimously

4. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

MOTION #2

Move to adopt the 2015 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented in the 2016 Annual Report.

Moved: Francis Cheung Seconded: Cheri Ruim

Carried unanimously

5. Annual Reports

- a) **President** **Danny Schilds** **-as submitted**
 - i. Discussed the highlights of the meet so far, particularly the male synchro athletes.
- b) **Vice-President** **Francis Cheung** **-as submitted**
 - i. Rewrite of the rulebook, a few minor errors have been found but overall worked well. Encourages feedback and comments.
 - ii. Strategic Plan. Call for volunteers for the web portal Task Force or any other initiatives in the Strategic Plan.
- c) **Secretary Treasurer** **Michael Hutchinson** **-as submitted**
 - i. Michael answered questions regarding the 2016 financial statements.

MOTION #3

Move to accept the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2016 as presented in the 2016 Annual Report.

Moved: Ron Anderson Seconded: Andy Pfeiffer

Carried Unanimously

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| d) Director of Competition | Carl Trepanier | -as submitted |
| e) Director of Officials | Julie Nesdoly | -as submitted |
| f) Provincial Registrar | Cheri Ruim | -as submitted |
| g) Director of Diving | Sarah Wellman | -as submitted |
| h) Director of Synchro | Joy Evans | -as submitted |
| i) Director of Water Polo | James Gardiner | -as submitted |
| k) Coaches Representative | Lindsay van Genne | -as submitted |
| Eliza McGuire was selected as the coaches' representative. | | |
| l) Cariboo Region | Steve Rooke | -as submitted |
| Steve introduced Heather Fisher as the new Cariboo Regional Director | | |
| m) Fraser South Region | Chris Ruim | -as submitted |
| n) Fraser Valley Region | Tracy Cramer | -as submitted |
| o) Kootenay Region | Ron Anderson | -as submitted |
| p) Okanagan Region | Andy Pfeiffer | -as submitted |
| Andy introduced Ross Hoshizaki as the new Okanagan Regional Director | | |
| q) Simon Fraser Region | Sean Cauley | -as submitted |
| r) Vancouver & District | Dave Jevons | -as submitted |
| s) Vancouver Island | Brian Kirkhope | -as submitted |

vi. Nominations & Elections

(Electoral Officer: Dave Jevons)

President – Names Standing: Danny Schilds

- By acclamation – New President: Danny Schilds

Vice-President – Names Standing: Francis Cheung

- By acclamation – New Vice-President: Francis Cheung

Provincial Registrar – Names Standing: Cheri Ruim

- By acclamation – New Provincial Registrar: Cheri Ruim

Director of Competition - Names Standing: Sean Cauley

- By acclamation – New Director of Competition: Sean Cauley

Director of Diving: Names Standing: Sarah Wellman

- By acclamation – New Director of Diving: Sarah Wellman

Director of Member Services: Names Standing: Bill Bishop and Tracy Cramer

- All nominees were provided the opportunity to speak prior to the vote.
- By vote – New Director of Member Services: Bill Bishop

MOTION #4

To destroy the voting ballots used to determine the new Director of Member Services.

Moved: Michael Hutchinson, Seconded: Brian Kirkhope

Carried Unanimously

- vii. **Discussion regarding the Active Network online registration.**
- viii. **Feedback on hosting a Coaches and/or Parents Conference was requested.**

MOTION #5

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Wade Bartok, Seconded: Sean Cauley

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

BC Summer Swimming Association

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31st, 2017

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)
As at March 31, 2017

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 128,079	\$ 250,004
Term deposits	222,546	251,837
Accounts receivable	-	7,010
Inventory	-	1,076
Prepaid expense and deposit	7,404	5,628
	358,029	515,555
 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE 3)	 113,846	 115,553
	471,875	631,108
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	8,594	8,450
Payroll liabilities	-	1,256
Deferred contributions - scholarships	2,000	4,000
Held for synchro - provincials	6,360	4,112
Held for waterpolo - provincials	11,072	9,025
Unearned revenue	16,026	19,693
	44,052	46,536
 NET ASSETS		
Internally restricted for coaches conference	20,000	20,000
Internally restricted for insurance	50,000	50,000
Internally restricted for provincials	70,000	70,000
Internally restricted for building repairs	30,000	30,000
Internally restricted for technology reserve	10,000	10,000
Internally restricted for strategic planning fund	30,000	-
Internally restricted for capital funding	28,535	15,422
Restricted by gaming	171	14
Invested in property and equipment	113,846	115,553
Unrestricted	75,271	273,583
	427,823	584,572
	\$ 471,875	\$ 631,108

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

For the Year Ended March 31, 2017

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

	2017	2016
Revenue		
Registration & Affiliation Fees	\$ 240,660	\$ 222,937
Provincial Championships (Note 5)	103,165	66,582
Coaches Conference	24,950	16,210
Interest Income	2,795	2,470
Fundraising & Sales	9,051	1,570
Scholarship Funds	2,000	2,000
	382,621	311,769
Expenses		
Program Operations		
Provincial Championships (Note 5)	97,259	80,841
Grants & Club Reimbursements (Note 6)	45,331	47,045
Coaches Conference	37,302	27,602
Board & Committee Meetings	11,190	15,886
Scholarships	10,000	12,000
Workshops & Seminars	5,133	5,233
Cost of Goods Sold	-	1,169
	206,215	189,776
General Administration		
Insurance	46,196	44,367
Provincial Office Expenses & Salaries	58,755	40,425
Occupancy Costs & Utilities	12,060	11,294
Professional Fees	10,650	16,461
Amortization	3,607	3,692
Marketing	1,887	1,467
	133,155	117,706
	339,370	307,482
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE DISBURSEMENTS	43,251	4,287
Disbursements		
Vancouver Foundation - Endowment Fund Donation	200,000	-
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	(156,749)	4,287

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Unaudited)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2017
 (See accompanying notes to financial statements)

	Unrestricted	Restricted by Gaming	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Total
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 273,583	\$ 14	\$ 115,553	\$ 195,422	\$ 584,572
Excess of revenue over expenses	(156,749)				(156,749)
Adjustment to gaming	(157)	157			-
Purchase of capital assets	(1,900)		1,900		-
Amortization of capital assets	3,607		(3,607)		-
Capital funding contributions	(40,000)			40,000	-
Capital funding disbursements	26,887			(26,887)	-
Strategic planning fund contributions	(30,000)			30,000	-
Balance - End of Year	\$ 75,271	\$ 171	\$ 113,846	\$ 238,535	\$ 427,823

BC Summer Swimming Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended March 31st, 2017

1. General Information

The B.C. Summer Swimming Association (the “Association”) is incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia. The Association is a provincial organization operating and regulating summer aquatic sports in British Columbia. The primary objective of the Association is to promote the development of its athletes through participation in competitive aquatic sports and to provide opportunities for training, competition and related activities in communities throughout British Columbia and surrounding areas.

The Association does not consolidate the financial results of the participating regions as these entities are not considered to be subsidiaries of the Association and the Association does not have direct financial control over these regions.

The Association is a not-for-profit organization registered under the Income Tax Act and, as such, is exempt from income tax.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations (“ASNPO”). These financial statements reflect the combined assets, liabilities, net assets, revenue and expenses of the Association’s provincial office and its operations.

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year when the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Donated Services & Supplies

The Association benefits from the donated services of time from volunteers for the various activities conducted on its behalf and donated supplies from various sources. These donated services and supplies are not recognized in the financial statements.

Inventory

Supplies (rulebooks & officials pins etc.) purchased are capitalized as inventory using the weighted average cost method. As of March 31, 2017, \$Nil (2016 – \$1,076) of these supplies have been capitalized on the balance sheet as the net realizable value of the

inventory has been determined to be \$Nil as inventory is provided to members free of charge.

Use of Estimates

ASNPO requires the Association to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect these financial statements. The Association believes that the estimates used are reasonable; however actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas requiring the use of estimates relate to the determination of the useful lives of assets for amortization, provisions for uncollectible accounts receivables, and the amounts recorded as accrued payroll liabilities.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. They are depreciated on a straight-line or declining balance basis over their estimated useful life at the following rates:

Buildings	4% Declining Balance
Fixtures and Equipment	12.5% Straight Line

Capital assets exceeding \$1,000 are capitalized. Deprecation is taken in the year of acquisition using the half year rule.

3. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2016 Net Book Value	2016 Net Book Value
Building	\$114,867	\$65,771	\$49,096	\$ 51,142
Land	\$ 56,500		56,500	56,500
Fixtures & Equipment	<u>\$14,390</u>	<u>\$6,140</u>	<u>\$8,250</u>	<u>\$ 7,911</u>
	<u>\$ 185,757</u>	<u>\$71,911</u>	<u>\$113,846</u>	<u>\$ 115,553</u>

4. Vancouver Foundation Endowment Funds

The Vancouver Foundation holds two endowment funds, the capital of which is not represented on these financial statements. Income from the endowment funds is disbursed at the discretion of the Vancouver Foundation upon the recommendations made by the Association and is designated, on an annual basis, to the Association's scholarships. The fund was established on March 29, 2017 with an initial capital contribution of \$200,000. The fair value as of March 31, 2017 is \$200,000 (2016 - \$Nil).

5. Provincial Championships

This data relates to the 2016 Provincial Championships held in Coquitlam, BC, on August 15 to 21, 2016. The financial results of the Championships are included in these financial statements.

REVENUE	2016 Provincials (Coquitlam)	2015 Provincials (Victoria)
Entry Fees	\$ 43,217	\$ 37,744
Sponsorship	46,988	16,013
Program Sales	4,850	6,004
RV Permits & 50/50	4,815	415
Water Polo/Synchro Judge Fees	3,295	6,406
Total Revenue	103,165	66,582
EXPENSES		
Facilities	38,927	22,032
Board Expenses	10,018	22,711
Officials Apparel	8,546	6,355
Supplies	5,304	7,134
Deck Food	2,780	2,245
Water Polo/Synchro Judge Exp.	3,295	6,406
Awards	13,959	13,958
Video Production	9,430	-
Total Expenses	92,259	80,841
Operating Surplus (Loss)	10,906	(14,259)
Local Committee Grant	5,000	-
Event Surplus (Loss)	\$ 5,906	\$ (14,259)

6. Grants & Club Reimbursements

The Association granted funds and reimbursed certain expenses of member clubs and regions as approved by the Board of Directors. This data relates to any grants or reimbursements paid in the fiscal year.

Capital Funding Grant Program

Grants were paid to both clubs and regions for capital expenditures. Clubs and regions were required to apply for funds through an application and review process. Data below is broken out regionally, but some member club received grants directly.

Region	2017	2016
Cariboo	-	-
Fraser South	1,000	9,503
Fraser Valley	4,147	-
Kootenay	9,650	-
Okanagan	4,814	2,873
Simon Fraser	4,717	1,940
Vancouver & Dist.	2,120	7,100
Vancouver Island	440	5,000
	\$ 26,888	\$ 26,416

Club Reimbursement – Hy-Tek Sports Software

The Association continued with reimbursing clubs and regions for the upgrade cost of the Hy-Tek Sports Software program as required. For the year ended March 31, 2017, the total reimbursement was \$Nil (2016 - \$12,996).

Club Reimbursement – Officials Name Tags/Rulebooks

The Association reimbursed clubs and regions through a direct rebate to cover the cost of name badges, rulebooks and pins. For the year ended March 31, 2017, the total cost absorbed by the Association was \$14,624 (2016 – \$4,568).

Financial Aid – Club Membership Fee Assistance

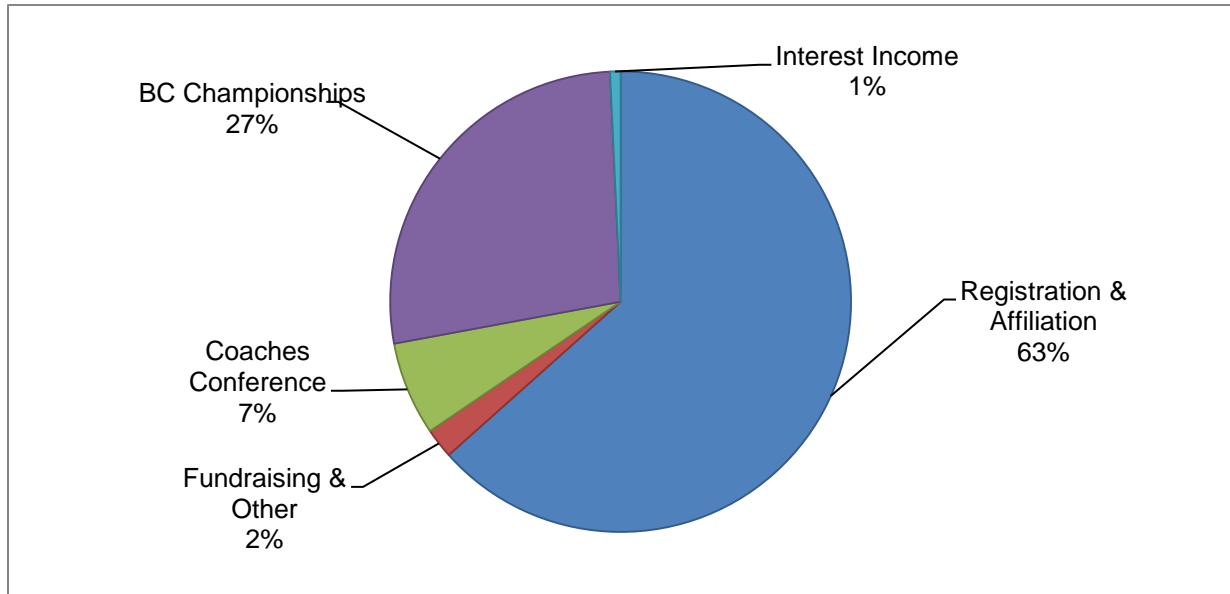
The Association provided financial assistance directly to clubs who applied on behalf of athlete families who were not able to afford the full amount of clubs fees for the 2016 summer swim season. Financial assistance was no more than 50% of the total fee charged by the member club. For the year ended March 31, 2017 the total assistance provided was \$3,819 (2016 - \$3,065)

7. Statement of Cash Flows

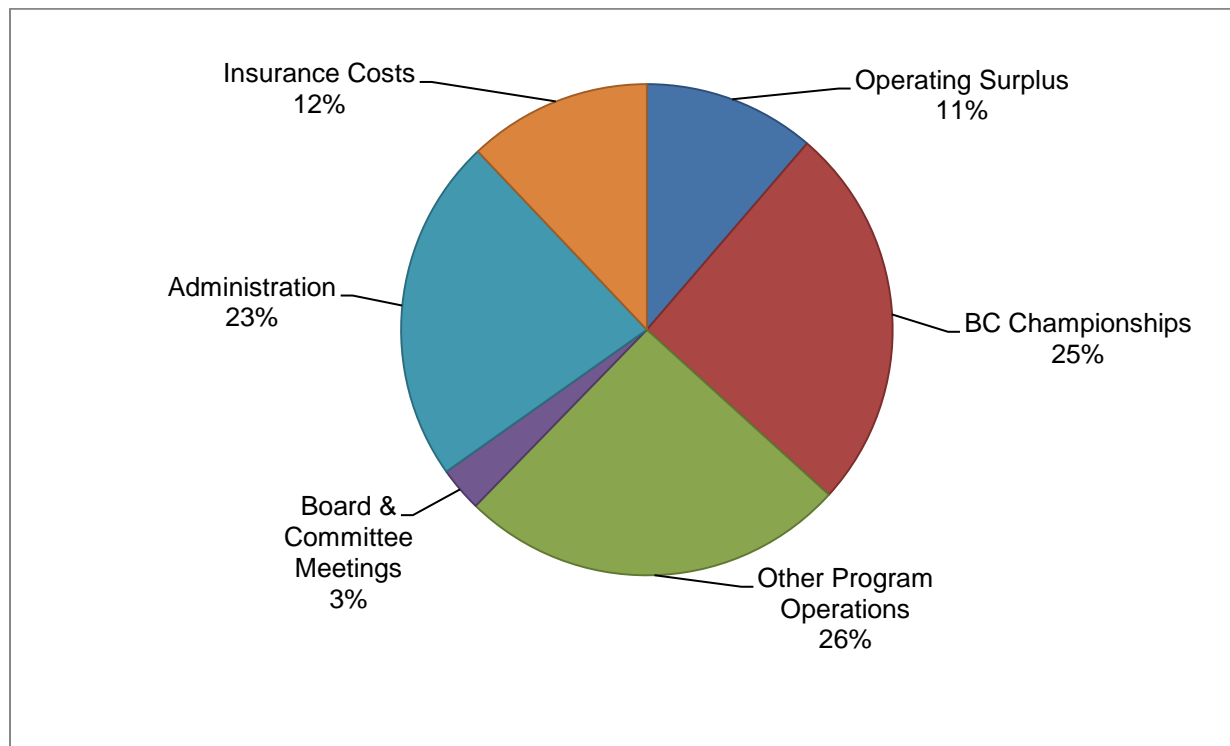
A statement of cash flows has not been prepared as the statement would not provide additional useful information.

Financial Overview

BCSSA
Revenues by Source 2017



Expenses by Source & Operating Surplus 2017



President's Report

Season number 59 is almost finished and we will be starting on our 60th year of the BCSSA, our Diamond Jubilee. My wife, Kerry, is thinking that a diamond should be in the works but I pointed out to her that she has only been around the organization for a short 42 years, not enough for a Diamond yet. ☺

I have been very pleased at how your Provincial Board has been quietly working on several different initiatives on your behalf. After several years of research we have now set up an Endowment Fund with the Vancouver Foundation. This endowment fund is available for anyone to make a charitable donation to but most importantly the fund will be supporting our Regional Scholarships that we hand out. Each year a \$1,000 award goes to one coach or senior swimmer in each region to help pay for post-secondary education. This award is now secure for generations to come and has the ability to grow through donations and accumulated interest so that in the future even more of our swimmers can benefit. If you or a company you know is interested in contributing, please check out our web site or contact the office.

The Coaches Conference was back at RockRidge Canyon for the third year and once again we had high levels of participation and high quality presentations. This conference gets better and better each year and I would urge all clubs to do everything they can to get their coaches to the conference. We will continue to try and have the main presentations done by our own coaches.

Speaking of coach training as well as official and club officials training, the Board announced a new fund, the Strategic Plan Implementation Fund. This fund was put in place to help complete our Strategic Plan. Clubs and regions can apply for funds to help initiate their parts of the Provincial Strategic plan, especially when the plan involves training of coaches, officials and club board members.

As in the past, the Capital Grant Program is alive and well as is our own Registration Assistance Fund. Clubs continue to apply and draw from those funds to help pay for capital purchases such as lane ropes, computers and starting blocks as well as supporting swimmers that may not be able to afford our program.

I believe it is time to examine the requirements and participation levels of our four aquatic sports at the Championship meet (speed swimming, diving, water polo, synchronized swimming). Right now we have a one size fits all as far as requirements for qualifying to Provincials and participation at the Championship meet goes. Yet each sport is unique in the number of participants, the requirements for having a competition and the resources available. A 60th anniversary is a good time to re-examine our meet and our season and I look forward to reporting back to you, the membership, after the discussions take place.

In summary, our organization is doing well. There are always issues to deal with but as in the past, I am confident our membership will work together. Good luck to all athletes at our 59th annual meet and good luck to all teams, I hope you have a banner year for membership in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Schilds

President, BCSSA

Vice-President's Report

In the 2016 Vice-President's Report, I reported that the BCSSA Board endorsed the BCSSA 2016-2020 Strategic Plan ("Plan"). The Plan guides all planning processes for the association as a whole based on three fundamental elements: our vision, our mission and our core values.

Our Vision

To be a leading sport organization, fostering a culture of inclusiveness, fun, and achievement.

Our Mission

The BC Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA) promotes, and encourages the development of athletes and volunteers through participation in speed swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming.

Our Core Values

Through its member clubs, BCSSA provides opportunities for training, competition and activities in communities throughout BC and surrounding areas.

BCSSA promotes the development of an individual's capacity to achieve excellence and life skills through participation in competitive aquatic activities.

The Plan is a living document that will guide BCSSA over the term of the Plan. It is a mechanism to proactively address opportunities and challenges as they arise in order to achieve our vision, mission and core values. The Plan will continue to evolve as tactics are achieved and the needs of the association change.

The Plan outlines fifteen initiatives in four strategic priorities, which are Organizational Development, Community Building, Achievement and Partnerships, that frame and drive our annual budget and work plans. A copy of the Strategic Plan can be downloaded from the following link: http://bcsummerswimming.com/docs/StrategicPlan_2016-2020.pdf

I am pleased to report that many of the tactics identified in the Plan have either been completed, are in-progress or under development. Some of the highlights include:

- Upgraded visual, audio and computer equipment to make BCSSA's office a centre for training officials, coaches, Board, etc. (e.g. live video presentation).
- Developed a portal for Board members to communicate and share information more effectively.
- Negotiated and executed an Agreement between BCSSA and Active Networks to expand online registration and payment options.
- Created the BCSSA Endowment Fund and the BCSSA Transferable Fund in partnership with the Vancouver Foundation which provide stable funding to the BCSSA for our long term goals and a sustainable revenue source for the Regional Prizes.
- Completed a social media policy.
- Updated the consent and waiver form.
- Financially supported 10 Volunteer Coaches Clinics across seven BCSSA regions.
- Financially supported coaches in all regions to attend the Coaches Conference at RockRidge Canyon.

- Created the Strategic Plan Implementation Fund to support the initiatives and tactics of the Strategic Plan.

Our Strategic Plan is a living roadmap that will guide the association and will help us to prioritize and balance all of the issues facing us. Ultimately, we must continue to improve and challenge ourselves to maintain our reputation “To be a leading sport organization, fostering a culture of inclusiveness, fun, and achievement.”

Thank you to those who have assisted me in serving in my role as the Vice-President this year. I look forward to seeing you at the Provincial Championships in Kamloops.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francis Cheung

Vice-President
Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Secretary Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to report that BCSSA remains financially stable and in a position to support our programs and strategic initiatives, providing opportunities for training, development and competition within British Columbia.

We continue to ensure prudent financial management practices are in place and continue to monitor our internal control processes, allowing us to manage our financial resources appropriately and provide direct financial benefits to our regions and clubs.

As in prior years, the Board has continued to focus its efforts to provide financial assistance programs to BCSSA member clubs and regions. During the 2017 fiscal year, the BCSSA distributed funds and/or covered expenses in the following categories:

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Capital funding grants | \$ 26,888 |
| • Officiating supplies distributed | \$ 14,624 |
| • Financial aid | \$ 3,819 |

There have been no significant changes to BCSSA's operations or controls. As in prior years, a financial peer review was once again conducted this past June. This review has specific procedures conducted over revenues, expenses and balance sheet line items. I would like to thank Jennifer Ng for volunteering her time to perform this peer review. All recommendations have been taken into consideration and any financial adjustments were made accordingly.

The following is a summary of the fiscal year's financial results:

- Registration income increased by 7.9%. This is directly tied to a slight increase in overall registration in summer and winter membership categories, as well as the approved registration fee increase which was effective May 1, 2016.
- The 2016 Coaches Conference was held at RockRidge Canyon, in Princeton, BC. This event generated approx. \$24,950 in revenue with total expenses of \$37,302. The event was successful in the prior year (May 2015) and therefore a larger scale event was planned during the 2016 season. BCSSA budgeted to absorb the loss of approximately \$12,000 and therefore was able to keep participant fees low as a benefit to our member clubs who normally pay for coaches to attend the annual conference.
- The staging of the 2016 Provincial Championships saw a surplus of \$10,906. We would like to thank the Coquitlam Sharks and the Simon Fraser Region for their attention to controlling costs and obtaining increased sponsorship for this annual event. Without sponsorship and equipment loans, BCSSA would not be able to host such a high caliber event on a break even or surplus basis. This event on occasion will experience a financial loss as some host locations are more expensive, however BCSSA wishes for the Provincials to take place throughout the province and therefore budgets accordingly. As a thank-you to the local organizing committee, the BCSSA provided a hosting grant to the Coquitlam Sharks for securing significant sponsorship for the 2016 event.

- Program operations saw an overall expense increase of 8.7%. This increase is attributable to the coaches' conference and provincials, which were larger scale events in the year resulting in increased costs.
- Administrative expenses increased 13.1% compared to the prior year. This increase is primarily the result of increased provincial office expenses and salaries. BCSSA hired a co-op student last summer to assist with office operations during the summer season. Having this student work with Disa in the office during the 2016 season proved to be very beneficial. The Board once again hired an Office Administrator for the 2017 season and we will be evaluating this position going forward.

During the January 2017 board meeting, BCSSA approved the establishment of the BCSSA Endowment Fund with the Vancouver Foundation. An initial contribution of \$200,000 has been made to the Vancouver Foundation by the BCSSA. The endowment funds are expected to generate sufficient income to support our scholarship program for our members moving forward. As the fund continues to grow, the BCSSA hopes to be able to offer more scholarships.

If you would like to donate to the BCSSA Endowment Fund and support BCSSA's Scholarship program, please visit the Vancouver Foundation's website at the following link:

<https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/bcsummerswimming>

BCSSA strives to support the growth and development of our member clubs and we are happy to be in a position to support our member clubs through the various financial assistance programs which have been developed. Subsequent to year end the Board approved the Strategic Plan Implementation Program which provides regions and clubs with funding to carry out initiatives that align with the BCSSA Strategic Plan. If you have any feedback or comments, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@bcsummerswimming.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Hutchinson

Secretary Treasurer

Director of Competition's Report

When I first accepted the nomination for Director of Competition last summer, my thought was that the 2017 Provincials would be a fairly straight-forward event to plan; a world-class venue, a receptive host city, and a proven template from 2014 to guide our efforts. What could possibly go wrong?

Flash-forward to present day – the organizing committee has been thrown a long list of challenges; from construction at the venue, to the loss of our popular video streaming partner, and most significantly to the recent wildfires in the Cariboo and Okanagan. These devastating wildfires have affected everything from air quality to the ability of Kamloops (and the TCC) to accommodate our event, not to mention the impact on the lives of the families living in the affected areas.

Through the combined efforts of our office staff (Disa and Brianna), the Provincial Board, the City of Kamloops staff, and valuable input from many of our member clubs, the Provincial Meet will move forward as scheduled. While no one can predict the future, there are two things of which I am quite certain. The first is that the meet will be a huge success; largely due to the combined efforts of the Board, the facility, the city, and hundreds of club volunteers. The second is that the swimmers will amaze us with their performances, as they always do at this event. Quite honestly, that's what makes this whole thing worthwhile.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Cauley

Director of Competition

Director of Member Services Report

There's little point in inserting the ubiquitous *tempus fugit* type comment found in end-of-year reports except to point out that I stepped into Membership Services half-way through the two-year term. That said, I've wasted no time in assessing the needs and the opportunities that the Association can use to more energetically engage its membership.

Assessment of Membership Services: The approaching 60th anniversary of BCSSA is a natural focal point for the Association to galvanise its place in BC sport and showcase the significant contributions that Summer Swimming makes to the physical, personal and social development of young athletes in communities throughout our province. The BCSSA brand is strong (anecdotally but a more formal survey should be undertaken) but many of its assets (website, signage, marketing materials) require not just updating but strategic development and integration into a long-term plan that includes communications, public relations, government relations and inter-sport relations to place summer swimming on the top rung of aquatic sport in BC. The coming two years, with our 2018 Provincial Championship meet right in the middle, are a key opportunity for our Association to accomplish important goals related to the prominence of the BCSSA brand and the proper place summer swimming should occupy in BC sport.

General Updates: I've begun laying a foundation for an expanded presence in BC for summer swimming in general and BCSSA in particular. The first step was taken in March at the local club level by publishing a basic club marketing guide in the Spring 2017 edition of Wavelength. It is a compilation of the best marketing hacks (online and offline) learned through trial and error in promoting my home club, WRASA. Many local clubs are implementing all or parts of this plan. I also published a package guide to Active's Swim Manager that provides club executives with an overview of the online registration process and steps to migrating to Active online registration. Supporting the BCSSA Strategic Plan, the package includes a video introduction, a club communications template and a registrar's guide to processing online registrations. Many member clubs have now begun or completed an integration of Swim Manager into their registration process.

Member Services Projects & Priorities: 2017-19

2017-2018

- BCSSA website rebuild
- 60-year province-wide slideshow, featuring every club and region to play on website and at Provincials 2018
- Marketing plan for BCSSA (online and offline strategy, marketing goals, budget, key metrics)
- Membership services booth 60th anniversary edition (members lounge, video booth, live video and updates)

2018-2019

- Club marketing resources portal (branding materials, logos, images, public relations guide, press release templates, online and offline advertising templates, guides and best practices).

The directorship is up for election at this year's AGM and if the membership is willing to have me, I would be glad to continue the work I've begun.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Bishop

Director of Member Services

Director of Official's Report

Another excellent year for the BCSSA. We started the year with five new Master officials being promoted at the 2016 Provincials in Coquitlam. It is my hope that each Region will be able to bring forward one or two new Master officials each year to replace those who move on. We will have four or five new candidates this year! It is also great to see so many Master Officials that have moved on, coming back to help at local club meets and making themselves available with advice and historical information. This is invaluable to the BCSSA.

I would also like to celebrate the success of the 2016 Coquitlam Provincials. The setting is beautiful and the weather was perfect! We managed to move very quickly through our Heats with only one pool! Every official, no matter the role, was responsible for making it all move quickly, efficiently and smoothly for the swimmers. My goal is always to make swimmers feel comfortable, so they can concentrate on their business of swimming. I believe we succeeded! Great job to everyone and thank you to the Coquitlam Sharks and Meet Manager, Carl Trepanier, for hosting a great meet!

The Regional Directors of Officials and I met in November and made plans to create some helpful documents for parents, coaches and officials. These included a Protest Flowchart and 'O' Category Relays Made Easy and are posted on the BCSSA website. We are finalizing the Officials Handbook, a very large document that will also be posted on the website for use next season. This book includes all aspects of officiating and can be used by anyone involved in the BCSSA for a detailed understanding of how swim meets work. Many, many thanks to all the RDO's who participated in the rewriting and editing of this guide.

We all also helped our Director of Competition create some terrific guides for Regions for their Regional Responsibilities at Provincials. This should prove very helpful moving forward to help Regional Directors know the exact details of their responsibilities. There have been many Harassment and Conflict Resolution Courses conducted this season and there continue to be a plethora of Stroke and Turn, Starter/Ref and How to Write or Participate in a Protest clinics throughout the Province. Official education and advancement is extremely important to our committee and is regularly addressed.

I have been able to travel this year to meets in Salt Spring Island, Cloverdale/Surrey, Kelowna and Nelson. At each, I was able to meet officials, do evaluations and get a better understanding of how we all do exactly the same thing each week, with a little of our own Regional Style. I'm thoroughly impressed with the quality of meets, officials, coaches, parents and most importantly, the swimmers!

Finally, I hope you will indulge me a moment of nostalgia. I have been so very thankful for the BCSSA for the past 13 years of my family's life. I leave my role in the BCSSA with four excellent swimmers/coaches who have moved on to use many life skills they learned from participation in the BCSSA. We all consider the BCSSA our "Summer Family and Friends". There really are no words to express how much I love summer swimming and the people involved! Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of something very special!

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Nesdoly

Director of Officials

Registrar's Report

Another great year of growth and competition in the BCSSA

Our athlete numbers have reached a new high! Thanks to all the clubs who put in the time and energy to retain and recruit, and especially to the Registrars who keep it all organized!

Many of our clubs have adopted the online registration from Active Network over the past few years with great success. There are definitely some growing pains associated with BCSSA customizations but Active has committed to working with us to make the system even better for our organization. Over all, the online registration is club and user friendly and integrates with Hy-tek, so moving the data into Hy-tek is literally just a push of a button. This means building rosters and collecting payments is much less of a manual process, creating valuable time savings for both registrars and treasurers.

To make our system even better we need:

- **New clubs to get on board.** Let Active Network help you through the setup process. They are getting to know BCSSA now and can assist and advise from their experience with the other clubs they have already worked with.
- **Existing clubs need to give feedback.** If you have questions/comments then speak up. If you are not getting the answers or help you need directly from Active, then call me or Disa in the BCSSA office. Please don't wait until you are frustrated, we have enough experienced clubs that may have someone to help you and/or we can pressure Active as an organization to make sure something gets done.

Active Network sent three representatives from Dallas in June to speak with the board and clubs in person. They even offered to travel to a meet in the Okanagan, unfortunately that didn't work out, but they did hold two meetings in the Lower Mainland to answer questions in person and get some feedback. I believe this shows a real commitment to BCSSA.

Our goal is to help as many of our volunteers in our organization as possible, so we all have more time and energy to support our athletes.

Thank you for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Ruim

Provincial Registrar

2017 Registration Data

Club Affiliation

Region	2016	2017
Cariboo	6	6
Fraser South	10	11
Fraser Valley	8	8
Kootenay	7	7
Okanagan	10	10
Simon Fraser	5	5
Vancouver & District	6	6
Vancouver Island	11	11
Total	63	64

Individuals and Activities

Region	Individuals		Activities	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Cariboo	343	326	343	326
Fraser South	1096	1123	1373	1301
Fraser Valley	757	662	838	854
Kootenay	353	396	355	396
Okanagan	772	763	772	776
Simon Fraser	1113	1111	1214	1218
Vancouver & District	630	694	829	831
Vancouver Island	888	953	1105	961
Total	5952	6028	6829	6663

Historical Registration

	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving	Total Athletes
2017	5838	117	605	85	6028
2016	5631	178	562	89	5908
2015	5676	211	840	102	5952
2014	5545	112	607	103	5775
2013	5333	106	559	127	5522
2012	5163	95	640	93	5400
2011	4820	96	537	97	5056

Club Registration by Region

CARIBOO

326

DAW	Dawson Creek Seals	141
FIN	Fort Nelson Finns	0
FSJ	Fort St. John Stingrays	56
MAC	Mackenzie Rainbows	33
PGP	Prince George Pisces	56
QUE	Quesnel Aquatic Club	40

FRASER VALLEY

662

ABB	Abbotsford Whalers	160
AGA	Agassiz-Harrison	81
CWK	Chilliwack Stingrays	51
HAN	Haney Neptunes	147
HOP	River Monsters	12
LAN	Langley Flippers	96
LWC	Langley Water Polo Club	28
MIS	Mission Marlins	87

FRASER SOUTH

1123

BOU	Boundary Bay Bluebacks	161
CLO	Cloverdale Tritons	93
CRB	Crescent Beach	117
LAD	Ladner Stingrays	159
NOD	North Delta Sunfish	148
ORC	Surrey Orcas Water Polo	0
PWS	Pacific Wave Synchro	6
RIC	Richmond Kigoos	234
SUR	Surrey Sea Lions	49
WHI	White Rock Amateur	156

KOOTENAY

396

CAS	Castlegar Aquanauts	46
COL	Colville Sharks	92
CST	Creston Waves	55
GFA	Grand Forks Aquatics	57
KIM	Kimberly Sea Horses	53
NEL	Nelson Neptunes	43
TRA	Trail Stingrays	50

OKANAGAN

763

GOL	Golden Dolphins	109
KAM	Kamloops Tsunami	66
KOGO	Kelowna Ogopogos	88
LUM	Lumby Lightning	60
MER	Merritt Otters	43
PEN	Penticton Pikes	94
PRI	Princeton Kokanee	57
REV	Revelstoke Aquaducks	95
SAA	Salmon Arm Sockeyes	100
SSC	Similkameen Swim Club	51

SIMON FRASER

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BMM	Burnaby Mountain Mantas	219
BUR	Burnaby Barracudas	278
COQ	Coquitlam Sharks	354
PCM	Port Coquitlam Marlins	128
PMA	Port Moody Aquarians	132

VANCOUVER & DISTRICT

694

NOR	North Shore Winter Club	128
NVC	North Vancouver Cruisers	171
SQU	Squamish Pirates	132
SUP	Super Sharks	57
VIK	Vancouver Vikings	169
VWP	Vancouver Water Polo	37

VANCOUVER ISLAND

953

CAM	Campbell River	82
COU	Courtenay Blue Devils	100
CVB	Cowichan Valley Breakers	75
GHG	Gordon Head Gee Gees	15
JUA	Juan de Fuca Royals	34
NAN	Nanaimo White Rapids	211
OAK	Oak Bay Orcas	91
PDI	Pender Island Otters	20
POW	Powell River Aquatic Club	118
SSS	Salt Spring Island Stingrays	104
SID	Sidney Piranhas	103

Registration Breakdown by Sport

CARIBOO	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Dawson Creek Seals	141	-	-	-
Fort Nelson Finns	-	-	-	-
Fort St. John Stingrays	56	-	-	-
Mackenzie Rainbows	33	-	-	-
Prince George Pisces	56	-	-	-
Quesnel Aquatic Club	40	-	-	-
Total	326	-	0	0

FRASER SOUTH	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Boundary Bay Bluebacks	161	-	-	-
Cloverdale Tritons	93	-	-	-
Crescent Beach	117	26	56	-
Ladner Stingrays	159	-	-	-
North Delta Sunfish	148	26	70	-
Surrey Orcas	-	-	-	-
Pacific Wave Synchro	-	6	-	-
Richmond Kigoos	234	-	-	-
Surrey Sea Lions	49	-	-	-
White Rock Amateur	156	-	-	-
Total	1117	58	126	0

FRASER VALLEY	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Abbotsford Whalers	150	-	160	18
Agassiz-Harrison	81	-	-	-
Chilliwack Stingrays	51	-	-	-
Haney Neptunes	137	5	29	-
River Monsters	12	-	-	-
Langley Flippers	96	-	-	-
Langley Water Polo	-	-	28	-
Mission Marlins	87	-	-	-
Total	614	5	217	18

KOOTENAY	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Castlegar Aquanauts	46	-	-	-
Colville Sharks	92	-	-	-
Creston Waves	55	-	-	-
Grand Forks Piranhas	57	-	-	-
Kimberley Sea Horses	53	-	-	-
Nelson Neptunes	43	-	-	-
Trail Stingrays	50	-	-	-
Total	396	0	0	0

OKANAGAN	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Golden Dolphins	109	-	-	-
Kamloops Tsunami	66	-	-	-
Kelowna Ogopogos	88	-	-	-
Lumby Lightning	60	-	-	-
Merritt Otters	40	-	16	-
Penticton Pikes	94	-	-	-
Princeton Kokanees	57	-	-	-
Revelstoke Aquaducks	95	-	-	-
Salmon Arm Sockeyes	100	-	-	-
Similkameen	51	-	-	-
Total	760	0	16	0

SIMON FRASER	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Burnaby Mantas	219	-	-	-
Burnaby Barracudas	250	-	71	6
Coquitlam Sharks	317	15	46	9
Port Coquitlam Marlins	128	-	-	-
Port Moody Aquarians	132	-	-	25
Total	1046	15	117	40

VANCOUVER DISTRICT	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
North Shore Winter Club	128	-	-	-
North Vancouver Cruisers	155	39	69	45
Squamish Pirates	132	-	-	-
Super Sharks	57	-	-	-
Vancouver Vikings	169	-	-	-
Vancouver Water Polo	-	-	37	-
Total	641	39	106	45

VANCOUVER ISLAND	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Campbell River Salmon Kings	82	-	-	-
Courtenay Blue Devils	100	-	-	-
Cowichan Valley Breakers	75	-	-	-
Gordon Head Gee Gees	-	-	15	-
Juan de Fuca Royals	34	-	-	-
Nanaimo White Rapids	211	-	8	-
Oak Bay Orcas	91	-	-	-
Pender Island Otters	20	-	-	-
Powell River Aquatic Club	118	-	-	-
Sidney Piranhas	104	-	-	-
Salt Spring Island Stingrays	103	-	-	-
Total	938	0	23	0

Director of Diving's Report

Program: In 2017 we had five clubs, representing three regions, with diving programs. An increase of two clubs since 2016:

- Coquitlam Sharks (SF Region) – 9 divers (24 in 2016)
- Burnaby Barracudas (SF Region) – 6 divers (15 in 2016)
- Port Moody Aquarians (SF Region) – 25 divers, 10 attending regularly (new program)
- North Vancouver Cruisers (Vancouver & District) – 45 divers, 24 attending regularly (50 in 2016)
- Abbotsford Whalers (Fraser Valley Region) – 18 divers, 9 attending regularly (new program)

Fees and Practices: Three clubs (Cruisers, Burnaby and Port Moody) offered diving at no additional registration fee. Coquitlam charged \$150 for the second sport, and Abbotsford charged \$100 for the second sport. Practice frequency ranged from one to four practices per week.

Coaches: Several clubs had challenges securing coaches this year. I will continue to work with BC Diving to provide Dive Coach Training programs and to source qualified coaches for clubs who are interested in starting dive programs. Swimming coaches who are interested could take the two day Intro to Dive Coaching Clinic offered by BC Diving.

Officials: Many parents participated as shadow judges at club meets, with the goal to work towards having more parent judges, allowing the coaches to focus on coaching during meets. We will continue to work towards training more parent judges.

Clubs/Equipment: North Vancouver Cruisers and Burnaby had difficulty securing coaches this year. Burnaby was not able to start their dive program until late June because of this. Burnaby Barracudas were invited to practice with Port Moody Aquarians to train on the 3m board. Abbotsford Whalers have had great difficulty securing pool time (only available very early or very late).

Meets: There were only three club meets held in the 2017 season, two hosted by the Coquitlam Sharks. This was primarily due to new clubs having difficulty arranging pool time.

Rules: Diving requirements were reviewed last year, and modified to reduce the difficulty for new divers, and to split the groups between Summer Divers and Open Divers. This has increased overall participation at meets, however there are relatively few divers competing in the Open categories, leading to limited competition.

Summary: Two clubs added dive programs in 2017, which helped increase overall registration numbers from 89 to 103. Participation rates at meets increased for new divers, however there was little competition in the Open Categories. Two clubs had difficulty securing coaches.

Focus for 2018:

- Work with BC Diving to train more coaches.
- Review the diving requirements to see if it is possible to increase competition in the Open Categories.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Wellman

Director of Diving

Director of Water Polo's Report

BCSSA water polo has enjoyed a promising year in some respects, with regards to growth in number of clubs and regions competing. Our programs continue to introduce a great number of athletes to the sport, while providing a starting point for many of our most successful water polo players now.

Other areas of the program have been highlighted as in need of re-examination. We have once again been confronted with a decline in participation in the U18 category – which saw a considerable bump in number of teams in 2016, before dropping down to three eligible teams for provincials this season.

Over the past two seasons, I have ruled on two appeals regarding players who were ineligible for BCSSA water polo due to participation at the U19 NCL national championships. In both cases, the athletes were deemed ineligible to compete, despite limited participation in actual gameplay. These situations, coupled with the chronically-weak U18 category suggests to me that the BCSSA eligibility rules are once again due for a discussion.

There has also been interest in establishing concrete rules for the wildcard selection process ahead of provincials. These are all discussions I welcome and look forward to having after the summer season has concluded.

New water polo programs were established this year, at the Nanaimo White Rapids Swim Club, as well as in Merritt. There have also been inquiries from the Kootenay region this season, with regards to running a regional water polo camp in the future. These camp-style events could serve to introduce the sport to more regions, as well as a way for more young water polo athletes to gain employment and experience in coaching. This is certainly an idea I'd like to pursue in the coming seasons.

I'd like to make a special mention of a number of former BCSSA water polo athletes, who represented Team Canada in water polo at the FINA World Aquatic Championships this summer. Congratulations to: Monika Eggens and Matthew Halajian, both former Haney Neptunes; Gaelan Patterson, a North Van Cruisers alumnus; Gurpreet Sohi (alternate) and Hayley McKelvey of the North Delta Sunfish; Reuel D'Souza and Sean Spooner (alternate) from the Coquitlam Sharks.

That's all for this season!

Respectfully Submitted,

Cole Wagner

Director of Water Polo

Coaches Representative's Report

This has been another great year for BCSSA. We held our annual Coaches Conference at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC once again. While our numbers were down from the previous year, we received a lot of good feedback from veteran coaches about how to make the event more enticing for coaches who have been around for a few years, who have been feeling like the conference is a lot of the same each year.

The breakout session topics were very popular and well received, and it was suggested that a few of those topics might make better Keynote sessions than the strokes, which many of the Head Coaches do not get as much new information from. It has also been suggested that the NCCP courses be offered the weekend before or after the conference, as while they are useful, they take up much of the conference (A Level 1 and 2 course have been requested directly before the start of the 2018 season).

Our focus on the Junior/younger coaches was well received again, however the Senior/older coaches would like a strain of the conference to be focused on them.

Once again, the location, presenters, and cost of the conference received mostly positive feedback from the coaches, though there are more people than last year who would like a change of scenery.

As this is my first year as Coaches Representative, I would like to acknowledge the spectacular amount of work that is put in each year by the Board of Directors each year, and thank you all for the extra time put in, especially this year in regards to keeping our swimmers safe and in venues unaffected by the fires this challenging season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eliza McGuire

Provincial Coaches Representative

Cariboo Regional Director's Report

My first year as the Regional Director for the Cariboo Region has been a wonderful experience in which I have learned a great deal. BCSSA's largest region has the most tight-knit group of swimmers and parents from the clubs that call it home. This season we decided to run two smaller one day Tri-meets (on the same weekend - one north and one south) to start off the season. We felt this would allow new swimmers the experience of a meet on a smaller scale. The south meet was held in Quesnel - complete with timed finals for some regular events and some silly multi-club relays to up the fun factor. Feedback from parents was positive and it allowed the older swimmers a chance to brush up on their technique and show the new swimmers how fun BCSSA can be.

The first full region meet was held in Mackenzie, the centrally-located, smallest community of the Cariboo Region, but the most fun you've ever had at any meet. As usual, it wouldn't be a summer swim season without Mother Nature letting us all know she rules supreme. From torrential downpours in Mackenzie, to the smoke filled skies of Quesnel during the Cariboo-Chillocotin wildfires, this season has been full of surprises. As I write this report we are preparing to head north to Dawson Creek, happy to escape the smoke and breathe some fresh air. The Seals sure know how to do it up right - their meet fell on the night Bob Dylan was in town so many of the parents enjoyed a night out before the competition began. The parking lot at the pool had the biggest RV village I think I've seen at meet. It was a great weekend.

As a region, we were fortunate to host two Volunteer Coaches Clinic before the start of the season - one in Dawson Creek and one in Prince George. Both were well attended and the young volunteer coaches spoke highly of the program. Fort St John hosted the NCCP Level 1 coaches course which was also well attended. We are grateful that BCSSA has coach development in our mandate and look forward to utilizing and accessing grants available to further the education of our up and coming coaches.

Continued development of swim officials was also addressed this season. A stroke and turn clinic was held in Quesnel. There will be a Harassment and Conflict Resolution seminar held this weekend in Dawson Creek and there are plans to host the starter and referee clinic at Regionals in PG. All of these programs help to grow our volunteer pool and make our clubs stronger.

It was great to see clubs using social media more to communicate and promote their clubs. Twitter and Facebook have become instrumental in letting the world know how much fun families have participating in BCSSA and summer swimming. I look forward to a great Provincial Championship this year in Kamloops and would like to extend an invitation for everyone to attend a meet in our region. Come and experience our Northern hospitality.

2018 Season Meet Schedule:

May 26-27	One day Tri-meet: Fort St John (north), Prince George (south)	July 21-22	Prince George
June 9-10	Mackenzie	Aug 4-5	Dawson Creek (Regionals)
June 23-24	Quesnel	Aug 17-19	Provincials
July 7-8	Fort St John		

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Fisher

Cariboo Regional Director

Fraser South Regional Director's Report

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

Many of you may recognize this quote from the movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off. For those that don't, I highly recommend it.

The sentiment of the quote applies to summer swimming. Once the season starts, doesn't it feel like everything is a rush? School, practice, meets, deck shifts, next race, volunteer shift, and do it again next week! Life moves pretty fast during the swim season.

But when you can take the time to stop and look around you'll see what a great organization we're all part of. And it's all based on volunteering. I'd like to thank everyone for doing their part - from the "maniac" volunteers spending countless hours running BCSSA and the clubs, to the first-year members who struggle to find a way to balance looking after young children at a meet with putting in a timing shift. Everyone does what they can, when they can and hopefully those first-year members grow into the next generation of BCSSA leaders.

It has been a good year in a Fraser South this year.

We have 1123 registrations in total:

BOU	161
CLO	93
CRB	117
LAD	159
NOD	148
PWS	6
RIC	234
SUR	49
WHI	156

We had an excellent turnout at the coaches conference in Princeton

Though I have not attended all of them personally, our meets seem to have been very well attended. Many of our clubs are full to capacity and beyond, chock-full with very young swimmers. The future looks very bright!

So stop and look around once in a while. I think you'll be impressed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Ruim

Fraser South Regional Director

Fraser Valley Regional Director's Report

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another successful season! As a Region we have shown great strength and results in all meets, posting many new club and provincial records, top achievers, personal best times and having many athletes reach and in many ways surpass their own personal goals. A region can only show such results when they have such a dedicated group of athletes, the support of an executive and the support of parents. The Fraser Valley Region has had a long standing history of success and performance.

The executive has reviewed many of its existing policies and practices this year and is always looking to make improvements to support the overall goal and philosophy of the Region. As well we have been discussing on a regular basis the new rules and regulations surrounding the new policies in terms of grants.

Last year we were lucky enough to have the Hope RiverMasters join our Region. They put on a fantastic swim meet in June that was not only the talk of the town but the talk of the swimmers and families in our Region for several reasons. We are all very proud of what Hope has done and will continue to support them in all their needs moving forward.

I would like to thank the executive for their efforts this year; these are volunteer positions however I am sure at times it felt like a part time job. The goal of the executive has been to provide a well-organized, competitive region that enables athletes to meet their potential while also creating well-rounded individuals.

As a Region we continue to grow and look at ways to retain our athletes. We have an amazing Region and I am proud to have been a part of it for over eight years now.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Cramer

Fraser Valley Regional Director

Kootenay Regional Director's Report

The Kootenay Region had a great year in 2017, rebounding from some significant challenges with pool closures in 2016. We saw our membership increase by approximately 12%, a significant increase over participation in the last two years. While this is great, we still have several clubs with enrolments lower than their capacity and we continue to look for ways to introduce the benefits of summer swimming to families in our region.

As I look around our pools at swim meets, I see lots of new faces. Younger coaches, many of which have been developed and brought along from within our own clubs. This is a credit to the confidence in our younger coaches and the support for coaching development being provided by BCSSA. As competition for coaches increases, it is nice to see our youth stepping up and they have done a fantastic job!

In addition to new coaches, our new Regional Director of Officials, Peter Lawczynski has done a great job and through the running of various officials' clinics, on-deck shadowing and training and the support of everyone, we are developing many new officials. All are very enthusiastic and doing a great job.

Financially, our region continues to be healthy and vibrant and able to respond quickly to challenges whether it is replacement of aging equipment, provision of support for clubs in need or development of swimming in general.

As a region we are a much more cohesive group than I have seen in prior years. At swim meets everyone is comingling and cheering for all swimmers, not just their own. To be honest, at times it is difficult to tell which teams swimmers belong to as they have built such strong bonds with each other, the barriers among teams that have sometimes existed are virtually unnoticeable at our events. Everyone should be proud of this as we are truly one region, not seven clubs!

Thank you to all of the parents in our region who continue to step up and help with club executives, regional executives and running successful swim meets. Your efforts have made for a successful season and I look forward to another great year in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Anderson

Kootenay Regional Director

Okanagan Regional Director's Report

This was my first year as Regional Director, and it was a challenging year. We had numerous people who had contributed to our region for years, change at the board level. I welcomed a new Treasurer, Director of Competition and numerous new Presidents' from our regional clubs. Our region incorporated the Active Network system into each one of our clubs. This was not without many complications. Although, the system had boasted to allow us to have online club registration, it was unable to generate a BCSSA number. Swim Manager is unable to use divisions, S/O categories, and the BCSSA number. Although club registration is important, many of our clubs used Team Unify for many other purposes. Most of these needs, which are available in Swim Manager, at this time, will not work in Canada with our BCSSA divisions. Having said that, Active was very helpful in providing me temporary solutions such as a meet template that we could use for online meet registration. This option allowed coaches to create meet files in Swim Manager, saving a lot of time. Although, we are not using all of the options that will be available, the process is started and I can see the benefits of this change. I believe, that as Active is able to make the necessary changes for the BCSSA, it will only become easier.

As clubs withdrew from Team Unify, they lost their existing web presence. Active provided us with new web pages (at a very reasonable cost), that when finished will be fully integrated into Swim Manager. Over-all, a difficult transition, lots of learning and changing, but again our process has started. I believe it will get much easier next year, and will hopefully save hours of administration for all of our club boards.

Our first meet was cancelled in Revelstoke due to the closure of Highway 1. This was the first time in over 20 years that a meet had been cancelled in our region. It was difficult but the local club was able to rebook the meet in the only available weekend left in the summer schedule. Due to the fires and potential air issues in Kamloops, we were able to relocate the Regional meet to the Canada Games pool from our outdoor venue only three weeks prior to the meet date. Without such great clubs, volunteers and administration, these changes would have never have been possible.

We had numerous clubs from both the Kootenays and Lower Mainland regions participate in our Kelowna, Merritt, and Penticton meets. Thanks to all who travelled and special thanks goes out to those officials that volunteered their time in helping us out on deck.

Once again, our region hosted the Coaches Conference. From all accounts it was really well attended and I have received lots of great reviews. Thanks to all who organized and participated at the RockRidge event. Thanks to the BCSSA Board for sponsoring two volunteer coach clinics in our region. Thanks goes out to Penticton and Salmon Arm, for holding the events and the 30 young people who are well on their way to becoming our next group of great BCSSA coaches.

We are hopeful that at the time of this reading, we are enjoying our time in Kamloops at the provincial meet. I know that it could have not been easy to make this meet a success, with all of the chaos that is affecting the interior of BC. Thanks to Sean, Disa and the rest of the staff and board who make this provincial meet happen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross Hoshizaki

Okanagan Regional Director

Simon Fraser Regional Director's Report

Interest in aquatics continues to be strong in our region. All of our member clubs offered some form of Winter Maintenance in late 2016/early 2017. These programs were very successful at introducing BCSSA to new swimmers as well as providing an opportunity for current swimmers to maintain their skills.

Over 1,100 athletes have signed up this summer and, once again, Simon Fraser has representation in all four sports. Our numbers would likely be higher but for limitations in pool availability. The summer was very busy with a full slate of swim meets, water polo tournaments, dive meets and synchro competitions.

One of the best parts of this summer for me was seeing the number of new coaches who came from the ranks of their clubs. Boys and girls who five and six short years ago were just learning the four racing strokes, synchro figures, competition dives and the rules and strategies of water polo are now young coaches passing on their knowledge to a new generation of athletes. They also pass along the sense that competing in aquatics can be fun, one of the core values of BCSSA. Some of these coaches are also becoming lifeguards and swim instructors. In these roles they will be taking the spirit and lessons of Summer Swimming to our communities.

Already clubs are planning their Winter Maintenance programs, looking forward to holding their AGM's and awards nights, and building the foundation for the competitive season to come. Today's young swimmers are one step closer to becoming tomorrow's coaches and assuming leadership roles but are likely having too much fun to notice. That's as it should be.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Trepanier

Simon Fraser Regional Director

Vancouver & District Regional Director's Report

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Provincial Board for the last three years, and sadly this will be my last report as Regional Director for Vancouver & District. As I prepared to write this year's report, I decided to look back to the 2014 Annual Report, the year I took over from my predecessor Kerry Somerville. Some things have changed, and some things have not.

Unfortunately, the challenges we continue face remain unchanged. As Kerry wrote back then and I repeated last year "pool space, meet scheduling and attendance, are among the recurring themes that do not seem to have an easy solution." This is still the case.

Taking a look at our numbers, in 2014 Vancouver & District had 525 athletes, and in 2017 that number has grown to 692. All clubs have seen some growth, but the most significant growth has been with the Squamish Pirates who have tripled in numbers from 44 in 2014, to 132 this year.

Succession planning continues both within the Board and for key positions running meets. We had a well-attended timing clinic in May, but there are still some key roles that need to be filled, not least of which is my successor, and at the time of writing this report that person is yet to be identified, perhaps at next week's Regional Meeting?!

On that note, I would like to thank all of the regional board for their dedication and hard work over the last three years. They have provided guidance in governance to our clubs within the structure of the BCSSA and have demonstrated sound fiscal management resulting in a healthy financial position for the region.

I would also like to thank all the club executives, officials, coaches and families, who really are the ones that make things happen, both in our clubs and within the region, keep up the great work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Jevons

Vancouver & District Regional Director

Vancouver Island Regional Director's Report

Was it surprising to see returning swimmers taller, stronger and faster this year? Another season of best times and personal achievements marked the busy summer season on Vancouver Island.

The Vancouver Island Region is grateful to the BCSSA for providing grants which facilitated the fourth Go for the Gold! event this May.

In addition to this event, Saanich Water Polo and the Gordon Head Gee Gees hosted a water polo evening for swimmers prior to the Oak Bay Meet. The VI Region contributed pizza and cookies afterwards for the hungry athletes.

Registration in the VI Region increased for the fifth consecutive year, and all seven meets during the summer were well attended, with numbers approaching 400 swimmers at each meet. The Clubs continued to work together for the development of the Region as a whole and the promotion of summer aquatics.

In particular, the 11 clubs continued development towards establishing common swim meet practices - working to create atmospheres to attract swimmers and families, structuring timing shifts consistently from one week to the next, scheduling novice swims so new families can ease into attending meets.

The success of the Region this past year again was based on the parent volunteers. From those parents who sat as timers, to those parents who deliver deck food, to those parents who have trained as officials, to those parents who keep the console running, the dedication and support for their childrens' activity keeps the Region strong.

In particular, our Regional Director of Officials, Mike Craig, continued in his third year in the position and expanded his recruitment and training of deck officials, who are a huge part of our Region's future.

I would like to especially thank those who volunteered to be on the Regional and Club Boards. The extra hours that you have put in, and continue to put in, are truly appreciated.

It has been an honour to serve the VI Region as Regional Director and I wish my successor well as the Region continues to grow and improve.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Kirkhope

Vancouver Island Regional Director

Notice of Motions

The bylaws of BCSSA do not enforce a requirement to have Notice of Motions included in this report. To date, there have been no 'Notice of Motions' received. There is a chance of motions being submitted prior to the meeting. Any motion that is presented to the BCSSA Board prior to the AGM will be emailed out to all Club Presidents' and shared through the BCSSA communication channels.



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