

BC Summer Swimming Association

2010 Annual Report

Report produced for the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the BC Summer Swimming Association.

All BCSSA members are welcome to attend the meeting.



BCSSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2010

7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

TOURNAMENT CAPITAL CENTRE

910 McGill Road

Kamloops, BC

Authorized by: Neil Wuolle, President

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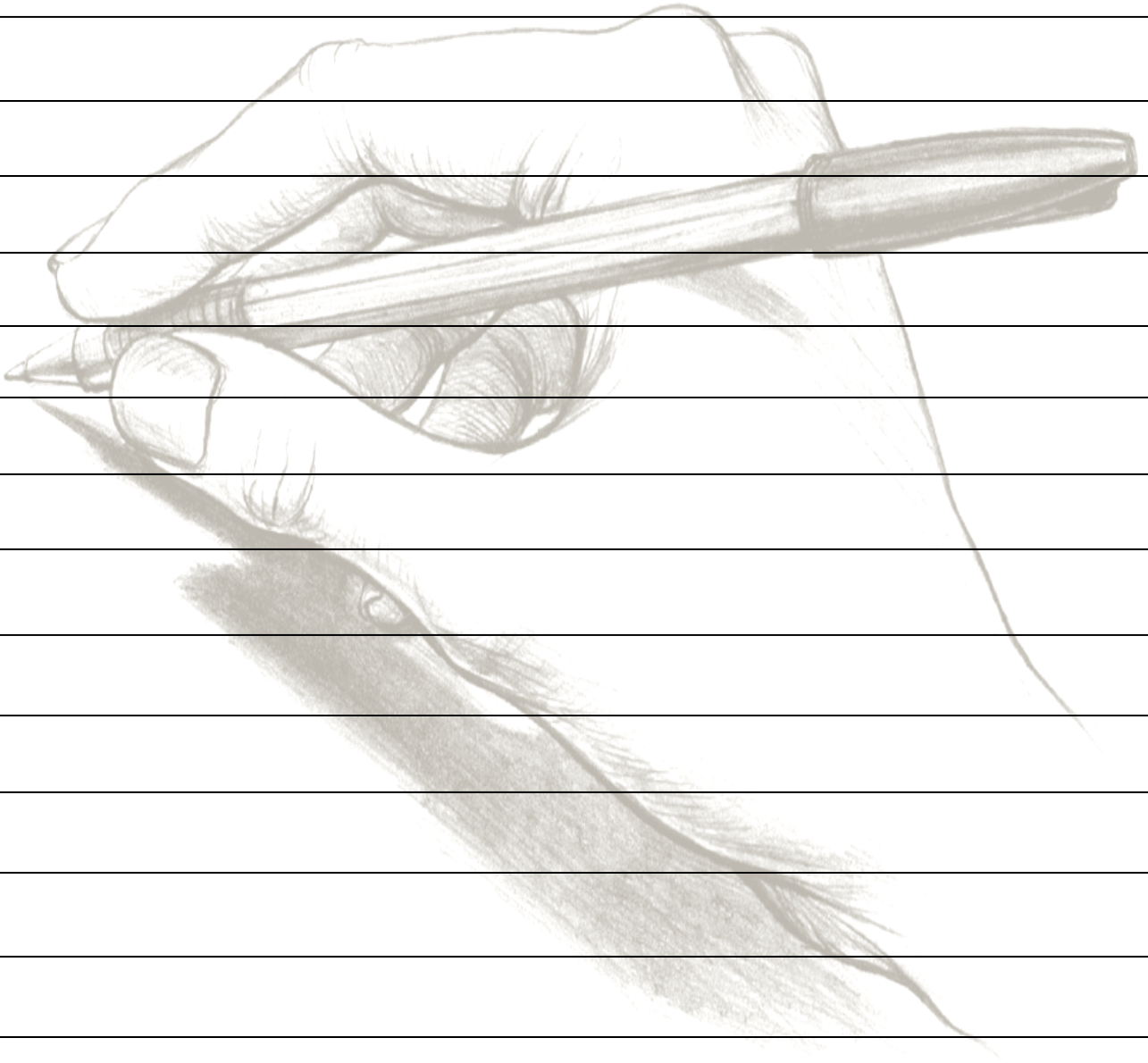


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AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks:

2. Minutes of the 2009 AGM

3. Board of Directors' Reports

3.1 President	Neil Wuolle
3.3 Vice President	Danny Schilds
3.6 Treasury Secretary	Ken Davidson
3.6 Director of Competition	Tony Tsang
3.7 Director of Member Services	Cindi Borsoi
3.8 Director of Officials	Trudy Kemper
3.9 Director of Marketing	Norm Scott
3.10 Registrar	Brenda Krueger
3.11 Director of Diving	Joanna Linardis
3.12 Director of Synchro	Stella Kosciuk
3.13 Director of Water Polo	Jim Toy
3.14 Coaches' Rep	Sarah Kudaba
3.15 Cariboo	Howard Bassett
3.16 Fraser South	Ian Milford
3.17 Fraser Valley	Heather Stein
3.18 Kootenay	Linda Afford
3.19 Okanagan	Andy Pfeiffer
3.20 Simon Fraser	Rick Sieb
3.21 Van. & District	Kerry Sheppard
3.22 Vancouver Island	Bob Carter

4. Financial Statements

5. Nominations & Elections

Positions open for nomination

-President	-Vice - President
-Director of Competitions	-Provincial Registrar
-Director of Diving	-Director of Synchro
-Director of Waterpolo	-Member Services
-Secretary Treasurer	

6. New Business -Notice of Motions

7. Adjournment

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2009 Minutes
Abbotsford, BC

1. Opening remarks:
 - a. Neil Wuolle called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM
 - b. Welcome to all to the 2009 Annual General Meeting
 - c. Registration for this meeting indicates a quorum is present
 - d. The AGM will run in accordance to Roberts Rules
 - e. All member clubs in good standing are entitled to one vote per club.
 - f. Board of Directors are allowed ONE vote each.
 - g. Introduction of the Board of Directors was made to the members attending
 - h. When you have the floor, please identify your name and your club
 - i. Request that all speakers stand, including board members
 - j. Turn cell phone's off or put on vibrate
 - k. Rules request that once the meeting has begun, you are expected to remain until adjournment.

2. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting
 - a. Correction under item 6: Spelling of Vice President name is Danny Schilds
 - b. **MOTION: to adopt the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting as corrected:**
Danny Schilds / Howard Bassett
CARRIED

3. Annual Reports
 - a. President -Neil Wuolle -as circulated
 - i. New report added at the meeting, request to remove the original report submitted.
 - ii. Additional items noted: Very pleased with the work done by the organizing committee as well as Tony Tsang and James Welychko.

 - b. Vice President -Danny Schilds -as circulated
 - i. Next few months will review rule book
 - ii. Website official rule changes added after Oct Board meeting
 - iii. Accommodate cardless meets
 - iv. Swim suit rule – FINA will present, board will review adopting the same wording.
 - v. Please forward any concerns, issues, suggestion to Danny at dshilds@telus.net

 - c. Secretary -Stella Kosciuk -as circulated

 - d. Director of Finance -Mike Lorusso
-as circulated at the meeting but subsequently withdrawn by the treasurer due to irregularities found within the financial information
 - i. Question Pres North Delta Sunfish Dean Peckinpaugh, re: Budget 20K commissions explain, new budget 10K, will board meet budget?
 - ii. In Trail asked for balance budget, lost \$100k in 2 years?

- iii. Question Phil Van Cultus Lake Chilliwack Discuss Gov't revisit direct access fees
 - iv. Question Ralph Comox Valley – Cash balance, what is the plan for that money? Jon provided clarity regarding Asset Allocation.
 - v. Question Mike Slinger Port Moody requested if Budget could be presented by each Sport. Joanna responded, these numbers have been captured by sport. Has been addressed.
 - vi. Question Ralph Comox Valley: Are meet expenses now separated, excluding Director Expenses? Yes
 - vii. Darcy Morris Simon Fraser Reg. Dir pointed out the Statement of Financial Position for 2009 is not balanced. Mike to review and revise.
 - viii. Darcy Morris Simon Fraser Reg. Dir suggested adding notes to capture changes year over year, or changes to accounting policies.
 - ix. Question Alan Howie Richmond Kigoos: How close is this swim meet to break even? Tony Tsang responded at this time not all the costs are tallied.
- e. Director of Competition -Tony Tsang -as circulated
- i. 2010 Provincial Championships will be held in Kamloops from Aug 16 – 22, 2010
 - ii. Will be reviewing the Budget, how to run the meet and will suggest rule changes
 - iii. Will be review at timing results produced by the Electronic plungers
- f. Assistant Director of Competition -James Welychko -as circulated
- i. Discuss cardless meet or a Network Meet
 - ii. Uniformity of running a meet - PROVINCE WIDE
 - iii. Question from Mike Lorusso: Is there a plan to train other people, each year to build up the knowledge base? Trudy Kemper Director of Officials responded that this will need to be reviewed across the Prov. Tony Tsang responded that first a need to get a policy on paper will need to be developed before training can be rolled out.
- g. Director of Member Services -Cindi Borsoi -as circulated
- i. Discussed the success of Boot Camp training, Cindi noticed an increase in incident's when clubs don't have Boot Camp Training.
 - ii. Neil Wuolle and Cindy Borsoi reviewed 2008-2009 Strategic Plan contents; Mission Statement, Our Guiding Principles and Key focus areas for 2009.
 - iii. To keep the meeting on schedule, request was made to post this document on the website.
- h. Director of Officials -Trudy Kemper -as circulated
- i. Director of Marketing -Norm Scott -as circulated
- i. Expanded on efforts made to get all media folks through the province to attend Provincials. Norm is looking for everyone's marketing idea's and can be reached by email at radar1@shaw.ca
 - ii. Cos Van Wermenskerken Fraser Valley Langley Flippers commented media appreciates when you prepare the material, as usually will accept and print on your behalf.

- j. Registrar -Brenda Krueger -as circulated
 - i. Registration chart posted on wall showing athlete numbers from 2005 to 2009 by Region.
 - ii. John Geary question how many swimmers for 2009. The number of athletes swimming was 6,094 out of the 6,349 registered.
 - k. Director of Diving -Joanna Linardis -as circulated
 - i. Committed to long term athlete development with Dive BC
 - l. Director of Water Polo -Jim Toy -as circulated
 - m. Director of Synchro -Christopher Boulton -as circulated
 - n. Coaches' Representative -Sarah Kudaba -No Report
 - o. Cariboo Regional Director -Howard Bassett -as circulated
 - p. Fraser South Regional Director -Ian Milford -as circulated
 - q. Fraser Valley Regional Director -Wendy Jordan-Olive -as circulated
 - r. Kootenay Regional Director -Linda Afford -as circulated
 - s. Okanagan Regional Director -Ken Davidson -as circulated
 - t. Simon Fraser Regional Director -Darcy Morris -as circulated
 - u. Vancouver & District Regional Dir -Glen Terrillon -as circulated
 - v. Vancouver Island Regional Director -Bob Carter -as circulated
4. 2008-2009 Financial Statements
- a. Irregularities were questioned during the AGM about the financial statements and subsequent to the AGM these irregularities were confirmed and the board has subsequently removed the financial section from the AGM minutes.
5. New Business
- a. Dave Bassett Port Moody discussion on Direct Access Fees, requested the Board needs to take an active role to distribute information to the membership. Offered to help the Board. Neil accepted his offer.
 - b. Mike Slinger requested that we look into on-line registration for the province. Active.net (owner of Hy-Tek) is the best with a minimal set up cost and is \$7.50 per athlete. With the whole province on line perhaps they will have a better cost per athlete. Rob Neilson supported this discussion. Brenda responded that she will do some checking into the costs etc. and bring this information up at the Board meeting for discussion.
 - c. Ian Milford proposed voting at the AGM be Representation by Population. Cos Van Wermenskerken Langley Flippers asked if this required a By Law amendment or constitution amendment. Neil Wuolle proposed this be reviewed at the Oct board meeting, Friday Night discussion.
6. Notion of Motion – By – Law – Changes
- a. (1) Moved Danny Schilds / Mike Lorusso, that Effective Oct.1, 2009, the positions of Treasurer and Secretary be eliminated from the Board of Directors and that a new position, Secretary Treasurer be installed, this position to be filled at the 2009 AGM and commence a two year term effective Oct. 1, 2009.
CARRIED Unanimous
 - b. (2) Moved Danny Schilds / Norm Scott, that:

Effective Oct.1, 2009, the position of Assistant Director of Competitions be eliminated.

CARRIED Unanimous

- c. (3) Moved Danny Schildes / Bob Carter, that:
The position of Director of Member Services be created and filled at the 2009 AGM and commence a two year term on Oct. 1, 2009.

CARRIED Unanimous

- d. (4) Moved Danny Schildes / Mike Lorusso, that:
Part 5- Board of Directors and Officers, #27, "The number of directors shall be twenty (20).

CARRIED Unanimous

- e. (5) Moved Danny Schildes / Howard Bassett, that:
Part 5 – Board of Directors and Officers, #28 (d), add part (ii) "not have any voting privileges" Amended to read:

(ii) Past president not have any voting privileges

CARRIED Unanimous

- f. (6) Moved Danny Schildes / Joanna Linardis, that:
Part 6- Proceedings of Directors, #38, "email" be added.

Correct Spelling is Joanna Linardis CARRIED Unanimous

- g. (7) Moved Danny Schildes / Joanna Lindardis, that:
Part 6- Proceedings of Directors, #40, The first paragraph becomes sect (a) and part (b) be added,

- (b) *When there are issues between board meetings it shall be acceptable practice to forward motions via email to the Board.[All discussions via email shall be entered into the minutes of the next board meeting. All votes must be clear otherwise the facilitator will contact any member who was vague before the votes are published.] Motions will be forwarded to each board member with a discussion period of one (1) week, if any objections are raised regarding the motion being unclear then no vote will be taken and the motion will return to the mover for clarification. Should the discussion period end with no objections the motions will be resent to the board for the vote, voting will be open for 48 hours. 75% of the board is required for quorum and a motion must receive 75% of the vote to pass. Results will be sent to the board no later than 24 hours after the vote.*

i. Correct Spelling is Joanna Linardis

ii. Discussion

iii. Ian Milford move to call question

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- h. (8) Moved Danny Schildes / Stella Kosciuk, that:

Part 7- Duties of Officers, #44. Duties of the Secretary Treasurer shall be:

- (a) *Supervise the correspondence of the Association*
- (b) *Ensure that notices of meetings are issued to all Members and Directors of the Association.*
- (c) *Ensure that minutes are prepared for all Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings.*
- (d) *Access through the Provincial Office all records and documents of the society.*
- (e) *Maintain a current list of the Provincial Board of Directors and Club Presidents.*
- (f) *Be responsible for the common seal of the Association.*
- (g) *Establish and maintain a standing committee for finance.*
- (h) *Ensure fiscal solvency and responsibility of the Board of Directors and establish a budgetary process to be followed.*
- (i) *Supervise the preparation of an annual budget, and Prioritize budgetary expenditures and policies.*
- (j) *Maintain the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the Societies act.*
- (k) *Present financial statements to the Board of Directors, the members, and government officials and others as required.*
- (l) *Oversee the issuing of cheques and deposits.*
- (m) *Disburse moneys according to rules and authorization.*
- (n) *Present financial statements at the Annual General Meeting.*
- (o) *Supervise costs related to the office.*
- (p) *In the absence of the Secretary Treasurer at the Board Meeting the Directors shall appoint a designate to act as Secretary for the meeting.*

CARRIED Unanimous

- i. (9) Moved Danny Schilds / Mike Lorusso, that:
The duties for the following officers be amended as noted and renumbered,

45. The Registrar shall:

- (a) *Ensure proper registration of all swimmers and collection of registration fees in accordance with B.C. Summer Swimming Association Rules and Regulations established from time to time by the Board.*
- (b) *Administer the registration process of all BCSSA members.*
- (c) *Chair the annual Regional Registrars Meeting at a time and in a manner deemed appropriate.*
- (d) *Rule on eligibility of BCSSA members and interpret Rules and Regulations Handbook.*
- (e) *Produce an Age Locator Chart each year for the winter Board Meeting.*
- (f) *Establish provincial deadlines for registration information.*
- (g) *Establish registration procedures for Regional and club registrars.*
- (h) *Collate all forms and statistics for amalgamation into one report.*
- (i) *Prepare registration lists and voter cards for the Annual General Meeting and establish if a quorum has been reached.*
- (j) *Participate as a member of the Jury of Appeal at the Provincial Championship Meet.*
- (k) *Attend the Provincial Championship meet for the duration.*

48. The Director of Member Services shall:
- (a) Co-operate in all matters with the President and all members of the Board;
 - (b) Facilitate the development of programs for clubs, coaches, parents, executive, and general volunteers.
 - (c) Provide a manual for the information and operation of a new club.
 - (d) Identify geographic areas with potential for aquatic expansion and oversee the distribution of the BCSSA information package.
 - (e) Liaise with the Coaches' Representative to provide appropriate information upon request and to encourage excellence in coaching and member clubs.
 - (f) Encourage feedback from member clubs in order to evaluate programs and services.
 - (g) Provide assistance and resources related to facilities.
 - (h) Compile a "new member" orientation manual.
 - (i) Evaluate organizational structure of the association.
 - (j) Act as Editor for the Wavelength Newsletter.
50. The Director of Competitions shall:
- (a) Co-operate in all matters with the President and all members of the Board.
 - (b) Co-ordinate the competitive schedule of the Society and its member clubs.
 - (c) Supervise the Provincial Championship Meet and set guidelines in consultation with the Board including but not limited to:
 - (1) Establish a Provincial Meet Committee with representatives from all the aquatic disciplines.
 - (2) Liaise and consult with Regional/club executives in the delivery of service for the Championship meet.
 - (3) Be responsible for the creations and distribution of the Annual Meet Package for the Provincial Championship Meet.
 - (4) Be a member of the Appeals Committee for the Championship Meet.
 - (d) Modify and standardize meet entries and results within the Association by the provision of specific training programs.
 - (e) Provide training sessions and manuals for hosting aquatic competitions.
 - (f) Prepare and present reports to the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and sub committees as requires.
51. The Director of Diving shall:
- (a) Facilitate the promotion of Diving within BCSSA and BC.
 - (b) Administer Training clinics for Diving Officials.
 - (c) Communicate to all diving members within BCSSA, rule changes, meet schedules, and any other pertinent information associated with diving.
 - (d) Assist new members in the establishment of diving teams.
 - (e) Encourage parents and interested persons to participate in the running of a meet.
 - (f) Assume responsibility for the administration of the Diving component of the Provincial Championship Meet and liaise with the Director of Competitions.
 - (g) Liaise with Dive BC as deemed necessary.
 - (h) Represent the BCSSA Divers and clubs best interest on the BCSSA Board of Directors.
52. The Director of Synchronized Swimming shall:
- (a) Facilitate the promotion of Synchronized swimming within BCSSA and BC
 - (b) Administer Training clinics for Synchronize Swimming Officials and swimmers.

- (c) *Communicate to all Synchro members within BCSSA, rule changes, meet schedules, and any other pertinent information associated with Synchro.*
- (d) *Assist new members in the establishment of Synchro teams.*
- (e) *Encourage parents and interested persons to participate in the running of a meet.*
- (f) *Assume responsibility for the administration of the Synchronized Swimming component of the Provincial Championship Meet and liaise with the Director of Competitions.*
- (g) *Liaise with Synchro BC as deemed necessary.*
- (h) *Represent the BCSSA Synchronized Swimmers and clubs best interest on the BCSSA Board of Directors.*

53. *The Director of Water Polo shall:*

- (a) *Facilitate the promotion of Water Polo within BCSSA and BC*
- (b) *Administer Training clinics for Water Polo Officials.*
- (c) *Communicate to all Water Polo members within BCSSA, rule changes, meet schedules, and any other pertinent information associated with diving.*
- (d) *Assist new members in the establishment of Water Polo teams.*
- (e) *Encourage parents and interested persons to participate in the running of a meet.*
- (f) *Assume responsibility for the administration of the Water Polo component of the Provincial Championship Meet and liaise with the Director of Competitions.*
- (g) *Liaise with BC Water Polo Association as deemed necessary.*
- (h) *Represent the BCSSA Water Polo Players and clubs best interest on the BCSSA Board of Directors.*

54. *The Coaches' Representative shall:*

- (a) *Represent the BCSSA coaches' position on the Board of Directors.*
- (b) *Promote coaching development within the structure of the BCSSA*
- (c) *Organize and preside over the Provincial Coaches' Annual General Meeting and the Provincial Coaches' Advisory Committee Meetings.*
- (d) *Present and support motions arising from coaches' meetings.*
- (e) *Maintain communication with coaches throughout the year.*
- (f) *Participate as a member of the Annual Coaches' Conference Planning Committee.*

55. *The Regional Directors shall:*

- (a) *Work in cooperation with the President and all members of the Board of Directors.*
- (b) *Attend all Provincial Board of Directors Meetings.*
- (c) *Preside of Regional Executive Meetings.*
- (d) *In cooperation with the Regional Board, establish funding requirements for the Region annually.*
- (e) *Liaise with all Club Executives in the region, the Provincial Board of Directors, and Officials.*
- (f) *In cooperation with the Regional Board establish meet guidelines and mandates.*
- (g) *Encourage regional support and leadership.*
- (h) *Educate parents, coaches, and swimmers as to the focus and needs of the membership.*
- (i) *Supervise the Regional swim meet.*

- (j) *Encourage and promote unity within the region.*
- (k) *Provide leadership through organization and delegation of duties and responsibilities.*
- (l) *In consultation with the editor, provide an article for publication in the newsletter as required.*
- (m) *Participate on subcommittees if required to do so.*

CARRIED Unanimous

7. Nomination Committee Neil Wuolle (chair)
 - a. Would like to thank all those who have agreed to let their names stand.
 - b. Positions open for Nominations are:
 - i. Secretary Treasurer (Previous position was Director of Finance)
 - ii. Director of Member Services
 - iii. Director of Officials
 - iv. Director of Water Polo
 - v. Director of Synchro
8. Elections
 - a. Secretary Treasurer – Names Standing: Ken Davidson and Darcy Morris
 - i. New Secretary Treasurer elected Ken Davidson
 - ii. Motion to destroy all ballots
 - iii. Ian Milford request to Poll the Vote: Ken 32, Darcy 20
 - iv. Discussion
 - v. No need for motion
 - b. Director of Member Services– Names Standing: Cindi Borsoi
 - i. By acclamation – New Director of Member Services - Cindi Borsoi
 - c. Director of Officials– Names Standing: Trudy Kemper and James Welychko
 - i. New Director of Officials elected Trudy Kemper
 - ii. Motion to destroy all ballots Wendy Jordan-Olive / Brenda Krueger
 - iii. CARRIED Unanimous
 - d. Director of Water Polo– Names Standing: Jim Toy
 - i. By acclamation – New Director of Director of Water Polo- Jim Toy
Two members in the assembly began a discussion regarding the past performance of the candidate.

Ruled out of order by President Neil Wuolle.
 - e. Director of Synchro– Names Standing: Christopher Boulton
 - i. By acclamation – New Director of Synchro - Christopher Boulton
9. MOTION to ADJOURN MEETING
 - a. Joanna Linardis / Brenda Krueger
 - b. CARRIED Unanimous

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President

Neil Wuolle

Welcome to the 52nd Annual General Meeting. In the past 12 months a lot has happened, beginning with the discovery of financial irregularities following last year's Provincial Championships in Abbotsford. The Board moved quickly to protect the organization, determine what happened, and what recourse there was. Over the past 12 months, our Executive Director's employment has been terminated, the police have been consulted and a civil action has been initiated. The BCSSA remains financially healthy.

On a more positive note, we have established a good working relationship with Swim BC. In a partnership with them, an opportunity has been created for swimmers to give "winter swimming" a try, without putting their "S" status at risk. This fall we begin working with Swim BC to create a way for BCSSA athletes to compete at the next BC Summer Games. We will also explore ways to cut our insurance costs by affiliating with Swimming Canada (through Swim BC).

We have had an initial meeting with the BC Water Polo Association to find ways to work more closely and effectively to benefit athletes (the BCWPA was very helpful in helping us with officiating for this championship!).

The BCSSA has also partnered with Liam Donnelly, Head Coach of SFU Clan Swimming and Diving to produce the 2011 BC Summer Swimming Association Spring Summit. This huge, exciting venture will focus on the needs of all BCSSA members. Information and registration can be found on the SFU Aquatics web page; www.simonfraseraquatics.com.

I would like to welcome Michael Hutchinson, our new office administrator, to the BCSSA. Michael brings a background of swimming with the BCSSA, is a technical guru with timing systems, and has experience in office systems. Other changes around the office include a new website. Look it over and bookmark it; <http://www.bcsummerswimming.com/index.html>. Thank you to the Web Committee for getting this project off the ground. If you see a way to improve the site please let the office know.

Each year the composition of the Board of Directors changes slightly with a few members retiring, and new volunteers taking their places. To those members departing the Board this year, I wish to thank you! Thank you for the commitment of time, energy and caring. As president, it is my job to tap people on the shoulder, and ask them to take on one more job or project. I am very appreciative to the "Yes, I will" responses and the skills you have brought to us. Through-out the province, people give their time and energy to keep clubs and Regions functioning.

What a great cause – our kids!

Regards,
Neil Wuolle

Vice President

Danny Schilds

After a tumultuous start, the past year has turned out to be very productive. The departure of our former Executive Director left several holes, not only in staffing the office but also missing documents and tapes. At last year's AGM the meeting voted to reduce the size of the Board of Directors and redefined several of the positions on the board. Unfortunately, one of the documents that went missing was the minutes of that meeting. Without proper minutes it is impossible to submit changes to our Rules and Regulations. This past winter the Board was able to put together what we believe is an accurate account of the 2009 AGM and those minutes will be up for approval at the 2010 AGM. Upon approval, we will then be able to file changes approved last year.

In addition to last year's reduction in the Board size, this year you will be asked to vote on combining the positions of Marketing and Member services into one position, Director of Member Services. With approval of this change, the BCSSA will have reduced its board size from 22 down to 19. I feel that any further reductions would be difficult and if the membership wants a smaller Board to save on expenses then we will next have to either look at how to accommodate representation for Diving, Synchro, Water polo, and Coaches and look at combining some of those positions or possibly look at an Executive Board that meets regularly and a full board that meets less often. Having said that, I think the membership should be pleased at the efforts that the current board has made to keep expenses as low as possible.

This past year saw the introduction of new rules for all four aquatic sports. Synchro is doing a one year trial with new age grouping, our suit rules now follow the late lead of FINA, and after requests from coaches and officials, the rules of swimming are now aligned closer to FINA rules than they have been for more than 35 years. (At one time we did swim completely under FINA rules and our officials only had a FINA rule book, there was not a BCSSA rule book) As always with new rules there are growing pains but I think overall the new rules have worked well for the organization. As with any document, our rules are changeable so if we find things that don't work, we can change them. Depending on finances, I do hope to print new rule book inserts this winter so we can do away with our notes and scratches in the columns of our well worn old books.

Last October, the Board voted to allow BCSSA 'S' swimmers to take part in SNC/Swim BC meets as long as the swimmer followed the two hour rule. In April the Board voted to extend that ruling for the coming winter season so our swimmers that desire it can try out a winter meet. Our relationship with Swim BC has been a very positive experience these past two years and we are looking forward to more cooperative ventures with them.

In conclusion, I think if the membership had been able to watch their board in action this past year, a very difficult year, and saw the professionalism displayed on behalf of our organization

and the efforts and extra-ordinary efforts expended on behalf of the membership and ultimately for our children, you would all be proud.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time with concerns or kudos,

Danny Schilds
Vice President, BCSSA
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Treasury Secretary

Ken Davidson

Submitted in Writing by Ken Davidson, Secretary Treasurer

August 19, 2010

Well, what a year. As most of you know subsequent to the Annual General Meeting of 2009 for the BCSSA it was determined that there were some irregularities in the financial information that was presented at the meeting. Due to those irregularities the Board took an unusual step and removed the report from the records. I would also like to take this time to apologize again to Mr. Stephen Ho, CA, on behalf of the BCSSA as he had no association or connection with the report that was presented at last year's AGM. Therefore, the following report will serve as the official Treasurer's report for the periods ending March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

I will begin with the negative; due to the irregularities in the accounting records for 2009, and the start of 2010, it was decided by the Board to completely redo the bookkeeping from April 2008 to the current date. Luckily we were able to hire an extremely competent management accountant, whom most of you know from the BCSSA, Darcy Morris. With Darcy's knowledge of the BCSSA and assistance from many others, he was able to reconstruct most of the records. We feel we are presenting to the members an accurate representation of the revenue, expenditures and financial position of the provincial organization. Once the records for 2009 and 2010 were reconstructed there was a significant amount of Office expenditures that could not be substantiated; we have disclosed them on the annual financial statements as Office Unrecovered. The amount for 2009 is \$16,473 and the amount for 2010 is \$40,646.

Now for the positive; due to the continuing financial losses the Board has been working hard to reduce costs associated with running an organization the size of the BCSSA, while still providing good service to members and ensuring representation from around the province and the disciplines. These reductions have helped the organization from showing a deficit in 2008 of \$79,422 to a deficit of \$31,650 for 2009 to a surplus for 2010 of \$8,695. You and your Board members should all be congratulated for making changes and looking out for the long term interest of the organization.

Some of the changes that have been made are as follows:

- 1) Reducing the number of face to face Board meetings. The Board is using technology for as many committee meetings as possible as well reducing one complete face to face for the Board as a whole. Although none of us feel that this is as good as face to face meeting, we have been able to keep the organization moving forward.
- 2) Bringing the review of our financial records internal. The Board felt that by having an internal peer review completed on the financial records, with people who understood

our organization and understood bookkeeping procedures we could save some funds and get additional confidence that the records being prepared and presented were accurate. This peer review was selected by the Regional Directors and approved by the Board from members. It is not in an executive position in the provincial Board. I personally thank those members who allowed their names to stand and those who actually completed the review. I work with many non-profit organizations that use this method of reviewing their annual accounting, and with your help in preparing a procedure list, it will make the work load of future members much less.

- 3) Bringing down the costs of holding the Provincial Championship. With the guidance of Tony Tsang and the members of the last two provincial organizing committees, we have worked hard to keep reducing the costs of operating one of the largest aquatic competitions in Canada. (I also know that the Board for this year's 2010 championship has also been working hard to keep up with this trend.) The Board recognizes that in some years it will be impossible to maintain the reductions, but everyone is cost conscious and are doing everything they can to keep costs as low as possible, while still providing a championship venue and event.
- 4) Salaries and administration costs are a continuing discussion point at the Board level. After the 2009 provincial Championship, the Executive Director's position was vacated and has not been filled. To offset the reduction in service at the office level we contracted with Darcy (as mentioned above) to do some bookkeeping and administrative functions: as well, each one of the Board members has had to take a more active role in making sure the needs of the members are being met. As we started into our busy season for 2010, it was decided to hire a summer office assistant and the Board will be evaluating the ongoing needs for this position in the near future.
- 5) Using Technology to communicate with the members. As some of you may remember the newsletter used to be printed and mailed out to all the members, this was a substantial cost and the Board felt that with the WEB we could still get the information out using the WEB site.

Some other items to note are as follows:

- 1) Direct Access Funding. During 2008 we were not able to get any direct access funding due to the financial position of the organization. Some changes were made and in 2009 \$20,000 was received, but in 2010 the reduction in funds available dropped and the association only received \$6,391.
- 2) The Board, with advice from Legal counsel, will continue attempts to recover "Office Unrecovered" funds through the courts.

As I am not able to be at the AGM due to business commitments I would like ask that if you have any specific questions with regards to the statements for 2009 or 2010, or any other financial matters please do not hesitate to contact me at: Ken Davidson, CA, CFP c/o BDO Canada LLP, 300-1632 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7T2, Email Kdavidson@bdo.ca, phone 250-763-6700.

Director of Competition

Tony Tsang

I would like to thank the Fraser Valley Local Organizing Committee for their great effort in hosting the 2009 Provincials. I have received a lot of kind words from swimmers, coaches and parents. My thanks also go out to James Welychko of Kootenay who has been instrumental to the success of the 2009 Provincials. James is an example of exceptional voluntary service to our organization.

What a difference a year can make! In this 2010 season, the cardless meet format sees steady uptake in all regions. More swim meets have integrated the electronic plungers or the Dolphin Timing System as an electronic backup system with the Meet Manager software and run flawlessly. With this experience and a year of incredible focus and careful planning in standardizing the cardless meet, the first cardless Provincials are finally upon us. The change is environmentally sustainable and will save a lot of printing and most importantly paper and our forest. What hasn't changed is that the BCSSA is continuously improving our process and the volunteers are embracing the cardless format and the challenges with more vigour and enthusiasm than ever before. Having said that, the card meet remains a vital part of summer swim meets and will remain as an option to clubs.

I must acknowledge and thank the tremendous efforts of Stephanie Christie and Mike Girard of Fraser South and Sean Cauley of Simon Fraser Regions in drafting up the methods in "Determining Official Timing Results" and Trudy Kemper and Danny Schilds for reviewing it.

The schedule for the next 2 Provincials is as follows:

2011 Aug 15-21 Fraser South Region

2012 Aug 13-19 Vancouver Island Region

The Fraser South Local Organizing Committee has started their planning process.

It has been a privilege of working with many dedicated volunteers over the last two years. Best wishes to you and have a successful Provincials.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Tsang
BCSSA Director of Competitions

Director of Member Services

Cindi Borsoi

Report to be submitted at the A.G.M.

Director of Officials

Trudy Kemper

Well, the 2009-2010 season is about to close and I say this every year, “Wow, did the season go fast!”

I am re-working the Officials handbook and it is a work in progress. Once finished, it will be included on the 2010-2011 Resource disks, along with some new resources that have come out in the last few months and years.

We as an Officials' Committee held a “face to face” meeting in November, which every Regional Director of Officials attended. We thoroughly reviewed the Stroke and Turn DVD that Carl Cooper had prepared a couple years ago. We came to a consensus as a group how we were going to call the varying degrees of infractions, especially in the backstroke and breaststroke. This was just a small step to trying to ensure “uniformity” across the province. I also re-launched the yellow certification card to help officials track their progress. This is a great resource to show when crossing over into working winter club swim meets. Although the card needs minor adjustments, I felt as we use up the old stock we could monitor how this resource is embraced and decide at a later date if there is enough interest/need to print an updated version.

The burden of responsibility of time on deck at Provincials was put back on the RDO's. There has been some scrutiny to how I schedule Provincial shifts. Every official must come to their Regional Meet prepared to sign up to work Provincials, for your Regional Director of Officials will be talking to you about your commitment level. If you have visions of advancing up the “pin ladder”, you must be having conversations with your own Regional Director of Officials as to what your strategy will be to reach your goals, ultimately early in the swim season, as to give time to work on those goals. I encourage every official to take the Conflict/Resolution Clinic and the Harassment Policy Clinic every year or two, to keep “fresh”. I am excited about the new masters' candidates and their enthusiasm to review and solidify their knowledge as they take this next step.

This summer season has brought several challenges. Not surprising, the back stroke turn didn't re-surface, but “stayed afloat” as the most challenged rule in the book. A new suggested wording of the backstroke turn infraction was put forth to the group of RDOs which seemed to help clarify the distinction between “swimming on the front” and a properly executed backstroke turn. The “re-wording” of the rule book for the 2010 season brought controversy in some of the regions. Although our interpretations didn't really change, the absence of certain words in the rule book confused some. In the effort to bring our rules more closely aligned to the FINA rules, some of our more seasoned officials had trouble with the change in the wording. The newer officials seemed to have less trouble embracing the changes. Change takes time and we are moving in the right direction.

I was able to make a visit to a Vancouver & District swim meet this season which I thoroughly enjoyed. I hope to have time and fewer scheduling challenges this next season that will allow more visits to meets outside of my home region.

Some new resources were prepared in regards to Clerk of the Course and to Official Timing to reflect cardless meets. Revised versions were put out later in the season after the original documents were scanned for grammar and process errors. Some of these procedures may very well be incorporated into the rule book at a later date to reflect the movement towards cardless meets. I appreciate the thought and work put into new resources. If you have a resource that you would like to suggest or contribute to our organization, please forward to the office or to me. All new resources should be reviewed and approved by your Provincial Director of Officials and the Rules & Reg Committee.

One of my biggest concerns continues to be the succession or the lack of a succession plan in the replacement of retiring officials throughout the province. Every Regional Director of Officials has been asked to maintain a database to pass on to their successor. Look down the road and envision the replacement of your replacement and spend time with them now.

There are a few regions holding clinics during the winter maintenance season, which is commendable. Most regions usually gear up later in the spring or during the season itself. I would like to suggest that each region explore ways to capitalize on the winter maintenance season and hold more clinics while the kids are in the pool. It is a perfect opportunity to hold Stroke and Turn clinics with live examples in the pool. I realize that for some regions this may not be an option for interclub participation due to the travel time.

Now, I am excited to be back in my own region in Kamloops for Provincials this year. I look forward to working a 50 metre pool and its unique challenges in regards to scheduling of officials' shifts. I would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to our new guy in the office, Michael Hutchinson. He has been an amazing resource and has a keen understanding of many of the inner workings of the running of a meet and summer swimming.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Kemper

Director of Marketing

Norm Scott

Well it has been a reasonably busy fall and spring after getting approval from the Board to move forward with the upgrade to our Provincial website. Over the last few years we have heard numerous comments that this site was not kept updated and seemed to do work at most times.

So over the winter months we have fixed this problem and have created a new web site with Board approval and would invite all to look at the new and approved web site located at www.bcsommerswimming.com. We ask if you have any suggestions of how to make it any easier and if you have information that you would like to see on the web site to contact to myself @ radar1@shaw.ca or the provincial office @ office@bcssa.bc.ca.

For the next project we would like to review the possibilities to have an online registration program to solve the issues around clubs finding volunteers to take on the registration portfolio. I think the process will help support data for the province and allow the tracking of members in a much easier process. This will also allow us to be able to have easier communication so that we can send out our newsletters and any changes or surveys to help and improve our great organization. Give us your feedback; is this what you want and or do you want to leave as is?

With respect to Marketing I have been in communication with radio & TV to see what we could do to promote our organization. As you all know your clubs in most regions are not growing and somehow we have to try and get our numbers higher.

Finally thoughts on having a gaming representative at our Provincials to discuss gaming of the future and today and if any questions they could be answered. Please advise the office at the email above and I will try to have someone there. I have spoke to gaming already but want to hear from you all first.

Norm Scott

Registrar

Brenda Krueger

Report to be submitted at the A.G.M.

Director of Diving

Joanna Lindardis

To summarize this year, I would have to say that the Coaches Conference says it all. The diving conference this year was amazing. Aurelie Gibson brought innovation and organization to our conference. We all enjoyed the work and the diving. A special thank you to Grant Brehaut of White Rock, without him and his divers, we would have had trouble learning as much as we did.

I will propose to all the coaches and diving parents, who would like to be involved in the upcoming year, contact the office at office@bcssa.bc.ca and let them know you are interested! For the 2010/11 season, we look forward to another push for regions to get involved in diving. We have had more interest expressed from the Kamloops area, and hope to work with Andy to involve them in the upcoming year!

Simon Fraser Region

COQUITLAM SHARKS

With 25 divers registered this season, and an even split between the girls and boys they are the team to beat! Five Coaches registered: Laura Campbell, Marina Wu, Meghan McMillan, Hayden Davey and Shannon Sullivan and two pools operating. 80% of the divers are already qualified for Regionals and at this point, there is still ONE more competition to help the remaining athletes qualify.

Three divers represented Zone 3 and the Sharks at the BC Summer Games in Langley. The 2 girls placed 6th and 10th and Ethan placed 5th, so they did really well at holding their own. Two coaches will participate at Regionals and Provincials, and ALL Qualified divers will also dive at Regionals. They only have 1 boy so far, having that has said they will not be diving in Kamloops Provincials.

Sharks also run a MINI-SHARK Program and have great success in attracting many young athletes. 8 divers ranging in age from 4 -11 years! Congratulations!

PORT MOODY AQUARIANS

With 16 divers registered, most of them between 9-11 and two coaches, the Port Moody Aquarians were plagued with mechanical failures at their home pool.

The Aquarian divers are multidisciplinary, and participate in many summer sports. All in all, the newest divers improved the most and were the most dedicated. Feedback from the parents has been positive, especially again for the new additions. I'll see you in Kamloops!

Kootenay Region

TRAIL STINGRAYS

A slight decrease in registration this year, and we will attribute that the changes to our recreation at the pool and the decline in work in the Kootenays. We have four divers and one coach registered. Two new families registered with diving this year, and our goal in the

upcoming year is to increase our membership and get the recruiting going! We are looking forward to the Provincial Championships in Kamloops where our four young divers will take to the boards! See you soon everyone!

Vancouver & District

NORTH VANCOUVER CRUISERS

The Cruisers had 26 divers registered for the summer season, which is close to capacity. There are a large number of new, younger divers this season, which should create a strong base for the fall and winter maintenance sessions.

Highlights from the North Vancouver Cruiser's season included hosting the second annual Hootenanny, which is the Cruiser's invitational meet involving all four BCSSA disciplines (diving, speed swimming, synchronized swimming and water polo). At this year's meet they had 34 divers participate, and also held a diving exhibition showcasing the talent of current and former coaches, as well as a "new dive derby" in which any divers who completed a new dive for the first time (as substantiated by their coach!) were given a prize for each new dive. This was a huge success and will hopefully be the first of many such events at the Hootenanny.

This summer we had three full-time diving coaches: Andie McKinnon (Head Diving Coach), Eiler Pederson and Heather Kincaid. Former Head Diving Coach Carolyn Anderson graciously donated her time to assist at the Hootenanny and will be attending the Provincials to assist with coaching and judging on behalf of Cruisers and the V&D Regional District.

Fraser Valley Region

FRASER VALLEY DIVING

No information listed with the club/region at this time.

Director of Synchro

Stella Kosciuk

This has been a very successful year for synchronized swimming, and I would first of all like to thank all the volunteers, who each and every year step of to the plate (or the pool's edge in this case) to make the meets, both local and provincial, successful for the swimmers. The 2010 season required more than 45% parent participation to be successful. Without volunteers, the swimmers could not participate.

I would like to recognize the work and dedication put in by all clubs that have synchronized swimming as part of their program. It takes more time, energy and work to host more than one aquatic discipline, and is so very worthwhile for the swimmers who are given the opportunity to participate in the other aquatic disciplines. Thanks to all Boards, and especially to The Coquitlam Sharks, our new club this year, who had to learn from scratch and did an amazing job of providing a successful season for their swimmers. I would also like to recognize Crescent Beach Swim Club and North Vancouver Cruisers for venturing into hosting full meets. Fraser Valley has hosted a regional synchronized swim meet for many years, but for Crescent Beach and North Vancouver, this year marked their first experience hosting a meet that included judged figures and routines, and therefore, the first opportunity for their swimmers to compete in a full meet prior to provincials.

As in previous years, BCSSA combined forces with Synchro BC to host a Level 1 Judging course. This collaboration works well for both organizations, as it takes two weekends to provide the technical training for a new synchronized swimming judge. Three new judges were available to BCSSA for this summer's events, thanks to this training. In addition, this year we hosted our very first referee and computer training course. This was very successful, with two newly trained referees and three new computer volunteers. The North Vancouver Hootenanny meet was used for practical training following the technical.

Thanks to the Synchro BC judges, who every year, even after spending many weekends over the winter judging at meets, still find the time to come out and make the BCSSA meets successful for our swimmers.

Stella Kosciuk

Director of Water Polo

VACANT

Report to be submitted at the A.G.M. by Danny Schild

Coaches' Representative

Sarah Kudaba

Report to be submitted at the A.G.M.

Regional Reports

Cariboo Regional Report

Howard Bassett

Greetings to all attendees of the 2010 BCSSA AGM

It has been an exciting year for the Cariboo Region. While some of our clubs have lost membership numbers others have maintained theirs, while others have grown. We lost one meet in Fort St John due to a pool shut down for most of the summer and low membership numbers, but held two new fully sanctioned competitive meets.

Last year Mackenzie held a one day meet to get the program rolling again there for the first time in about 5 years, and this year held a two day meet, the last before our Regional meet with over 100 swimmers competing! All in all an excellent meet! Fort Nelson also held their first competition in 5 years last this past month with a great turn out. With swimmers attending all the way from Quesnel in the south, about an eleven hour drive, to swimmers coming from Fort Liard, in the North West Territories! Approximately 7 swimmers made that journey down the Liard Highway to partake in their first meet ever! Two weeks later they also made the trip to Mackenzie to compete there and are hoping to come to the Regional meet next weekend! We hope to talk to them further about registering as a new club in the region for 2011! Take a moment to Google Fort Liard, NWT, and you will gain an appreciation for this groups willingness to travel to be a part of a BCSSA meet! Very inspiring!

The Cariboo Region has also suffered some tragedy this past season. In Dawson Creek, one of our young swimmers, 10 year old Kristopher Berthold, lost his battle with brain cancer this summer. He was diagnosed this past winter, just before Christmas, and fought valiantly, much longer than many said that he could. A brave little boy, he will be forever missed by his mother, brother, and all of the Seals Swim Club members who had the distinct privilege of knowing him. You will be missed dearly Kristopher. The other tragedy our region suffered this year was in Quesnel. Landon McGauley, the 15 year old son of the Quesnel Seal Lions President, and Regional Treasurer Pam McGauley, was injured in a mountain biking accident in Kamloops, breaking his back and paralyzing him from the chest down. Our hearts and prayers go out to the McGauley family.

With our Regional meet only a week away, I look back with fondness on my two years as the Regional Director, and on my last seven years in the BCSSA. My time with the association has been a very rewarding one, and it is with a heavy heart that I offer up my resignation to my Region, and to my local club the Dawson Creek Seals. The friendships and the memories formed over these past years will be dear to my heart for years to come. As I leave the Region this fall, I know that as the summers come and go, I will go back in my mind to the many weekends spent camping in the pool parking lots around our great Cariboo Region, and the many stories and the laughter we shared together. You will be remembered and missed by me so very much!

The future looks bright for the Cariboo Region. 2011 holds endless possibility! Mackenzie has stated a desire to host the Regional meet next season, and I wish them all the best with that! We have seen an influx of many new parents out on the deck, taking the training to become the officials so desperately needed to make a meet successful! Congratulations and thank you to you all for all your hard work!

Next week you will elect a new Regional Director who will be announced at the AGM, and I know that this new person will hold the same respect for the BCSSA and the Cariboo Region that I do and will be of great service to both. It has been my honour to serve, and I wish you all the best in the future.

Howard Bassett
Cariboo Regional Director

Fraser South Regional Report

Ian Milford

After another successful summer swimming season Fraser South looks forward to a fun and successful Provincial Championships. While realizing slightly reduced registration numbers this year we look forward to continuing our long tradition of growing and supporting summer swimming south of the Fraser River.

Our Regional Board will be changing significantly this year including a new Regional Director in the person of Mr. Ron Gracan of the Boundary Bay Bluebacks. While I have enjoyed my time as Regional Director I believe it is important to have a diversity of voices at the Provincial Board and am confident Ron will represent Fraser South, our athletes, members and families in a positive and proactive manner.

As hosts of next year's Provincial Championships we are excited to showcase our little corner of BC. We believe the facilities at Watermania in Richmond are a great venue and look forward to seeing everyone in there next year. The planning stage has already begun and the local organizing committee is busy with preliminary preparations.

Thank you all for your support over the past 2 years and I look forward to seeing you around the pool deck.

Ian Milford
Regional Director - Fraser South

Fraser Valley Regional Report

Heather Stein

In a post-provincial hosting year we came out busier than we had anticipated.

The worry coming through the end of 2009 was that we would have a bit of a let-down because we were extremely busy and had such a buzz of activity through the Fraser Valley Provincials. As a build up to 2009 we had saved for many years to purchase all new electronic equipment and a clock plus we hosed our own concession which took more (wo)man (Jody and Shelley) hours and negotiation with the city than all the other efforts combined.

For those of you who don't know the Fraser Valley region owns all the equipment jointly and we run with a regional trailer that is passed on from club to club during the summer. We work together as a team to keep everything functioning and our equipment managers work together as a committee to maintain everything.

With the new equipment we had to re-fit the trailer and make room for the larger touch pads and clock pieces; Dwayne Bennett worked through the winter to organize our beloved trailer so that we could be ready for the summer season. He also rebuilt the regional starter's podium and managed to spend time on deck as a stroke and turn official.

Our regional meet manager Anne Staiger has never been a meet manager before, but the business woman that she is did not only become an amazing manager but created a full point by point time line for the position. She was my right hand this summer and came up with the most fabulous ideas. Not to mention she did an amazing job as president of the Agassiz Aquanauts.

Francis Cheung stepped up as the director of officials for the Fraser Valley and with his usual professionalism and natural leadership became my rock this summer. There were very few rule changes this summer but because we changed to the wording to the Swim Canada and FINA rule books there was more confusion than was anticipated. Francis took it all in stride and I believe with his steadfast understanding of the rules and short experience in SNC was able to steer us right.

I could go on for a week thanking individuals. What is important is that we all learned a lot this year from both hosting the 2009 Provincials and moving on to the next year when the adrenalin ended. What I find most important is that we have a strong team. NOW we have to replace ourselves.

Most of all through a year after hosting the big meet we stuck together as a team. Many of us disagreed on many points- but without those opinions differing we wouldn't be able to move forward. We as a group of peers and friends agreed to disagree. Then we stepped up on deck and watched our children swim and enjoy what we love as being a part of the BCSSA.

I am as Director of the Fraser Valley very proud of my team and my volunteers' right from the veterans who I have seen on deck for..... years to my new recruits who with wide eyes spent their first volunteer hours on deck and were overwhelmed with the action and the culture. We all as veterans remember that feeling well.

Heather Stein

Kootenay Regional Report

Linda Afford

The Kootenay Region had a very successful 2010 swim season. Our numbers increased slightly. The Village of Salmo wanted to start up their own swim club, but the season was already in progress. To enable their swimmers to swim this season, 20 of their swimmers joined the Creston Waves.

SUMMARY OF ATHELETES	2010 #Athletes	2009 #Athletes	Increase / Decrease
Castlegar (CAS)	77	62	15
Nelson (NEL)	64	63	1
Kimberley (KIM)	79	55	24
Grand Forks (GFA)	69	68	1
Trail (TRA)	60	57	3
Colville (COL)	72	93	-21
Creston (CST)	56	47	9
Total	477	445	32

Creston had to cancel their swim meet due to the pool not being finished in time. The parents enjoyed the weekend off. We did try out the new pool by holding the Regional practice at the new facility, which was followed by a potluck lunch.

The parents and swimmers are having fun at the themed meets; Castlegar had a sports themed meet, Nelson had a bright and tight themed meet, Kimberley had a western themed meet, and Colville had their famous annual water gun fight on the Saturday night of their meet.

After 23 years of service, Mike Lorusso has announced his retirement from BCSSA. Mike has given his time and energy generously to this organization. We appreciate the knowledge and experience he brought. Over the years Mike served in the club executive, the regional board and the provincial board. He was our mentor, teacher and advisor. He had told us numerous times over the past couple of years that he was retiring but we figured that if we dismissed his announcements, he would come back the following year to help us. It worked for a couple of years and we were hoping it would work for a couple more...

Mike, we thank you for all the knowledge, experience, wisdom, guidance, and laughter you have shared with us, as well as the time you spent with us on deck. Please come back next season!!

Submitted Respectfully by,
Linda Afford,
Kootenay Regional Director

Okanagan Regional Report

Andy Pfeiffer

Planning for the provincial championships has taken a central role for many here in the Okanagan Region. Taking over as Regional Director during a year in which the Okanagan has to plan and host the provincials, sometimes had me looking back and asking, “Hey, what did I get myself into here?” The amount of time spent planning has been, for me, almost overwhelming at times – a sense that I’m sure is felt by my key helpers. I owe a debt of gratitude to my provincial planning buddies Cheryl Elke, Dalyce Brandt, Kevin Nesdoly, Janet Evans, Barry Rubner, Wayne Elke, and John Holmwood. Thanks for all your help, guys! It bears noting that one of my overriding goals, from the outset, was to be fiscally responsible in all areas of this year’s championships. With this guiding principle of financial accountability, I am confident we have prepared and organized a Provincial Championships that will be as memorably competitive as it will be fiscally prudent.

This year the Okanagan once again welcomed the participation of smaller clubs such as Princeton and Lillooet; indeed, we hope those communities continue to support summer swimming and build their numbers. Penticton managed to cobble together a team despite not having a swimming pool in which to train. The new, upgraded Aquatic Centre in Penticton should be ready for next year’s summer season which is, of course, a bonus for our region.

In fact, this year there were empty weekends in our swim meet schedule since Penticton couldn’t host a meet. What exacerbated that situation was that Golden and Merritt had their meets on the same weekend this summer, which, although done in the past, won’t be repeated in the future.

The biggest issue facing our clubs when I became RD at the end of last summer was the lack of government grant monies available. With decisions on government gaming money put off until the end of August, we continue to express our concerns, although we are cautiously optimistic that this much needed financial assistance will be given to our clubs.

The swim meets themselves were generally successful and fun ventures. Our region has done an excellent job over the past few years to ensure that there are enough competent officials to run our meets. With the exception of Golden, all of our meets were cardless, and we continue to tweak some of the little issues that arise in that regard.

New this year for our region is the institution of a Timing Improvement Fee or TIF for all swimmers at our meets. A one-dollar surcharge is levied on each swimmer at each meet: this money is separated from meet fees and collected by our regional treasurer. This money is used to help with the upkeep and purchase of our regional timing equipment. Even though not all clubs use our regional timing equipment (e.g. Kelowna and Penticton have their own systems), every club agreed that the entire region benefits from maintaining our regional timing equipment and, as such, we should *all* put money into that pot.

May your time here in Kamloops be enjoyable and I hope you’ll be able to look back fondly on the 2010 BCSSA Provincial Championships.

Andy Pfeiffer

Simon Fraser Regional Report

Rick Sieb

Report to be submitted at the A.G.M.

Vancouver & District Regional Report

Kerry Sheppard

Vancouver & District has enjoyed a successful and busy season. Registration was strong; we had a total of 510 registrants (many multidisciplinary), including 486 swimmers, 31 divers, 44 synchronized swimmers, and 109 water polo players.

The Region also welcomed a new member club, as the Vancouver Vipers Water Polo Club enjoyed its inaugural season within the BCSSA.

The Squamish Pirates, Vancouver Vikings, North Vancouver Cruisers, and North Shore Winter Club Marlins hosted successful meets. The Cruisers hosted their second “Hootenanny” at UBC, and the Vikings moved to a new venue, the Vancouver Aquatic Centre, in view of the impending closure of their traditional meet home, Percy Norman Pool.

A coordinated meet schedule with Fraser South resulted in solid attendance across both Regions, ensuring that clubs hosting meets generated positive revenues.

Meet revenues were perhaps more important than ever, as club finances were strained by the severe constriction of gaming grants. Clubs responded by demonstrating innovation and energy in their fundraising initiatives, helping to moderate inevitable registration fee increases. Fee increases do not appear to have resulted in any significant decline in numbers in the Region; indeed, it seems that the “value” of BCSSA activities continues to be recognized by members, both existing and new.

I would like to recognize the hard work of the Regional Executive (Glen Terrillon, Rob Fraser, Scott Macfarlane, and Liz Mallender), and of the Club representatives (Ed Jang, Bruce Tout, Jeff Wong, Laura Smith, Kerry Somerville, Jill Aikens, Larry Chappell, and Kathy Woolverton) who contributed so much to make the season a success.

Kerry Sheppard
Regional Director
Vancouver & District Region

Vancouver Island Regional Report

Bob Carter

Report to be submitted at the A.G.M.

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Section 2.A.3.b in the BCSSA rule book be changed to read:

“Not accumulate more than 2 hours of organized aquatic activity that consists of speed swimming, water polo, or synchronized swimming...”

Change P4 Water-polo Division to a P4/Open Category division for players 18 and under and be gender specific teams. National team selected players would still be disqualified from this division, but Provincial team players, and those who have participated at National selection camps would still be eligible.

P5 water-polo division be reclassified as a 19 and over open category which is open to all players including Provincial and national players. . P5 would also be gender specific.

That the numbering system of the Rules and Regulations be changed to reflect the changes made in the last two years.

Part 5 – Board of Directors and Officers #27, “The number of directors shall be nineteen (19).

Move to reduce the size of the Provincial Board of the BCSSA by one position by merging the Director of Marketing and the Director of Member Services into one position titled Director of Member Services.

Rules and Regulations of the BCSSA, Part 7 - Duties of Officers, Number 47 shall be changed to read:

47. The Director of Member Services shall:
- (a) Co-operate in all matters with the President and all members of the Board;
 - (b) Be responsible for the marketing of the B.C. Summer Swimming Association;
 - (c) Be responsible for the publicity for the Society;
 - (d) Be responsible for the fundraising of the Society;
 - (d) Assure that maximum private and public support is enjoyed by the Society;
 - (e) From time to time undertake such activities which will raise the awareness of Summer Swimming in the eyes of the public;
 - (f) Facilitate the development of programs for clubs, coaches, parents, executive, and general volunteers;
 - (g) Provide a manual for the information and operation of a new club;
 - (h) Identify geographic areas with potential for aquatic expansion and oversee the distribution of the BCSSA information package;
 - (i) Encourage feedback from member clubs in order to evaluate programs and services;
 - (j) Provide assistance and resources related to facilities;
 - (k) Compile a "new member" orientation manual;
 - (l) Act as Editor for the *Wavelength Newsletter*;
 - (m) Evaluate the organizational structure of the association.

Moved Ian Milford / Seconded Ken Davidson

Financial Statements

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Financial Statements are posted separately on the BCSSA website.