



2013 ANNUAL REPORT

BCSSA

BC Summer Swimming Association
SWIMMING | DIVING | WATER POLO | SYNCHRO

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AGENDA

2013 Annual General Meeting

- 1. Opening Remarks**
 - 1.1. Quorum, Voting Cards & Passing of Resolutions
 - 1.2. Additions to the Agenda

- 2. Minutes of the 2012 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 Member Services
 - 3.6. Director of Officials
 - 3.7. Director of Marketing
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 - 3.10. Director of Synchro
 - 3.11. Director of Water Polo
 - 3.12. Coaches Representative
 - 3.13. Cariboo
 - 3.14. Fraser South
 - 3.15. Fraser Valley
 - 3.16. Kootenay
 - 3.17. Okanagan
 - 3.18. Simon Fraser
 - 3.19. Vancouver & District
 - 3.20. Vancouver Island

- 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**

2012 AGM Minutes

August 16th, 2012
Nanaimo, BC

1. Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Neil Wuolle.

- a) Welcome to the BCSSA AGM and Provincial Championships
- b) Introduction of Board Members
- c) A reminder to turn off cell phones and anything that beeps
- d) Reminder that you need a voting card to vote on motions

2. Quorum:

It was confirmed by the Provincial Registrar that quorum had been established.

3. Additions to the Agenda

David Rosec (Haney Neptunes): Would like to add discussion around Summer Water Polo to the agenda. *It is noted that this item was added to the agenda.*

MOTION #1:

That the agenda as presented with the addition above be adopted.

Moved: Rob Ancell (PCM), Seconded: Chris Ruim (WHI)

Carried Unanimously

4. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

MOTION #2:

To adopt the 2011 Annual General Meeting Minutes as presented in the 2012 Annual Report.

Moved: Ron Gračan (FS), Seconded: Kerry Sheppard (V&D)

Carried Unanimously

5. Annual Reports

a) **President** **Neil Wuolle** **-as submitted**

b) **Vice-President** **Danny Schilds** **-as submitted**

- a. Danny noted that there were people being inducted into the Pool of Fame this year, presentations would take place during Provincials.
- b. Question was raised from the floor about S&O and when information will be available re: changes in the standings based on new rules.

Danny explained how comparison data will be available upon the completion of the 2012 Provincials, at which time the committee will begin the review process.

c) **Secretary Treasurer** **Jennifer Ng** **-as submitted**

- a. The Financial Statements are available in the 2012 Annual Report, which is available online and at this AGM.

MOTION #3:

To accept the Financial Statements as submitted.

Moved: David Rosec (HAN), Seconded: Linda Afford (KO)

Carried Unanimously

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| d) Director of Competition | Craig Slater | -as submitted |
| e) Director of Member Services | Deanna Bogart | -as submitted |
| f) Director of Officials | Trudy Kemper | -as submitted |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted that there has been a continuous decline in the number of officials attending the Championships over the last 5 years. Encourages officials to still attend Provincials, especially when the meet is in the Lower Mainland as more officials are needed to lighten the work load. | | |
| g) Provincial Registrar | Cheri Ruim | -as submitted |
| h) Director of Diving | Joanna Linardis | -as submitted |
| i) Director of Synchro | Shannon Berg | -as submitted |
| j) Director of Water Polo | James Gardiner | -as submitted |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report can be found under Appendix 1, as not originally included in the Annual Report. | | |
| k) Coaches Representative | Kaela Richardson | -as submitted |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hopes to see the “taping” rule become less ambiguous. b. Wanted to see a guideline developed, which must be followed for when eligibility (S vs. O) accusations occur. Kevin Stacey also asked for something to be developed. | | |
| l) Cariboo Reg. Director | Pam McGauley | -as submitted |
| m) Fraser South Reg. Director | Ron Gracan | -as submitted |
| n) Fraser Valley Reg. Director | Karen Bennett | -as submitted |
| o) Kootenay Reg. Director | Linda Afford | -as submitted |
| p) Okanagan Reg. Director | Andy Pfeiffer | -as submitted |
| q) Simon Fraser Reg. Director | Tony Tsang | -as submitted |
| r) Van & Dist. Reg. Director | Kerry Sheppard | -as submitted |
| s) Van. Island Reg. Director | Colette Wood | -as submitted |

6. Nominations & Elections

President – Names Standing: Kerry Sheppard

- *By acclamation – New President: Kerry Sheppard*

Vice-President – Names Standing: Danny Schilds

- *By acclamation – Vice-President – Incumbent: Danny Schilds*

Provincial Registrar – Names Standing: Cheri Ruim

- *By acclamation – New Registrar: Cheri Ruim*

Director of Competition – Names Standing: Craig Slater

- *By acclamation – Dir. Of Competition – Incumbent: Craig Slater*

Director of Diving – Names Standing: Joanna Linardis

- *By acclamation – Dir. Of Diving – Incumbent: Joanna Linardis*

7. Notice of Motions

MOTION #4 (recorded as Notice of Motion #1)

Re: Attendance of the Provincial Registrar at the BC Championship Meet.

Current:

BY-LAWS OF THE B.C. SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION PART 7 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

45. The Registrar shall:

- (k) Attend the Provincial Championship meet for the duration.

Move that the wording of (k) be changed to:

- (k) Attend the Provincial Championships as directed by the Provincial Board of Directors.

Moved: Danny Schilds (VP), Seconded: Rob Ancell (PCM)

Carried Unanimously

MOTION #5 (recorded as Notice of Motion #2)
Re: Timing of the 2013 & 2014 AGM of the BCSSA.

Current:

PART 3 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

16. The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held in the second half of August in each year during or immediately before or after the annual Championship Meet of the Society at the place of such Meet and if so held upon registration notice of the annual general meeting shall be sent to all member clubs.

Move that the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Society be held on August 15 and that the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Society be held on August 14 to accommodate an early championship meet. This will be a two time deviation from the requirement to have the meeting in the second half of August.

Moved: Danny Schilds (VP), Seconded: Tony Tsang (SF)

Carried Unanimously

8. New Business

- a) David Rosec, President of the Haney Neptunes brought forward a concern around the quality of officiating for BCSSA Water Polo tournaments, especially during the 2012 season. It was noted that he attended many tournaments this year and has been involved in water polo for over 10 years.
 - i. David also asked why clubs and BCSSA have to pay for water polo officiating, which is not done in any other sport in BCSSA.
 - ii. *The letter of complaint is included in the minutes as **Appendix 2**.*
- b) Mike Slinger, President of the Port Moody Aquarians spoke about the BCSSA Spring Summit hosted by SFU in 2013. Clubs are encouraged to promote this event and have coaches, swimmers, officials and parents attend. The last summit in 2011 was a huge success with very positive feedback.

MOTION #6
To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Danny Schilds (VP), Seconded: Rob Ancell (PCM)

Carried Unanimously

BC Summer Swimming Association

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31st, 2013

BC Summer Swimming Association
Unaudited Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Year Ended March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
Revenues		
Registration & Affiliation Fees	\$ 202,431	\$ 190,580
BC Championships (Note 4)	78,556	81,962
Coaches Conference	13,051	-
Fundraising & Sales	11,451	17,353
Interest Income	1,366	775
Total Income	\$ 306,855	\$ 290,670
Expenses		
Program Operations		
BC Championships (Note 4)	\$ 82,323	\$ 78,652
Board & Committee Meetings	19,455	14,691
Workshops & Seminars	14,870	3,499
Equipment & Competition Supplies	7,425	1,797
Sold Merchandise	4,754	5,052
Scholarships	1,000	1,000
	<u>129,827</u>	<u>104,691</u>
General Administration		
Insurance	50,356	47,971
Provincial Office Expenses & Salaries	38,004	35,430
Occupancy Costs & Utilities	11,851	11,328
Marketing	4,090	10,905
Professional Fees	5,903	3,470
Amortization	2,747	2,509
	<u>112,951</u>	<u>111,613</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 242,778	\$ 216,304
Operating Surplus (Loss)	\$ 64,077	\$ 74,366

BC Summer Swimming Association
Unaudited Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 139,793	\$ 20,985
Investments - Term Deposits	30,359	100,312
Accounts Receivable	342	202
Inventory	1,297	-
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits	6,729	5,205
Long-Term Assets		
Investments - Term Deposits	201,437	200,437
	\$ 379,957	\$ 327,141
Capital Assets (Note 3)	119,367	116,714
Total Assets	\$ 499,324	\$ 443,855
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 614	\$ 9,972
Payroll Liabilities	699	-
Deferred Contributions - Ian Allen Scholarship	463	-
Amounts Held for Synchro - Provincials	2,808	-
Unearned Revenue	2,730	5,950
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,314	\$ 15,922
Equity		
Internally Restricted for Coaches Conference	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Internally Restricted for Insurance	50,000	50,000
Internally Restricted for BC Championships	70,000	70,000
Internally Restricted Building Repair Fund	30,000	30,000
Internally Restricted Technology Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Internally Restricted "Just Add Water" Subsidy Fund	20,000	20,000
Restricted By Direct Access	28	91
Invested in Capital Assets	119,367	116,714
Unrestricted Fund Balance	172,615	111,128
Total Equity	\$ 492,010	\$ 427,933
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 499,324	\$ 443,855

BC Summer Swimming Association
Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended March 31, 2013

	Unrestricted Funds	Direct Access	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Total
Balance - Beginning of Period	111,128	91	116,714	200,000	427,933
Operating Surplus	64,077				64,077
Gaming Account Adjustment	63	(63)			-
Adjustments to Capital Assets	(2,653)		2,653		-
Balance - End of Period	\$ 172,615	\$ 28	\$ 119,367	\$ 200,000	\$ 492,010

BC Summer Swimming Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended March 31st, 2013

1. General Information

The B.C. Summer Swimming 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

Internally Restricted Funds

“Internally restricted funds” are those restricted by the Board of Directors for a specific purpose.

Cash and Short-Term Investments

Cash and short-term investments are unrestricted and are measured at fair value. Short term investments comprise of deposits that have a maturity date of less than 90 days.

Inventory

The Association’s board of directors elected that effective January 1st, 2013, any supplies (rulebooks & officials pins etc.) purchased from that point forward would be capitalized as inventory. As of March 31, 2013, \$1,297 (2012 – \$ nil) of these supplies have been capitalized on the balance sheet.

In the past these supplies have been expensed on the Statement of Revenue and Expenses as acquired.

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%
Fixtures and Equipment	12.5 – 20%

All capital assets under \$1,000 per item are expensed in the year of acquisition. Deprecation is taken in the year of acquisition using the half year rule.

3. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accum. Amortization	2013 Net Book Value	2012 Net Book Value
Building	\$114,867	\$ 57,062	\$ 57,805	\$ 60,214
Land	\$ 56,500		56,500	56,500
Fixtures & Equipment	\$5,400	\$338	\$5,062	N/A
	<u>\$ 176,767</u>	<u>\$ 57,400</u>	<u>\$ 119,367</u>	<u>\$ 116,714</u>

4. Provincial Championships

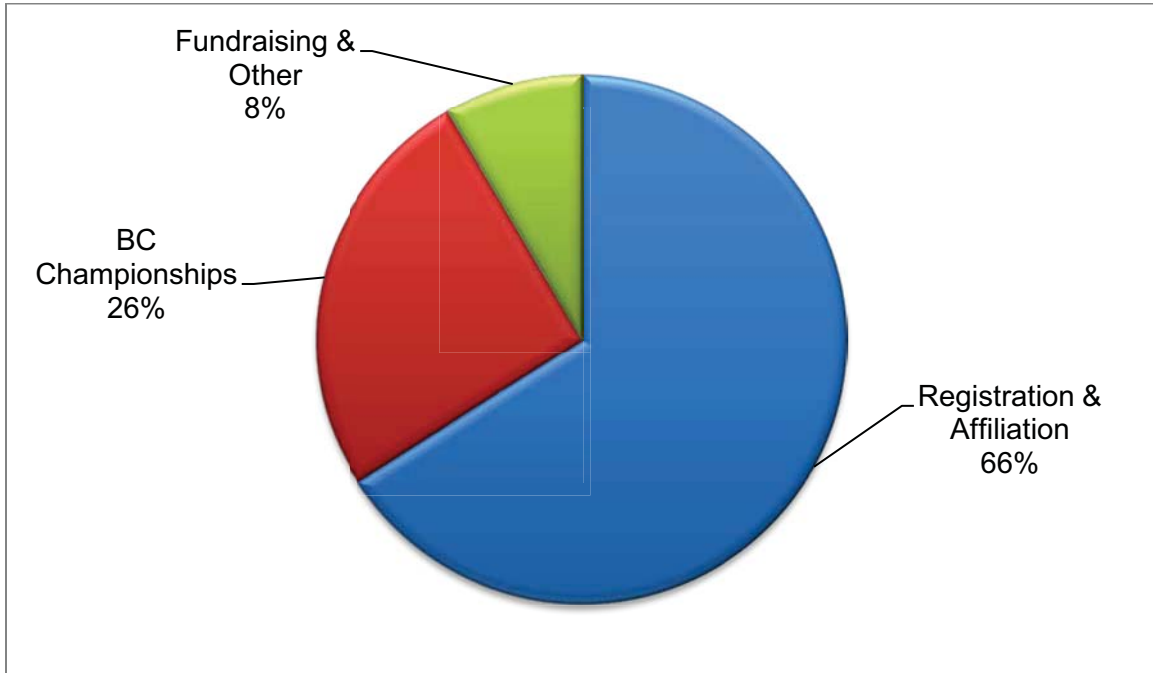
This data relates to the 2012 Provincial Championships held in Nanaimo, BC, on August 13 to 19, 2012. The financial results of the Championships are included in these financial statements.

	2012 Provincials (Nanaimo)	2011 Provincials (Richmond)
INCOME		
Entry Fees	\$ 39,114	\$ 43,622
Sponsorship	29,969	28,808
Program Sales	5,183	4,950
Other Revenue	4,290	4,582
Total Prov. Income	78,556	81,962
DISBURSMENTS		
Facilities	23,911	24,005
Board Expenses	22,730	15,257
Officials Apparel	4,514	4,922
Supplies	10,872	10,695
Security	807	1,475
Deck Food	2,180	0
Officials Stipends	4,846	4,069
Awards	12,463	12,565
AGM & Misc.	0	1,413
LOC Grant	0	3,207
Total Disbursements	82,323	78,652
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,767)	\$ 3,310

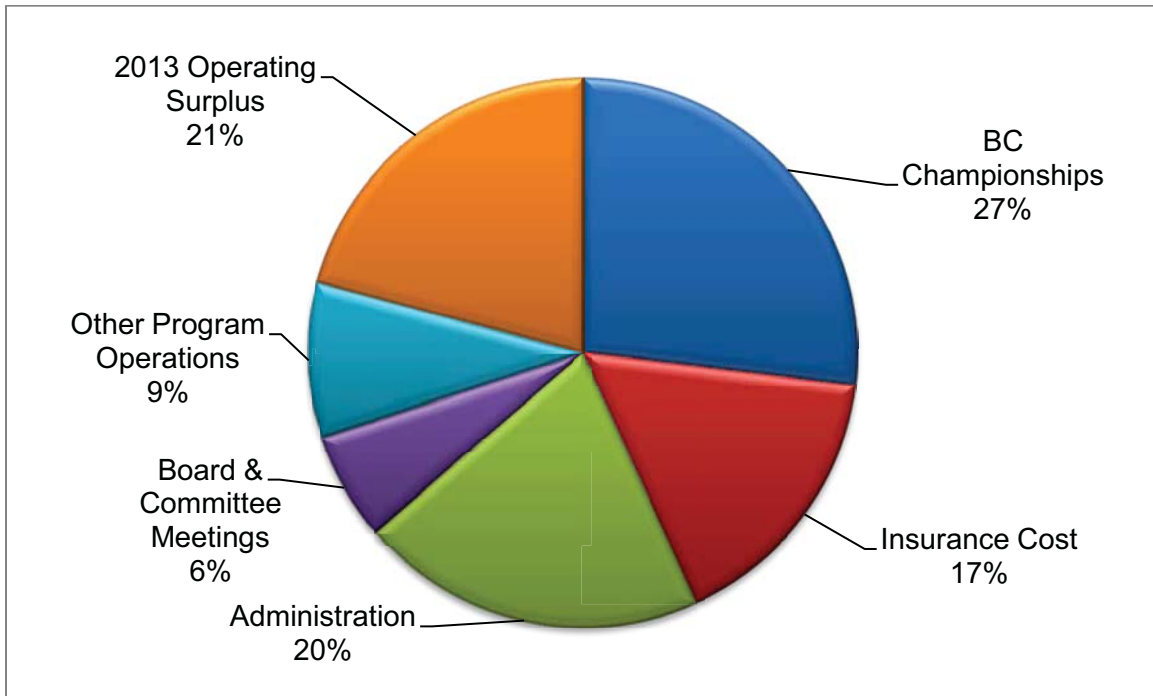
Financial Overview

BCSSA

Revenues by Source 2013



Expenses by Source & Operating Surplus 2013



President's Report

The year past has been productive for the Provincial Board, and enjoyable and fulfilling for me. The Board has been comprised of hard-working, respectful, cooperative volunteers who seem to enjoy laughter as much as getting things done. We laughed a fair bit, and I think that we accomplished a fair bit too.

Notable accomplishments (aside, that is, from managing an organization of about 5,500 athletes in 60 clubs throughout the Province - plus, of course, the Colville Sharks in Washington) included the adoption and implementation of an updated Privacy Policy and the coordination (with Liam Donnelly, Head Coach of SFU's Swim Team) of the highly-successful Summit Sport Conference in April.

We also continued to improve communication with our membership. From comments that I have received, our members are much more satisfied with the responsiveness of the BCSSA Office; much of the credit for that goes to our hard-working Provincial Office Manager, Michael Hutchinson. Through the ongoing efforts of Michael and our Director of Member Services, Deanna Bogart, our website was enhanced and remains an effective source of information for our members. Regular editions of our newsletter, *Wavelength*, were published to alert our membership of current issues, and Michael maintained BCSSA Facebook and Twitter accounts to keep everyone connected, day-to-day and minute-to-minute.

Financially, the BCSSA remains strong and stable, under the capable and watchful eye of Secretary Treasurer, Jennifer Ng (and former BCSSA swimmer and coach). Procedural safeguards implemented a few years ago appear to be working effectively, and I thank Jen and the other members of the Finance Committee, Danny Schilds (Vice-President) and Ron Gracan (Fraser South Regional Director), for their effective and prudent stewardship of the organization's finances this past year.

I was slightly disappointed by the very few number of executive "boot camps" presented to our clubs over the past year. These presentations, typically a day long, are intended to provide useful (perhaps even fundamental) information for club executives on a variety of topics. I encourage any clubs or regions interested in hosting an executive boot camp to contact Michael for information, and I look forward to participating in more of these presentations in the next year.

Thank you to everyone on the Provincial Board who worked so hard and contributed so much this year. The Board meets, typically for a day and a half, in each of October, January, and April (as well as for the August AGM), and each of the Board members volunteers significant time in between meetings.

Deserving of special mention is our long-serving Provincial Director of Officials, Trudy Kemper. I understand that Trudy has decided that it is time to step aside as our Director of Officials, and she deserves a huge, and heartfelt, thank-you for her many years in that role. Were the good people at *The Oxford Dictionary* to revise the definition of “thankless”, they could certainly include an appropriate example by including the words, “See, e.g., acting as Director of Officials for a swimming organization.” Trudy recognized that many of her decisions or rulings would inevitably be unpopular to some. But she invariably demonstrated integrity and a sincere desire for fairness when making those decisions. Thank you, Trudy, for a job so very well done.

Regards,

Kerry Sheppard
President

Vice-President's Report

This past year has been relatively quiet. The Rules and Regs committee have only been asked for an opinion a couple of times and even then the questions were easy. As for new rules, the rules for swimming have not changed, (first season in a long time) and there has just been some tightening up of some of the Administration rules. Swimmers must now compete in an individual event prior to the Regionals, there is a formalized method to raise concerns about out of season training, and the requirements for coaching certification have been narrowed and aligned with the current coaching programs.

The S&O/Tiering committee has been dormant. There have not been any concerns expressed to the board with regards to tiering. Going forward, the committee has been asked to look at the remaining O categories to see if they can be absorbed into current S categories or into fewer O categories.

One of the reasons for looking at the O Cats is the low numbers they have and the amount of time they take up. We may be approaching a similar situation with some of our aquatic sports within the broader context of the BCSSA. Some of our sports are experiencing decreasing numbers year after year. It may be time to exam what happens at the regional and provincial level with all of our aquatic disciplines.

These past few days I have been watching the FINA championships in Spain. There have been some exciting events and it is always interesting to watch the faces of the swimmers after their races. Last week I was at a small meet here in the Cariboo and I saw those same faces on our swimmers; joy, elation, satisfaction, disappointment. It struck me that the emotions and feelings experienced by those world championship swimmers was no different than what those beginning swimmers climbing out of the pool after the BCSSA race were feeling. The experiences and life training we are providing for children and adults across the province are invaluable. Yes, a gold medal for Canada would be nice but I don't think that gold medal matches the importance and experiences we are providing our swimmers. The vast majority of our BCSSA athletes are not going to be Olympic swimmers but does that matter? I guess my message is don't ever downplay what this organization provides to thousands of swimmers every summer. So many people, children, adults, families, have a much richer life because of the BCSSA.

Danny Schilds

Vice – President

Secretary Treasurer's Report

This is my second year as Secretary Treasurer and BCSSA has once again yielded a surplus for the year ended March 31, 2013. I would like to thank the Board, Finance Committee and the members of the organization for allowing me the opportunity to volunteer my time to an organization I passionately care about.

There had been no significant changes to BCSSA's operations and controls. Similar to past years, a financial peer review was conducted in June and specific procedures were conducted over revenues and expenditures and balance sheet financial statement line items. I would like to thank these individuals for volunteering their time in performing this review. All recommendations provided were taken into consideration and financial adjustments were made accordingly. It is my pleasure to report on the financial results for the year ended March 31, 2013.

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

- Revenues are comparable to prior year and have increased by 6% due to registration and affiliation fees. Gaming grants were not available to BCSSA again this past year.
- Expenses incurred by the organization are either operational or administrative. Operational expenses have increased by 24% year over year. As the 2012 BCSSA Provincial Championships were held in Nanaimo, this resulted in higher travelling and accommodation expenditures for Board members and ultimately increasing BC Championship costs. As well, Board and Committee meeting costs increased due to changes in reimbursement policies. Furthermore, purchases in equipment and competition supplies have increased by approximately \$5,700. Administrative expenses have remained flat year over year.
- With the help of the 2012 Local Provincial Organizing Committee and the Vancouver Island region, our 2012 Provincial Championships almost broke even. I thank Craig Slater, Director of Competition and Michael Hutchinson and the organizing committee for their continued efforts to host such a successful Championships while achieving our fiscal budget.
- BCSSA also hosted a coaches' conference in fiscal year 2013 where approximately 70 coaches from all over the province attended. The event broke even as targeted. The conference was professionally organized and tailored to the structure and nature of summer swimming. I thank Kaela Richardson, Coaches Representative and Michael Hutchinson for their dedication and hard work.
- As of March 31, 2013, BCSSA holds cash and term deposits of approximately \$170,000 and has minimal liabilities and working capital exceeds \$372,000.

- One of the Board's many objectives is to maintain strong cash flows and a surplus capable for financing a whole year's worth of operations; these funds have been internally restricted individually under equity.

I would like to thank the Members of BCSSA, my fellow Board members and Michael Hutchinson for making this past year another success. The Board welcomes feedback from members and new ideas to use the funds towards bettering and growing the organization in the upcoming years and promoting the sport of competitive swimming in communities of British Columbia. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of the Board members. The Board will continue to ensure that strong financial controls are in place and that financial decisions are made in the best interest of the organization.

Thank-you!

Jennifer Ng
Secretary Treasurer

Director of Competition's Report

Report to be submitted at AGM.

Director of Member Services Report

Each year the months between September and April go all too quickly and before we know it we are all well immersed in all things aquatic. Familiar faces return and new ones join. Pools sparkle under the summer sun and the sounds of whistles and cheers become a welcomed weekend occurrence. With the success of another summer season coming to an end, the priority has been to identify what makes BCSSA unique and the opportunities before us for continued growth as we look to share the many benefits of joining BCSSA.

This past year, regions were encouraged to conduct a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) for their respective clubs. Based on this feedback, BCSSA's Board will continue its work on developing a new strategic plan. While there were certainly comments that were unique to each region, there were also common themes. All agreed BCSSA provides an exceptional program that is inclusive of participants and their family while recognizing the threat of limited pool space and unreliable government funding. Several noted concern about losing swimmers to SwimBC and challenges with the cost and infrastructure to host and attend meets. Of particular note, many commented on the strength of BCSSA's office, mentioning by name Michael Hutchinson.

Highlights

- ✓ Increased communication to membership through electronic distribution of Wavelength and regular email updates.
- ✓ New design of Wavelength incorporating updated identity standards.
- ✓ Comprehensive review of BCSSA privacy policy. Policy approved and distributed to all regional registrars.
- ✓ Update of online support materials to incorporate new identity guidelines and standards.

General Updates

- ✓ Participated in the revision of BCSSA's privacy policy
- ✓ Year over year membership numbers a 7% increase in overall membership from previous year with 5522 total athletes. (see accompanying membership/registration graphs)
- ✓ Harassment and Conflict Resolution Clinic at the 2013 SFU Summit.
- ✓ Review of SwimBC strategic plan – including future consideration and development of BCSSA's own strategic plan.
- ✓ Received regional SWOT analyses, representing feedback received from individual clubs.
- ✓ Launch of BCSSA promotional items and clothing

Top Priorities Fall 2013

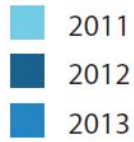
- ✓ Review and assist in the update of membership materials including Board Boot Camp, Harassment and Conflict Resolution.
- ✓ Next steps of BCSSA Strategic Planning
- ✓ Increased marketing and advertising at the regional level
- ✓ Continued promotion of BCSSA through social media

Deanna Bogart

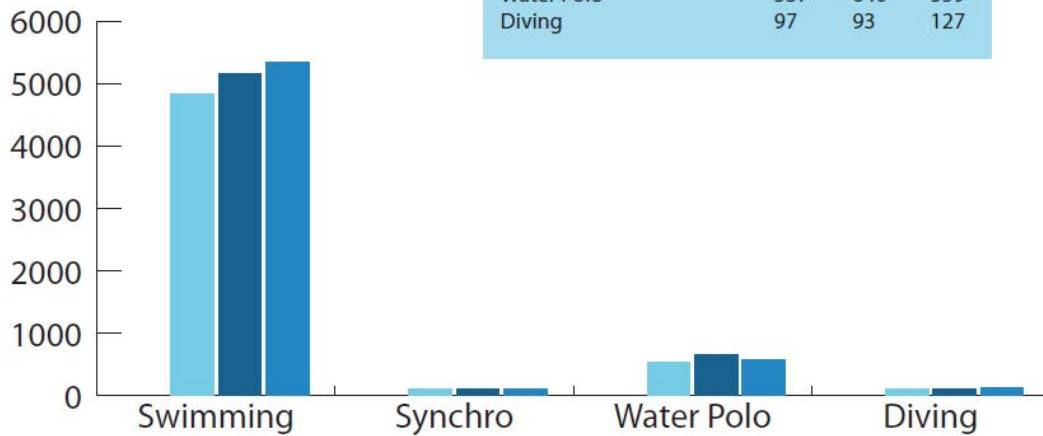
Director of Member Services

Proudly promoting and encouraging the development of athletes and volunteers in aquatics since 1958.

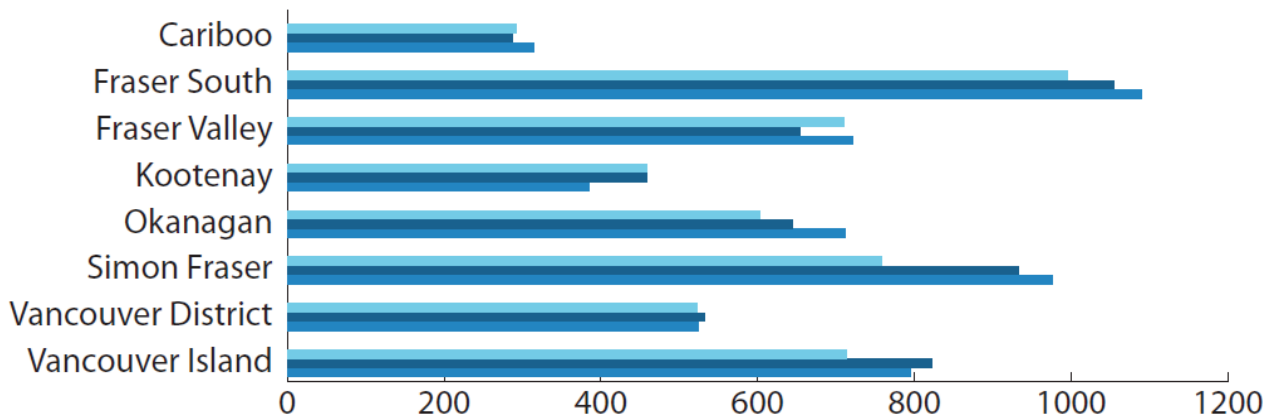
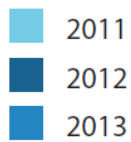
Membership by Sport



Membership by Sport	2011	2012	2013
Swimming	4820	5163	5333
Synchro	96	95	106
Water Polo	537	640	559
Diving	97	93	127



Membership by Region



Director of Official's Report

Six years ago I was describing my maiden voyage as PDO and now I find myself writing about my final journey. Where has the time gone...? Although there was some discussion that I couldn't have had a maiden voyage as a married woman, I begged to differ for BCSSA is a different marriage all together!

I seriously cannot believe how these six years have flown by on the one hand and have crept by on the other. There have been so many journeys that I have chronicled somewhat in the August 2013 Wavelength. I encourage you to check it out, if you haven't already.

2007 – Prince George indoor 50m pool. I was named new Provincial Director of Officials on Thursday evening during the DELUGE going on outside. Later that evening, I was celebrated around the “fake campfires” in the PG parking lot campground. It was a bright, sunny morning that Friday of Provincials. I was sporting my sunglasses on the back row of the morning officials` meeting. Little did I know that Tony Dixon would want to introduce me to the group as the incoming PDO. Ahem..... I remember thanking a certain red-head under my breath for the need to wear those sunglasses that morning. Those of you that have ears to hear will know to whom and what I am referring to! The swimming portion was hooped before it even got started due to an entry mess. I was called into a jury before the swimming could begin on Friday morning! Wowzers.... never will forget that. Following Tony around that weekend was an adventure, indeed, one that I kept wondering “who organizes his daily schedule”, and “this is crazy!”

2008 – Trail indoor 25m pool. This was my first year in office, so to speak. Being donned in an ugly baggy yellow shirt to match the Clerk and the Meet Manager was NOT my idea of having fun. That year was the year that began a whole new paradigm shift within BCSSA. This was long overdue. I remember how smooth things went and how proud I was of all our officials on deck, especially our referees during the relays.

2009 – Abbotsford 25m outdoor pool. I LOVED the camping arrangements in Abby. It was a great meet, but I do remember having to “leave the premises” during the meet because it `was too hot` around the pool deck (and the weather wasn't that hot!). Once again there was another shift and rattle within BCSSA. Illegal suits and other conduct matters were an issue but were definitely overshadowed by the changes that came at the end of the meet in the BCSSA office. And to set the record straight one last time, Trudy did NOT stop the meet, Danny did. ☺

2010 - Kamloops 50m indoor pool. Lots of shifts for officials, the illegal suit ruling was used on a couple of occasions, there was smoke in the building due to fires in the area, LOVED the accommodations, LOVED the marshalling area in the gymnasium, it was one BIG happy family! Rules of conduct were further challenged and defined. It was the hardest thing I have ever had to walk through and hope never to have to again.

2011 – Richmond 50m indoor pool. Lots of delays, which I have come to accept as part of the challenges with that pool, very few juries and very few challenges from within our officiating ranks. Although I do remember the rules of conduct being enforced on one particular occasion.

2012 – Nanaimo 50m indoor pool island style. There were daily challenges, but none that could keep us from having a great meet. I truly enjoyed my time in Nanaimo, the venue was amazing and our accommodations and location were fantastic. We had the BEST EVER board shirt colors/style!

2013 – As we sail into Coquitlam for a 25m outdoor meet, there are no major concerns leading up to the big event. I really am reflective of all the great friends, mentors, and colleagues I have acquired. I truly do rely on the synergistic style we have within BCSSA. If you do not have the answer, there is definitely multiple resources to pull from to find the answers you need to make the decision you need to make.

I leave you with a challenge to live your life to the fullest and to not be afraid of change. God will never take anything away from you without the intention of replacing it with something better.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you all these past 6 years!

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Kemper

Provincial Director of Officials

Registrar's Report

It's been another busy year and another successful season at BCSSA.

With healthy increases in registration in 2012 to 5400 athletes, I was happy to see a further bump in registration in 2013 to 5522. Another 122 members!

Our top increases belong to Okanagan (10.5%) and Cariboo (10%) with Fraser Valley running very close behind (8.5%). The Kootenays had some challenges due to an emergency pool closure in Nelson that has put that club on hold until their only pool can be repaired, so we look for a comeback in 2014. Simon Fraser had another healthy 5% increase after their huge 22% climb in 2012 and Fraser South also had a nice 3.5% uptick to maintain the highest registration in the province.

We held a Regional Registrar conference at the BCSSA office in February. The conference covered such things as our new Privacy Policy, consent forms and a 'Hytek Tips and Tricks' learning session. It was also an open forum for discussion regarding concerns, ideas and suggestions for better registration. In the Hy-Tek Learning session we implemented some changes to the way we enter athletes in order to have the whole province on the same page. This will make it much easier to run reports and pull comparative data such as BCSSA fees due for winter maintenance and summer athletes. It also allows the clubs to differentiate their athletes' various disciplines and pull up correct rosters. We had great feedback at the time and even hosted another session at the request of Simon Fraser Region for their club registrars. Over the winter we would be happy to host other regions either in person or via conference call. I am also hoping to have another Registrar Conference to build on some of the gains we have made.

On-line registration is still on the table and Francis Van Roode is willing to head a committee exploring our options. Please let Michael Hutchinson know if you are interested in helping Francis.

As I mentioned at the top, another great season! Thank you all of the club registrars, regional registrars and parents who make this happen. Supporting our athletes happens in so many ways and all of your efforts are appreciated ☺

Cheri Ruim

Provincial Registrar

Following is the statistical data for 2013

CLUB AFFILIATION

<u>REGION</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cariboo	6	6
Fraser South	9	9
Fraser Valley	7	6
Kootenay	8	7
Okanagan	10	10
Simon Fraser	5	5
Vancouver District	6	6
Vancouver Island	10	11
Total	<u>61</u>	<u>60</u>

REGISTRATION DATA - INDIVIDUALS AND ACTIVITIES

Region	Individuals		Activities	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cariboo	288	315	288	316
Fraser South	1054	1090	1148	1163
Fraser Valley	665	722	727	756
Kootenay	459	385	495	412
Okanagan	645	712	645	712
Simon Fraser	933	977	1074	1108
Vancouver District	533	525	726	732
Vancouver Island	823	796	891	926
Total	<u>5400</u>	<u>5522</u>	<u>5994</u>	<u>6125</u>

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Region	2013 Summer Registration #'s		Total	Rec'd	Due to BCSSA	Credit
Cariboo	315	x \$32	\$ 10,080.00	\$ 10,080.00		
Fraser South	1090	x \$32	\$ 34,880.00		\$ 34,880.00	
Fraser Valley	722	x \$32	\$ 23,104.00		\$ 23,104.00	
Kootenay	385	x \$32	\$ 12,320.00	\$ 12,320.00		
Okanagan	712	x \$32	\$ 22,784.00		\$ 22,784.00	
Simon Fraser	977	x \$32	\$ 31,264.00	\$ 31,264.00		
Van & Dist.	525	x \$32	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,800.00		
Van. Island	796	x \$32	\$ 25,472.00	\$ 25,472.00		
Totals	5522		\$ 176,704.00	\$ 95,936.00	\$ 80,768.00	\$ -

INDIVIDUAL CLUB TOTALS
CARIBOO
315

DAW	Dawson Creek Seals	66
FSJ	Fort St. John Stingrays	87
PGP	Prince George Pisces	69

FIN	Fort Nelson Finns	22
MAC	Mackenzie Rainbows	26
QUE	Quesnel Aquatic Club	45

FRASER SOUTH
1090

BOU	Boundary Bay Bluebacks	120
CRB	Crescent Beach	141
NOD	North Delta Sunfish	163
SUR	Surrey Sea Lions	34
ORC	Surrey Orcas Water Polo Club	9

CLO	Cloverdale Tritons	87
LAD	Ladner Stingrays	181
RIC	Richmond Kigoos	236
WHI	White Rock Amateur	119

FRASER VALLEY
722

ABB	Abbotsford Whalers	268
CWK	Chilliwack Stringrays	43
MIS	Mission Marlins	64

AGA	Agassiz-Harrison	45
HAN	Haney Neptunes	215
LAN	Langley Flippers	87

KOOTENAY
385

CAS	Castlegar /	71
CST	Creston	48
KIM	Kimberly Sea Horses	65
TRA	Trail/Warfield Stingrays	69

COL	Colville Valley Sharks	71
GFA	Grand Forks Piranhas	61
NEL	Nelson Neptunes	0
TSC	Cranbrook Tritons Swim Club	N/A

OKANAGAN
712

GOL	Golden Dolphins	141
OGO	Kelowna Ogopogos	120
LUM	Lumby Lightning	36
PEN	Penticton Pikes	90
REV	Revelstoke Aquaducks	84

KAM	Kamloops Tsunami	51
LIL	Lilloet Killer Whales	0
MER	Merritt Otters	42
PRI	Princeton Kokanee	65
SAA	Salmon Arm Sockeyes	83

SIMON FRASER
977

BMM	Burnaby Mountain Mantas	180
COQ	Coquitlam Sharks	279
PMA	Port Moody Aquarians	121

BUR	Burnaby Barracudas	280
PCM	Port Coquitlam Marlins	117

VANCOUVER DISTRICT **525**

NOR	North Shore Winter Club	98	NVC	North Vancouver Cruisers	187
SQU	Squamish	40	SUP	Super Sharks Swim Club	47
VIK	Vancouver Vikings	121	WWP	Vancouver Water Polo	32

VANCOUVER ISLAND

CAM	Campbell River	77	COU	Courtenay Blue Devils	150
CVB	Cowichan Vallaey Breakers	51	JUA	Juan de Fuca Royals	27
NAN	Nanaimo White Rapids	170	OAK	Oak Bay Orcas	79
PDI	Pender Island Otters	21	POW	Powell River Aquatic Club	55
SSS	Salt Spring Island	84	SID	Sidney Pirhanas	76
VHH	Victoria Hammerheads	6			

INDIVIDUAL SPORT BREAK-OUTS
CARIBOO

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Dawson Creek	67	-	-	-
Fort Nelson	22	-	-	-
Fort St. John	87	-	-	-
Mackenzie	26	-	-	-
Prince George	69	-	-	-
Quesnel	45	-	-	-

FRASER SOUTH

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Boundary Bay	120	-	-	-
Cloverdale Tritons	86	1	-	-
Crescent Beach	104	24	66	-
Ladner Stingrays	181	-	-	-
North Delta Sunfish	141	-	42	-
Richmond Kigoos	236	-	-	-
Surrey Sea Lions	34	-	-	-
White Rock	119	-	-	-
Surrey Orcas Water Polo	-	-	9	-

FRASER VALLEY

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Abbotsford	268	-	9	-
Agassiz-Harrison	45	-	-	-
Chilliwack	43	-	-	-
Haney	185	14	39	-
Langley	78	-	9	-
Mission	65	-	1	-

KOOTENAY

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Castlegar	71	-	26	-
Colville	71	-	-	1
Creston	48	-	-	-
Grand Forks	61	-	-	-
Kimberley	65	-	-	-
Nelson	0	-	-	-
Trail	66	-	-	3
Cranbrook	N/A	-	-	-

OKANAGAN

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Golden	141	-	-	-
Kamloops	51	-	-	-
Kelowna	120	-	-	-
Lillooet	-	-	-	-
Lumby	36	-	-	-
Merritt	42	-	-	-
Penticton	90	-	-	-
Princeton	65	-	-	-
Revelstoke	84	-	-	-
Salmon Arm	83	-	-	-

SIMON FRASER

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Burnaby Mantas	180	-	-	-
Burnaby Barracudas	280	-	45	16
Coquitlam	245	7	43	23
Port Coquitlam	117	-	-	-
Port Moody	118	-	22	12

VANCOUVER DISTRICT

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Squamish	40	-	-	-
North Shore Winter Club	97	-	-	-
North Van Cruisers	177	60	86	72
Super Sharks	47	-	-	-
Vancouver Vikings	121	-	-	-
Vancouver Water Polo	-	-	32	-

VANCOUVER ISLAND

	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
Campbell River	77	-	-	-
Courtenay Blue Devils	150	-	-	-
Cowichan Valley	51	-	7	-
Juan de Fuca	27	-	-	-
Nanaimo White Rapids	170	-	123	-
Oak Bay Orcas	79	-	-	-
Pender Island	21	-	-	-
Powell River	55	-	-	-
Sidney Pirhanas	76	-	-	-
Salt Spring Island	84	-	-	-
Victoria Hammerheads	6	-	-	-
2013 TOTALS:	5333	106	559	127

COMPARISION YEARS

	TOTAL	SWIMMING	SYNCHRO	WATER POLO	DIVING
2013	5522	5333	106	559	127
2012	5400	5163	95	640	93
2011	5056	4820	96	537	97
2010	5010	4692	109	673	83
2009	5201	4946	88	811	100

**Inconsistencies have been identified for Water Polo totals in 2009. Numbers are true and correct for comparison in 2010 - 2012.

Director of Diving's Report

Introduction

Shannon Sullivan and myself have continued to work together to bring 2013 BCSSA Diving forward and expand our club participation. We continue to see programs develop for one season at a time and hope to see expansion like the North Vancouver who I believe have 72 divers registered!!! Way to go Cruisers...

The total number of divers this year has reached 127. That is up 25% compared to last year. Good work. The BCSSA Diving program now has 5 clubs and 3 regions represented.

BC Games

Diving has become a part of the 2014 WINTER Games...so we hope to continue to have divers participate from our Summer Programs...keep you posted as we get more and more of the information... also hope everyone is connected to BCSSA on Facebook! Very informative!

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We feel this continues to be a positive step forward to encouraging diving to increase numbers and become more competitive. Great work everyone!

Coaches Meeting (August 14/2013) will keep you posted!

White Rock Training Facility

There is a growing program in White Rock, where there is a full training facility. The training facility is first class. The coaching staff is amazing at mentoring coaches, and offer drop in sessions for all athletes at all levels.

Action Plan

Joanna and Shannon have already created an action plan for next year. We look forward to another working year, together as co-directors. And with a third helper on board who will be mentored!!!

The list includes:

- The inclusion of iDive in Vancouver and District, into BCSSA.
- Finish BCSSA Director's year plan with timelines.
- Continue to build relationships with DPC and work together with DPC to create coach development workshops ongoing.

Regards,

Joanna Linardis

Director of Diving

Director of Synchro's Report

2013 has so far been a great season, with synchronized swimmers competing in figures during the North Vancouver Cruisers Hootenany Meet, and showing the early progress on their routines at an event hosted by Haney Neptunes on July 21st. We are well underway in preparing for Joint Regionals, to be held in Coquitlam and hosted by Crescent Beach Swim Club on July 31st. Although full numbers are not yet available at the time of writing this report, there are currently more than 100 swimmers registered for Joint Regionals. We are well on our way to having a very successful Provincial Championship meet, with coaches and swimmers having had the chance to compete once already in the provincial pool at Joint Regionals.

Synchronized swimming could not survive without club directors and parents who are willing to jump right in and learn complex tasks with very little orientation. In addition to dedication and commitment, we also have a spirit of collaboration and support that allows our club directors and parent volunteers to succeed. We continue to work toward the goal of having more than one person with expertise in each of the areas of running a synchro meet/season in order to ensure that the skills are available across seasons. Thanks so much to the Club Directors, parent volunteers and coaches who put so much time, dedication and commitment into ensuring our synchronized swimming athletes learn their sport and have fun. I consider myself lucky to be working with these parents and coaches, who are professional, collaborative and go well and above the norm to ensure our swimmers are supported to become better athletes and citizens.

Thanks also 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.

Regards,

Shannon Berg

Director of Synchro

Director of Water Polo's Report

Report to be submitted at AGM.

Coaches Representative's Report

Report to be submitted at AGM.

Cariboo Regional Director's Report

Greetings from the North!

It is hard to believe that another season is wrapping up with Regionals and soon Provincials. In the Cariboo Region things are cruising along swimmingly! As a whole the region's numbers are roughly the same as last year. A few clubs saw a slight increase in their numbers and a few saw a slight decrease leaving the overall numbers similar to the last few years.

This year our very own Mackenzie Rainbows announced that they hired Aaron Dahl from Island Swimming. Aaron has brought his years of expertise and experience not only to Mackenzie but has also shared his knowledge with all the coaches in our Region by hosting a Coaches Clinic in Quesnel, organizing group warm-ups and hosting a 4 day Swim Camp in Mackenzie. Aaron had coached in Fort St John many years ago so was familiar with the Cariboo and our quirky ways. Thanks to Steve Rooke, the President of Mackenzie Rainbows for all your hard work in hiring Aaron and sharing him with the rest of the Region. Thanks to Aaron for sharing your talent and your love of swimming with all of us.

We look forward to Provincial Championships this year in an outdoor pool. Many of our kids have never competed in an outdoor pool but are looking forward to a new adventure. We are all hoping that this great July weather holds. A big thank you goes out to Craig Slater and Michael Hutchinson for all their hard work in undertaking the organizing of this massive event. As I have the good fortune to sit around the table at Board Meetings it is amazing to me the talent and commitment that it takes to successfully run this organization and bring us all together for our Championships.

I am so proud to be part of this aquatic family we call BCSSA. I think I can speak for all our swimmers, parents and coaches when I say that we are all excited and proud to be part of a first class organization.

Good luck to all our athletes at Provincials. You have worked hard all year now go out and show them you're fighting spirit!

Pam McGauley
Cariboo Regional Director

Fraser South Regional Director's Report

It is with great pleasure that I write this year's annual report on behalf of the Fraser South region. The glow of having the region finish first at Provincials 2012 and the WRASA Killer Guppies being the number one team had not diminished when we started our monthly regional meetings. So much to discuss, so much time to do it in. We are very fortunate indeed to be able to plan the upcoming swim season so far in advance. The commitment shown by all the team's representatives on the Fraser South board is appreciated by everyone in the region. A special "shout out" (apparently the "in" thing to say amongst coaches) to Chris Ruim for organizing and running a very successful Regional Championship this year. I believe that was 3 meets this year that he organized.

We were very fortunate to have our total numbers of swimmers up this year over last. Some of our clubs had to resort to a wait list this year due to the number of swimmers who wanted to register. A good case/bad case scenario...kids want to swim but there is a lack of pool time and space. Hopefully, with at least 2 new pools on the drawing board within the region, there will be enough lane time and space to accommodate more swimmers.

Intra-region swim meets were very well attended this year and again we were very fortunate to have clubs from outside our region be able to compete at some of these meets. It is in the best interest of the swimmers to be able to swim against competition from other clubs outside of our region. Hopefully, we will be able to reciprocate and attend more out of region meets next year. This year saw a variety of meets being held. Indoor pools, outdoor pools, 6 lane pools, 8 lane pools, timed-finals, heats and finals and a super-seeded meet. All very well run and attended. Congratulations to all.

Going forward, the challenge will be to get more on deck officials trained and working the deck. There are a tremendous amount of new, young families and swimmers within the region. As the older families drop off, these will be the new breed of replacements. Ongoing mentoring will ensure that there is a new wave (pun intended) of officials ready to take over.

I would like to once again thank everyone on the Fraser South board for their ongoing support and dedication to the region. We had a great Regional Championship this year and hoping that this year's Provincials will be just as good. Thank you Simon Fraser for hosting and organizing Provincials 2013. It will be great to outdoors once again and having the spirit of summer swimming front and centre. Good luck swimmers, coaches, parents and officials. Without you, we would not be where we are today.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gracan

Fraser South Regional Director

Fraser Valley Regional Director's Report

Report to be submitted at AGM.

Kootenay Regional Director's Report

The Kootenay spirit is shining bright this summer. Even with the Nelson pool ceiling falling into the water did not dampen the Kootenay enthusiasm. This happened a month and a half before the summer season about to start. Luckily no one was hurt. The pool is under renovation until the first week in August. Unfortunately for coaches and swimmers, the Nelson Neptunes folded for the season. The Castlegar Aquanauts opened their club to the Neptunes; 4 Nelson families joined the Aquanauts this season.

Cranbrook Tritons did not join the KO region this summer due to a lack of parent involvement and coaching staff. Without the Neptunes and the Tritons our region's enrolment dropped dramatically.

KO REGION SUMMARY OF ATHELETES	2013 # Athletes	2012 # Athletes	2010 # Athletes	2009 # Athletes
Castlegar (CAS)	71	87	77	62
Nelson (NEL)	0	52	64	63
Kimberley (KIM)	65	74	79	55
Grand Forks (GFA)	61	68	69	68
Trail (TRA)	69	69	60	57
Colville (COL)	71	67	72	93
Creston (CST)	45	35	56	47
Cranbrook	0	8	-	-
Total	382	460	477	445

One of our region clubs did have to deal with a harassment (bullying) incident. I felt that the Club president and Coaches liaison executive did a fine job handling their situation. Thanks to the BCSSA for supporting their discipline decision. The support you have given the club verified that they have made the right decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a wonderful group of parent volunteers in our region. Without their help the meets would not have been possible. They shared their children with us, brought us their expertise, laughter and friendship.

Have a joyous summer.

Linda Afford

Kootenay Regional Director

Okanagan Regional Director's Report

It's hard not to be optimistic about the state of the BCSSA Okanagan region:

- Our registration increased for the third straight year. (2013 – 712, 2012 – 645, 2011 – 603, 2010 – 560)
- Thanks to the hard work of a number of people, we are finally starting to see resolution to some of our regional financial issues.
- We are excited to be hosting provincials in 2014. The Tournament Capital Centre in Kamloops will once again host the BCSSA Championships next year.
- Finally the region has worked hard in securing grants and sponsorships to help buy a completely new Colorado timing system. We'd like to thank the sponsorship and support of this new timing system by the following generous donors (to date): Columbia Basin Trust Revelstoke, Columbia Basin Trust Golden, Revelstoke Credit Union, Interior Savings Credit Union, and Kamloops Blazer Sports Legacy Foundation.

On behalf of the region I'd like to acknowledge the work of Janet Evans from Kelowna. Her work at the club, regional, and provincial level of the BCSSA has been indispensable. Janet, we'll miss your willingness to roll up your sleeves to get the important work done.

I'd like to also acknowledge the work of Ross Hoshizaki from Revelstoke whose defatigable work in obtaining sponsorship is the sole reason we have been able to buy all the elements of a new Colorado timing system. We are so appreciative of what you've done.

Finally, I'd like to thank Trudy Kemper for remarkable commitment to BC Summer Swimming. She's one of the few intrepid volunteers who can remember back to the last time the provincials were here at Spani pool. Trudy, you've given so much of your time and your heart to making this, such a great organization, and we hope you'll continue to be involved in the BCSSA in some way in the future.

During meets in our region this year, Okanagan teams were pleased to have swimmers from around the province visit and compete. We had Port Moody Aquarians, Pender Island Otters, Trail Stingrays, North Delta Sunfish, Poco Marlins, and Vancouver Vikings compete in the OK region. Once again we'd like to invite swimmers from around the province to enjoy the sunny OK region next summer.

2014 BCSS Okanagan Regional Swim Meet Schedule

May 24-25	Penticton Meet
June 7	Princeton 'B' meet
June 14-15	Lumby
June 21-22	Merritt
June 28-29	Revelstoke
July 5-6	Kamloops
July 12-13	Golden
July 19-20	Salmon Arm
Aug 2-3	Regionals in Kelowna
Aug 15-17	Provincials Kamloops

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Pfeiffer

Okanagan Regional Director

Simon Fraser Regional Director's Report

Simon Fraser has had another good season in 2013. I am pleased to report that the region saw a modest 5 percent growth in our membership this year.

Burnaby Barracudas re-introduced their diving program this season with great success. Bravo. Simon Fraser is proud to have three diving clubs in the region. All three clubs are putting in a concerted effort in developing a diving winter maintenance program for the divers in our region later this year. Interested athletes and parents should sign up with any of the clubs.

Athletes are thrilled with the number of the swim meets hosted in the Simon Fraser Region. Coquitlam hosted their biggest Sharks in the Park swim meet. The number of pop-ups around the pool was unbelievable!

The Simon Fraser Region has also seen more officials coming on deck this season. The region appreciates the effort and encouragement from the BCSSA Provincial Board, including the new T-shirts and rulebooks. I also tip my hat to the club presidents and executives of the five clubs in the SF region and the Regional Director of Officials for their effort.

Volunteers are as important as the athletes and coaches. They come out tirelessly to help run their club, the region, and work on deck or behind the scene. They are the foundation of the BCSSA. This is the value and culture of summer swimming. Because of their incredible contribution, they have made the "summer swimming" as successful and professional as we are. We salute our volunteers.

Lastly, at the time of writing this report, the Simon Fraser local organizing committee is putting the final touches on the 2013 Provincial Championships. A big "THANK YOU" to the chairperson and key individuals who have worked very hard to bring another great championship experience to our Provincial qualifiers in an outdoor environment. All the best to all athletes and coaches attending the 2013 Provincial Championships.

Thank you to the Simon Fraser Regional Executive, Club Presidents, families, officials and volunteers for another successful 2013 season.

Tony Tsang

Simon Fraser Regional Director

Vancouver & Dist. Regional Director's Report

The Vancouver and District has enjoyed strong participation from its member clubs over the past year. The Cruisers continue to support all 4 of the BCSSA sports, and is the largest club in the region. The Vancouver Vipers are a water polo only club within our region. The North Shore Winter Club Marlins have seen a slight growth in the numbers, of their swimmers, raising their total numbers over 100, but many of the swimmers are in the "mini-marlin" category or the lower divisions, with a significant reduction in the number of swimmers in Div 6 and up. Although the Marlins offered water polo for 2 seasons, this is no longer the case. The Squamish Pirates have a steady number of swimmers over the summer months, at about 25, but enjoy a surge with triathletes in the winter and spring. The Vikings have seen a slight decline in their numbers and have faced challenges with pool space. The Super Sharks have remained constant in the range of 40-45 swimmers.

All of the swim clubs in our region, with the exception of the Super Sharks, run a meet annually, which is a major source of revenue. As with many regions, the meets are necessary to raise funds for the clubs, but with the increasing cost of facility rentals for 2 of our clubs, the Vikings and the Cruisers, we are exploring ways of ensuring that the revenue goals are met along with meeting the needs of our kids and swimmers. Declining attendance at the Marlins and Vikings meets, and the Squamish meet being a one day early season event, have turned these 3 meets into virtual regional meets. With the policy adopted in our region of guaranteeing attendance a fellow regional meet, increasingly the needs of the children are not being met as they are not provided with the competition afforded from other regions. It becomes a question of balancing the needs of the clubs to raise revenue to operate and the needs of the children, for whom the clubs exist. We have had discussions at our regional table on how to reconcile what appears increasingly to be these two solitudes, with no easy solution.

Pool space continues to be an issue for many clubs in the region for the running of both their summer swim programs as well as winter maintenance. There appears to be a resistance within the region from community pools to allocate space to other than the general public. North Vancouver will be losing one of its pools as it shuts down for more than one year for a rebuild. The new UBC aquatic centre is slated to begin construction this winter, and while the existing facility will remain open during the construction phase, it will herald a change to that environment until the new facility is completed in 2015.

Budget wise VD enjoys a healthy surplus, in part through effective management of the resources and we are grateful to Glen Terrillon, who after almost 20 years on the Regional Board is stepping down as treasurer, we are pleased to welcome Francis Tam of the NVC on board as our new treasurer. We have also seen the departure of long time board member and regional registrar Liz Mallender, who has given many years of service to the Region, and welcomed on board Gwen Chambers from the Vikings who has assumed this position. We continue to be assisted in our region by Gary Mallender, from the Marlins, who continues to act as our Regional director of officials and ably assisted by Herbert Tung of the Cruisers who has run S and T clinics this year

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in our region. We would be lost without Jeff Wong of the Super Sharks, who has given many many years of service to the Region on the Board as well as each and every meet in our region where, with Michael Hutchinson, he is our chief electronics expert. We also welcomed on board Helen Nichols from the Vikings as our Secretary.

This past year has been my first as Regional Director, with the support of the members of the Board, including the Club presidents, the regional directors of water polo, diving and synchro, we hope to continue the dialogue on how to manage our clubs and resources and finding the balance in meeting the needs of the children for whom we participate in these endeavours.

Kerry Somerville

Vancouver & District Regional Director

Vancouver Island Regional Director's Report

This has been a good year for the Vancouver Island Region, with generally stable swimmer numbers, slightly improved meet attendance, greatly enhanced white shirt official participation and progression, the addition of a new club, progress toward increased region-wide cooperation and a positive and productive regional board. VI Region swimmer numbers for 2013 were down just slightly from 2012. However, there had been a significant – 15 per cent – increase in 2012, so it was an accomplishment to sustain most of that growth into a second year.

Most of the region's seven meets were attended as well or better than in 2012 and two of our meets – those hosted by our Nanaimo and Salt Spring Island clubs – saw significant and most welcome participation by clubs from outside our region. Thank you to Fraser South and Vancouver and District clubs! The Salt Spring meet totaled just fewer than 400 swimmers, the largest regular season meet held in the region for several years.

The recruitment, retention and progression of deck officials were a major success for the region in 2013, with some of our officials meetings seeing close to 30 officials in attendance. As a result, new volunteers have become easier to recruit, as there is no longer a sense that putting on a white shirt means being on shift without break for entire weekends. In addition, numerous capable green pin officials were mentored and then given the opportunity to work in senior officiating positions, preparing the region well for continued success in coming years.

The region's first new club in more than 30 years is the Victoria Hammerheads, which started small in 2013, but has a clear plan for future growth and success.

We took baby steps toward more region-wide initiatives during 2013, such as two highly successful volunteer coaches clinics (attended by 45 of our swimmers) and group participation in an out-of-region meet (more than 50 swimmers from six different clubs attended the Hootenanny). We also had preliminary discussions on the possible acquisition of a regional electronic timing system.

The VI Region's Board met in person three times over the winter and twice more during the season prior to our AGM and also conducted two online meetings via Skype during the winter. This may have been the most extensive meeting schedule the region has ever had and it paid off with a positive tone in the region and a general sense that we are working together productively.

As we wrap up 2013, there is a positive feeling in the Vancouver Island Region about the future of summer swimming here and across the province.

Brian Webster

Vancouver Island Regional Director

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Notice of Motions

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