



BC Summer Swimming Association
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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

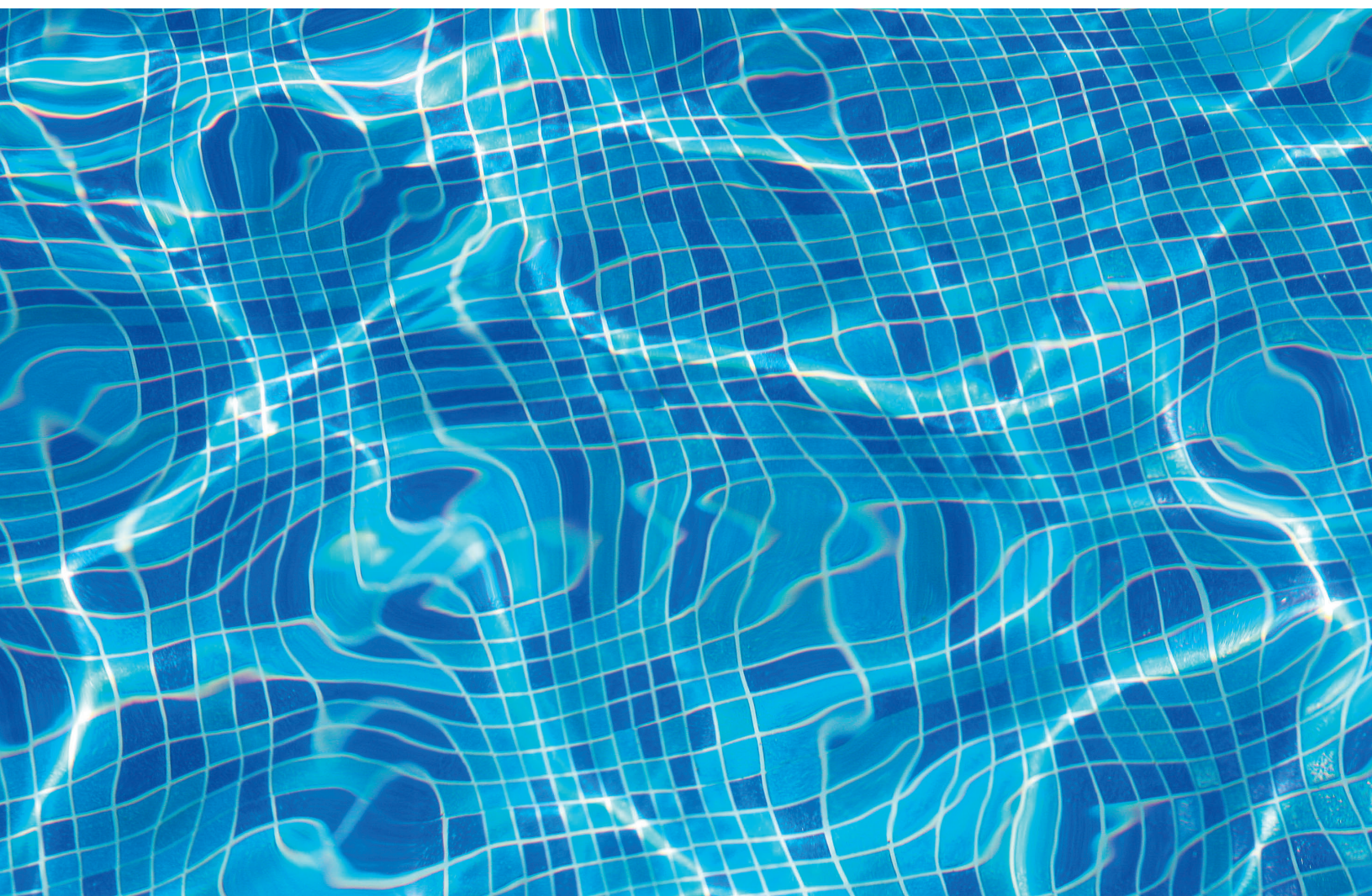


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AGENDA

2023 Annual General Meeting

1. Opening Remarks

1. Quorum & Voting Cards
2. Additions to the Agenda

2. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

3. Board of Directors' Reports

a) President	Jim Baxter
b) Vice-President	Sheila Coogan
c) Treasurer	Jeff Sheehan
d) Director of Competition	Sean Cauley
e) Director of Officials	Leah Esplen
f) Director of Member Services	Brendan Connelly
g) Provincial Registrar	Catherine Schwichtenberg
h) Director of Diving	Drea Beye
i) Director of Water Polo	Sam Furneaux
j) Coach Representative	Fynn Heaney-Corns
k) Director of Artistic Swimming	Nicola Iten
l) Vancouver Island	Shelly Johnson
m) Vancouver and District	Tamara Guerin
n) Simon Fraser	Carl Trepanier
o) Fraser South	Jane Rashed
p) Fraser Valley	Mitch McCormick
q) Okanagan	David Holland
r) Kootenay	Leanne Douglas
s) Cariboo	Deirdre McDonald

4. Nominations & Elections

Nominations for all positions must be in the hands of the nominating committee by 12:00 noon, August 3rd. Nominations may be made by member clubs of the BCSSA. (Individuals may not make a nomination. Nominations must be made by a member club through the President or Executive of the club.) The nomination committee is made up of the 8 Regional Directors.

Positions open for Election

- Treasurer
- Director of Officials
- Director of Member Services

Director of Artistic Swimming
Director of Water Polo

5. New Business & Notice of Motions

If you have a motion, please submit the motion by 12:00 noon August 3rd to the Provincial Office via email to office@bcsummerswimming.com. Motions may only be made by the designated voting member of the member club (this is usually the President or their designate). All motions will be circulated before the meeting.

6. 2024 Provincial Championships

Will be hosted by the University of British Columbia (UBC) in August 2024.

7. 2024 BCSSA AGM

Will be held at the 2024 Provincial Championships at UBC in August 2024.

8. Adjournment

**BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
2022 Annual General Meeting
Thursday August 18, 2022**

Meeting Room A & B, Tournament Capital Centre

MINUTES

Attendance See Appendix A

There were 53 in attendance, either in person or via Zoom. Voting cards were distributed at the sign-in desk.

Quorum was declared by the Provincial Registrar, Catherine Schwichtenberg

1. Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Danny Schild.

64th Annual General Meeting of BCSSA

- a. President’s Reflection
 - Has been a member since 1960s.
 - Our organization is not about swimming, it’s about a family and growing strong families.
 - Beyond the health benefits which are greater than any other sport.
 - We build lifelong skills. Gold medals are nice, but they pale in comparison to what we have built over the years.
 - Danny brought t-shirts from many of the past Provincial Championships of BCSSA to display.
- b. Quorum & Voting Procedures reviewed
 - Reminder to turn off electronic devices and anything that beeps.
 - Reminder that only individuals registered to vote are eligible to vote.
 - Review of voting & meeting procedures online, should it be necessary
 - Introduction to Provincial Board Members in attendance.
 - Confirmed that the meeting will be run following Robert’s Rules of Order
 - It was confirmed by the Provincial Registrar that a quorum had been established.
- c. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Approval of the Agenda, as circulated
MOVED BY Peter van Genne (Princeton Kokanees)
SECONDED BY Catherine Schwichtenberg (Provincial Registrar)
CARRIED

2. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: Approval of the Minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting, as circulated
MOVED BY Trevor O’Dwyer (DC Seals)
SECONDED BY George Eng
CARRIED

3. Annual Reports

- a. President Danny Schild, as submitted
- b. Vice-President Jim Baxter, as submitted
- c. Treasury Secretary – Jeff Sheehan, as presented
Jeff provided an overview of our financial situation
 - Financial statements came in the day before AGM so statements are not available for viewing & voting
 - Year 1 of Pandemic, lost \$90K
 - Year 2 (2021), made a profit of \$50K, earning some of the previous year's deficit back
 - We are able to run the organization without any income for at least another year, thanks to many predecessors on the Board.
 - The statements will be made available via the website as soon as possible
- d. Director of Competition Sean Cauley, as submitted
- e. Director of Officials Leah Esplen, as submitted
- f. Director of Member Services Brendan Connelly, as submitted
- g. Provincial Registrar Catherine Schwichtenberg, as submitted
- h. Director of Diving Drea Beye (absent), as submitted
- i. Artistic Swimming Director Nicola Iten (absent), as submitted
- j. Director of Water Polo Sam Furneaux, as submitted
- k. Coaches Representative Ethan Phillips, as submitted
- l. Cariboo Region Deirdre McDonald, as submitted
- m. Fraser South Region Jane Rashed, as submitted
- n. Fraser Valley Region Rachelle Harron (absent), as submitted
- o. Kootenay Region Dave Dunnett, as submitted
- p. Okanagan Region David Holland, as submitted
- q. Simon Fraser Region Carl Trepanier, as submitted
- r. Vancouver & District Region George Eng, as submitted
- s. Vancouver Island Region Sheila Coogan, as submitted

4. Nominations & Elections: Meeting turned over to Deirdre MacDonald as Chair of the Nomination committee.

- a. President - Nominations were called from the floor three times.
 - Jim Baxter was elected by acclamation
- b. Vice-President - Nominations were called from the floor three times.
 - Sheila Coogan was elected by acclamation
- c. Director of Competition - Nominations were called from the floor three times.
 - Sean Cauley was elected by acclamation
- d. Provincial Registrar - Nominations were called from the floor three times.
 - Catherine Schwichtenberg was elected by acclamation
- e. Director of Diving - Nominations were called from the floor three times.
 - Drea Beye was elected by acclamation

Congratulations!

Thank you to the BCSSA volunteers who served on the Board and that are stepping down, or are changing roles within the organization:

- Danny Schilds has served on the BCSSA Board of Directors since 2008, and as President since 2009. He steps down from this role and will serve in a limited capacity as Past President on the Board. Danny holds much of the history of BCSSA and will provide continuity and support for Jim who will now take over the leadership of BCSSA as the newly elected President.
- Jim Baxter, will now take over from Danny as President but has served as VP for the past 4 years.
- Sheila Coogan has served as Regional Director for Vancouver Island but will now be moving into the role of Vice President and will be seeking a replacement Regional Director for the Island.
- Several Regional Directors will have completed their term this year and we thank them for their commitment to the leadership of BCSSA through the past few years during the Covid-19 pandemic. The time commitment has been exponentially higher during the past few years as we navigate the unprecedented times.

5. Notice of Motions & New Business

- There were no new motions from the floor.
- Comments for the weekend from Danny Schilds:
 - There is a cooling area that can be accessed over the weekend but there are strict rules on accessing it: no chairs, coolers, tents, shoes. Previous year's access damaged the floor and required \$6,000 repairs.
 - There may be thunderstorms (forecast) tomorrow... procedures were outlined.
 - Please drop the tents down overnight as it gets windy and they may be damaged.
 - Question was asked about wasps in the marshalling area: these have been treated and we will follow up on that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

Appendix A: Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Eng, Isabel	NVC		Grady, Andrea	NVSC
Palmer, Kate	NAN		Chisholm, Lesley	TRA
Battiston, Angela	BUR		Gorelova, Maria	AHA
Clext, Mac	SSS		Schilds, Danny	BOARD
Heaney-Corns, Finn	SSS		Lewis, Laura	GFA
O'Dwyer, Trevor	SEALS		Cauley, Sean	BOARD
Roschat, Olivia	NOD		Baxter, Jim	BOARD
Wheatcroft, Alex	LS		Coogan, Sheila	BOARD
Barber, Steve	BOU		Eng, George	BOARD
Freimark, Catherine	HOP		MacGregor, Steve	PCM
Ilich, Lauren	VIK		Sheehan, Jeff	BOARD
Ritholer, Loretta	SSS		McDonald, Deirdre	BOARD
Karpik, Loretta	KAM		Rashed, Jane	BOARD
Raesler, Tammy	PMA		Ghanason, Ravi	BMM
Campbell, Kyla	CWK		Dunnet, Dave	BOARD
vanGenne, Pete	PRI		Holland, Dave	BOARD
McKenzie, Shawna	QAC		Bourne, Paul	PEN
Boyle, Rory	PGP		Lu, Emmy	WRASA
Friend, Christine	COQ		Phillips, Ethan	BOARD
Klassen, Nadia	COQ		Trepanier, Carl	BOARD
Mark, Joyce	<i>None given</i>		Esplen, Leah	BOARD
Green, Michelle	<i>None given</i>		Campbell, Mackenzie	CWK
Guerin, Tamara	SQU		*Harron, Rachelle	BOARD
Reoch, Marcy	LS		*Lemon-Moore, Helen	PDI
Connelly, Brendan	BOARD		*Labrum, Pamela	LFSC
Bonner, Sarah	ORCAS		Bartel, Penny	Staff
Badry, Chad	KONEL			

Attended in person: 27

Attended via Zoom: 26

Total Attending: 53

BC Summer Swimming Association

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended March 31st, 2023

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2023
With comparative figures for 2022
(Unaudited)

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 124,572	\$ 93,070
Term deposits	243,190	239,049
Accounts receivable	91,991	43,603
Prepaid expenses & deposits	20,732	20,593
	480,485	396,315
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	94,949	96,957
	\$ 575,434	\$ 493,272
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	5,950	\$ 7,816
Held for synchro - provincials	8,495	8,495
Held for waterpolo - provincials	7,208	6,328
Unearned revenue	-	513
	21,653	23,152
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	94,949	96,957
Internally restricted	185,709	185,708
Unrestricted	271,772	186,104
Restricted by gaming	1,351	1,351
	553,781	470,120
	\$ 575,434	\$ 493,272

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

_____ DIRECTOR

_____ DIRECTOR

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

With comparative figures for 2022

(Unaudited)

	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Restricted by Gaming	Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	96,957	185,708	1,351	186,104	470,120	422,318
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year				83,660	83,660	47,802
Amortization	-	2,008		2,008	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 94,949	\$ 185,708	\$ 1,351	\$ 271,772	\$ 553,781	\$ 470,120

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

With comparative figures for 2022

(Unaudited)

	2023	2022
REVENUE		
Registration and affiliation fees	\$ 307,440	\$ 215,630
Provincial championships <i>(Note 5)</i>	79,310	1,225
Coaches conference	3,637	5,466
Interest income	4,141	1,570
Grant revenue	19,608	-
Fundraising and sales	-	6,004
	414,136	229,895
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM OPERATIONS		
Provincial championships <i>(Note 5)</i>	103,438	20,260
Grants and club reimbursements <i>(Note 6)</i>	20,606	1,610
Coaches conference	12,060	800
Scholarships	2,500	2,500
	138,604	25,170
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Provincial office expense and salaries	90,060	86,729
Insurance	59,364	36,631
Occupancy costs and utilities	14,831	20,767
Marketing	5,345	2,275
Professional fees	20,263	8,070
Amortization	2,008	2,451
	191,871	156,923
	330,475	182,093
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 83,661	47,802

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

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2023
With comparative figures for 2022
(Unaudited)

1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The B.C. Summer Swimming Association (the “Association”) is incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia. The Association transitioned on October 6th, 2018 to the new Societies 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 as defined under the Income Tax Act and is exempt from income tax.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (“ASNPO”) under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting. Financial statements prepared in accordance with ASNPO are also in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”).

These financial statements have, in management's opinion, been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality using the significant accounting policies noted below:

a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Association’s policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Bank balances and term deposits that the Association cannot use for current transactions, because they are pledged as security or otherwise restricted, are also excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

b) Capital Assets

Purchased fixed assets are capitalized at cost and donated fixed assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of gift. Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using a declining balance basis and the following rates:

Asset	Method	Rate
Buildings	Declining balance	4%
Computer Equipment	Straight-line	50%
Fixtures and Equipment	Straight-line	12.5%

In the year of acquisition, amortization is recorded at 50% of the amounts calculated using the above rates. Tangible capital assets exceeding \$1,000 are capitalized in the year of purchase.

c) Impairment of Long-lived Assets

A long-lived asset is tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that it's carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of the asset is not recoverable and exceeds its fair market value. The impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. Impairment losses are not reversed if fair value subsequently increases. As of March 31st, 2023, no impairment of assets has been noted.

d) Revenue Recognition

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

The Association uses the accrual method of accounting for interest income.

e) Donated Services and Supplies

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

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

f) *Financial Instruments*

Measurement

The Association initially measures all financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The Association subsequently measures all equity investments that are quoted in an active market at fair value. All other financial instruments are measured at cost or amortized cost, unless management had elected to carry the financial instruments at fair value. All changes to financial instruments measured at fair market value are recognized in net income.

Free standing derivative instruments, such as forward exchange contracts, that are not in a qualified hedging relationship are subsequently measure at fair market value.

Financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost includes cash, restricted cash, and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at cost or amortized cost includes, accounts payable, long-term debt, and unearned revenues.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows from the financial asset. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Association expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. The impairment provision may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, not exceeding the initial carrying value of the financial asset. The amount of any write-down or reversal is recognized in net income.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognized when the contractual rights to its cash flows expire, or the economic rights to substantially all rights and rewards have been transferred.

Transaction costs

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair market value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transactions costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the straight-line method or effective interest rate method.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

g) Fund Accounting

The funds of the Association consist of the following:

- I. Coaches conference fund is internally restricted for the coaches conference in the event that revenues and budget are not able to sustain a conference when one is scheduled to occur, these funds can offset the costs to ensure that the event can continue as planned.
- II. Insurance fund is internally restricted for the annual insurance payment. In the event that the organization suffers a significant loss or decrease in revenue, these funds can still be directed to cover the annual insurance payment for all clubs and the Association.
- III. Provincial championships fund is internally restricted to ensure that the Provincials could occur for a single year under circumstances where revenues are not enough to cover the event or where the budgeted loss is not planned for.
- IV. Building repairs fund is internally restricted to ensure that funds are available in the event of a significant strata assessment or special levy for the Association's office, which it owns.
- V. Strategic planning fund is internally restricted covering grants to clubs and regions for expenses which align with the Association's strategic plan.
- VI. Capital fund is internally restricted covering grants to clubs and regions for expenses which align with the expectation and allowable purchase outline for capital purchases to support the regions and clubs.
- VII. Unrestricted is the unrestricted net assets fund.
- VIII. Gaming fund is regulated by the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.
- IX. Invested in tangible capital assets fund agrees to the net book value of the tangible capital assets owned by the Association.

a. Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expense during the current year. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to income as appropriate in the year they become known. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the useful lives of assets for amortization and the amounts recorded as accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2023 Net Book Value	2022 Net Book Value
Land	\$ 56,500	\$ -	\$ 56,500	\$ 56,500
Building	114,867	- 76,504	\$ 38,364	40,032
Computer equipment	4,937	- 4,852	\$ 85	425
Fixtures and equipment	12,490	- 12,490	\$ -	-
	\$ 188,794	-\$ 93,845	\$ 94,949	\$ 96,957

4. VANCOUVER FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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

The fair value as of March 31st, 2023 is \$202,595.73 (2022 - \$222,577). Income available for distribution as of March 31st, 2023 is \$19,100.02 (2022 - \$16,414). Total disbursements from the fund during the year ended March 31st, 2023 is \$8000.00 (2022 - \$2,471).

5. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This data relates to the 2022 Provincial Championships held in Kamloops, BC, on August 15-20, 2022. The financial results of the Championships are included in these financial statements.

	2023	2022 (Virtual)
REVENUE		
Entry fees	\$ 56,916	-\$ 25
Commissions	6,244	
Program sales	7,300	
Sponsorship	8,850	1,250
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 79,310	\$ 1,225

5. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

	2023	2022 (Virtual)
EXPENSES		
Facilities	\$ 18,629	\$ 899
Official apparel	8,920	105
Supplies	10,586	333
Meals	3,382	-
Deck food	2,648	281
Security	1,021	-
Accommodation & Travel	31,774	-
Production	5,513	-
Water polo/synchro judge expense	1,370	244
Awards	19,596	18,398
TOTAL EXPENSES	103,438	20,260
EVENT INCOME (LOSS)	-\$ 24,129	-\$ 19,035

6. GRANTS & CLUB REIMBURSEMENTS

The Association granted funds and reimbursed certain expenses of member clubs and regions as approved by the Board of Directors.

The Association provided financial assistance directly to clubs who applied on behalf of athlete families who were not able to afford the full amount of club's fees for the 2022 summer swim season. Financial assistance was no more than 50% of the total fee charged by the member club. For the year ended March 31st, 2023 the total assistance provided was \$2,207 (2022 - \$1,610).

	2023	2022
CLUBS		
Dawson Creek Seals	\$ 807	\$ -
Hope River Monsters Swim Club	1,200	-
Nanaimo White Rapids Swim Club	200	-
	\$ 2,207	\$ -

7. FINANCIAL RISKS & CONCENTRATION OF RISKS

Financial instruments are subject to risk and uncertainties such as credit risk, currency risk, market risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, other price risk and concentration of any risks. In management's opinion the Association is exposed to the following risks:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial asset will cause a financial loss for the Association by failing to discharge an obligation. The Association's credit risk is mainly related to accounts receivable. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rate. The Association's interest rate risk is mainly on the term deposits. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

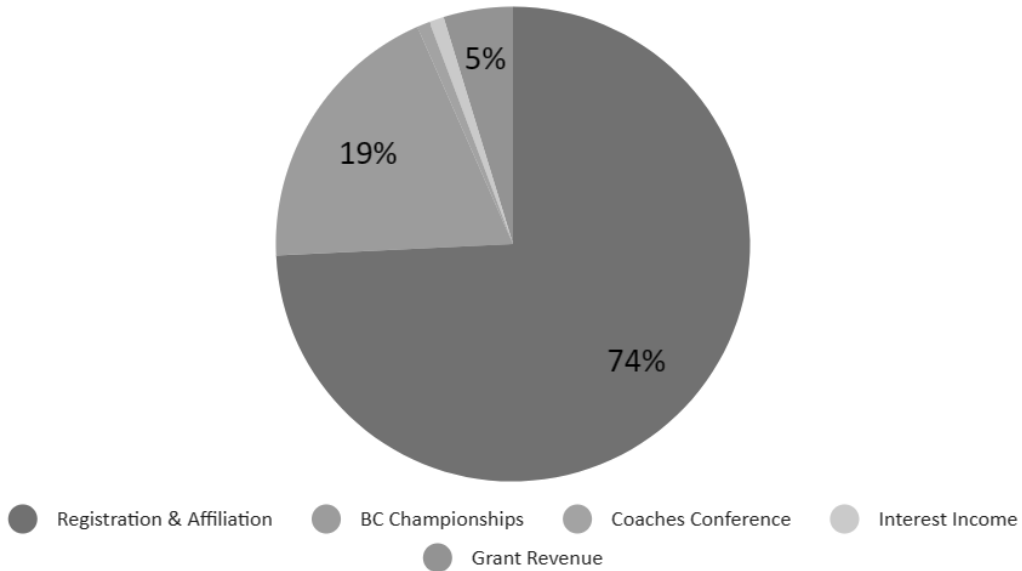
Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Association's liquidity risk is mainly related to accounts payable and accrued liabilities, held for synchro - provincials, held for waterpolo - provincials, and unearned revenue. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

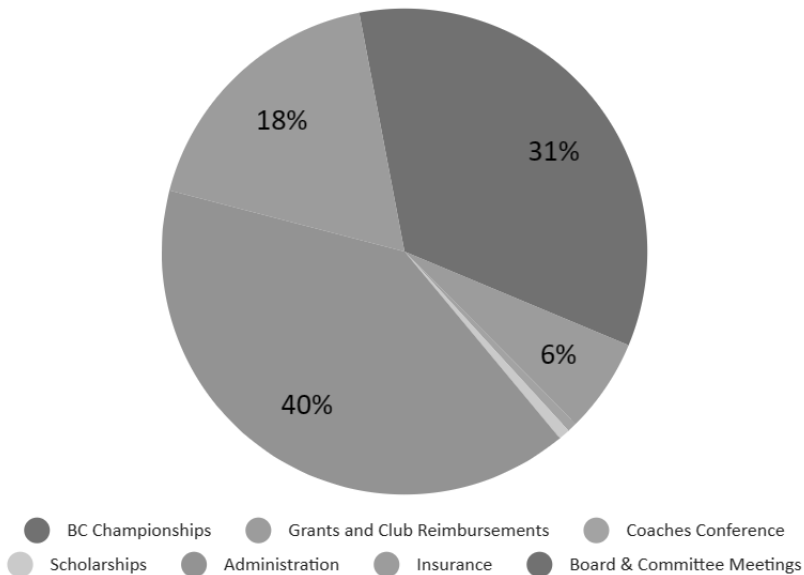
8. DIRECTOR REMUNERATION

The Association's directors do not receive remuneration.

Revenues by Sources - FY2023



Expenses by Source & Operating Surplus - FY2023



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to Nanaimo, we were last here in 2012.

I have been honoured to have worked on the BCSSA Provincial board for the last 5 years, originally as the Fraser Valley Regional Director, then as BCSSA Vice President and this has been my first year as President.

My history with the BCSSA started back in the 1960's when I swam for the Haney Neptunes Aquatic Club. I was not involved again until my daughters began swimming with the Neptunes in 2006 and I held various positions with the Haney Neptunes Club over the years, including as President for 3 plus years, before making the move to the Provincial Board.

Many thanks to Jeff Sheehan, our Treasurer, and Toby Lou, our Bookkeeper for keeping our financial position strong. Thanks to Sheila Coogan, our Vice President, and Catherine Schwichtenberg, our Provincial Registrar, for the many hours they put in to keep our operations running smooth. They are like ducks - calm and quiet on the surface but paddling like heck under the water.

I would like to thank Francis Cheung for helping us organize and set out our new Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. The role of the Strategic Plan is to guide all planning processes for the Association based on three fundamental elements: our vision, our mission, and our core values.

We were not able to hold a Coaches Conference this year, but we are hoping to return to RockRidge Canyon for Spring 2024. Danny Schilds organized a "Coaching the Coaches" Seminar in our offices this year and it was a huge success. The goal of the Seminar was to have a Senior Coach in each region that can aid with the development of our junior coach programs.

Our organization is stronger than ever with over 6000 athletes registered in our 4 disciplines - a huge congratulations to our Regions and Clubs for their great work in growing the sport. The biggest strength of the BC Summer Swimming Association is our volunteers - the energy, commitment, passion and time they put in is inspiring. We are a family, and it shows at all the swim meets and other functions that the Clubs hold throughout the year.

Thank you everyone, and I hope you all have a great Provincials, making many memories and friendships.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Baxter
President

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The expression “time flies when you’re having fun” could have been coined for BCSSA! It seems like a nano-second ago that I was writing my last annual report as RD for Vancouver Island and looking ahead to potentially taking on the role of Vice President. I was somewhat aware of the duties that came with the job – like being in charge of the Rule book - but I wasn’t exactly sure what else I would be doing, other than supporting the President in whatever way needed.

Well, the role turned out to be many different things – committee member, minute taker (not my favourite!), sounding board, proofreader (that might be my favourite!) – the list goes on. But the best part of the role by far is getting to work with an amazing, dedicated, and passionate group of fellow Board members. It is a group that truly has the best interests of all swimmers, volunteers, coaches, and clubs at heart in all they do.

This year I got to be involved not only in the ongoing process of updating our Rule book, but also updating our Strategic Plan. In addition, I sit as part of the Finance, Policy, Competition and Sponsorship committees. I attend endless meetings for work, so it’s not often you will hear me say that I’m looking forward to a meeting, but with this group, I really do look forward to getting together. The sheer energy that is generated when we discuss things is incredible. It’s thought-provoking, challenging but oh-so satisfying work.

BCSSA has been a cornerstone of my life for 11 years now – it has shaped the rhythm of my year, and certainly my summers. My daughter has gone from Div. 1 swimmer to Coach over the course of those years, and I have loved watching not only her journey, but that of countless other swimmers. I love everything that BCSSA stands for – mastering skills and challenging yourself while having fun and building life-long friendships. That’s not just true for all of our swimmers, it’s true for us as parents and volunteers. I am very happy to have found myself in this role now and will continue to challenge myself to always strive to better serve all of BCSSA.

As a long-time member of the VI Region, I am thrilled to have Provincials back on the Island for the first time in 8 years and look forward to hosting you all. Thank you to each of you for all that you have done and continue to do for our athletes. Wishing you all another great year ahead!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Coogan
BCSSA Vice President

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

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

We continue to ensure prudent financial management practices are in place, including the employment of a CPA-designated bookkeeper. We continue to monitor our internal control processes, allowing us to manage our financial resources appropriately and provide direct financial benefits to our regions and clubs.

There have been no significant changes to BCSSA's operations or controls. As in prior years, but not since 2018, a financial peer review was once again conducted this July. This review has specific procedures conducted over revenues, expenses and balance sheet line items. I would like to thank Vivian Valancius and Grace Rebamontan for volunteering their time to perform this peer review. All recommendations will be taken into consideration and financial adjustments were made accordingly.

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

- Registration income increased by 43%. Some increase was expected as 2022 was still at the tail end of the pandemic, but it was also an increase of 22% over 2019.
- The budget for this year was created during the last significant wave of the pandemic and was very conservative, particularly on registration. During 2020, we operated at a loss of \$93,531.63, last year we had net income of \$47,802 and this year had a net income of \$83,661. This puts us approximately \$38,000 ahead of our pre-pandemic levels. Neither of the last two budgets allowed for Capital Grants or Strategic Implementation. Moving forward, the finance committee will come up with a formula for distributing these funds based on our cash balances from the previous season, rather than budgeting for them outright.
- The staging of the 2022 Provincial Championships saw a loss of \$24,129. This is primarily due to the unforeseen increases in facilities rental, travel and accommodation costs from the previous time we held the meet in Kamloops. We remind the membership that BCSSA aims to stage the Provincials, on average from year to year, at a breakeven budget. We continue to monitor and balance the costs associated with certain facilities, while still hosting Provincials in various cities in British Columbia. Another thing to consider with this goal is that most of the expenses associated with staging the AGM are included in the costs of provincials, although they are not directly related to the event.
- General Administrative expenses saw an overall increase of 22%. This increase is mostly offset by the summer employment grant of \$19,600. Salaries were down due to not having a manager for several months and offset by an increase in professional fees needed to settle the end of the contract.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT cont'd

As a reminder, BCSSA established the BCSSA Endowment Fund with the Vancouver Foundation in 2017. With the initial contribution of \$200,000, we are now able to ensure that scholarships will be available to those graduating high school for years to come. To donate to the Fund, visit the website below. Tax receipts are provided.

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

BCSSA strives to support the growth and development of our member clubs and we are happy to be in a position to support our member clubs through the various financial assistance programs such as Capital Grants, Financial Aid to members and Strategic Plan Initiatives. If you have any feedback or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Sheehan,
Treasurer

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION'S REPORT

I'm very excited to be back on The Island after 8 long years – Nanaimo is a great city to visit, and the Aquatic Centre is a great venue with a super-fast pool. The facility staff have been extremely accommodating and we are certain that a great Provincials experience will be had by athletes, coaches, and spectators alike.

We will be continuing with the Simplified Marshalling for the senior pool prelims at Provincials as debuted in 2018, and we have extended this process for 2023 to include finals for all swimmers from Div 5 and up. Response has been extremely positive to this process, as it makes things easier and simpler for athletes and officials alike.

The other major change for Provincials in 2023 is going to make for some super exciting races. The only thing more exciting than a relay is a Regional Relay, so why not 'crank it up a notch' with Mixed Regional Relays? I'm really looking forward to Sunday afternoon, as these new events will be exciting to watch, and will give the smaller regions the opportunity to bring home some Regional Relay hardware.

At the time I write this, final arrangements are being made with the facility people in Nanaimo, and I think that you will all be pleased with the day camping area, the Member Services center, and the on-site vendors. A reminder that spectator capacity will be limited, and we will be encouraging spectators to help each other out so that as many as possible can watch the races they came to see. We will be streaming all the speed swimming online, so why not kick back and watch some of the racing on your phone?

Looking forward to sharing some Island Time,

Sean Cauley
Director of Competition
BC Summer Swimming Association

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

This is my second year in this position. With the pandemic largely behind us, it was great to settle into what we used to know as a 'normal' swim season, the full season not just summer. With that normal swim season, I was also able to undertake the responsibilities of my role in a more typical year.

There were some challenges along the way. Part of my position involves fielding concerns or complaints. While the BCSSA is largely a positive, social community of like-minded folks, the occasional conflict does arise. Most can be managed at the club executive level. Occasionally when a resolution agreeable to both sides can not be reached the issue gets escalated to the regional and/or provincial levels. Unfortunately, more of my time than I would like to admit was spent on these sorts of issues this off season.

On the positive side, I also got to chair the Scholarship Committee. I was thoroughly impressed with the character of ALL the applicants. So many are hardworking, athletic, well rounded, dedicated, smart and giving of their time and experience. It's just another example that the BCSSA does not just develop great swimmers but also great human beings. I look forward to the presentations to the worthy recipients.

The remainder of my time was sitting on a few sub-committees. It was nice to be involved in the hiring sub-committee. First on the search and hiring of our new head office manager. We went a good part of the off season with a manager, so it was great to have Natalie in place and keeping us on an even keel. We are also happy to have Negar join her as office assistant for summer 2023.

I look forward to seeing so many smiling faces at the Member Services table at Provincials in Nanaimo. Both Natalie and Negar will be spending a fair bit time there as well. Swing by and say hi in between the racing action.

I continue to be very impressed with the experience and knowledge of the members of this provincial board and would like to thank them for their tremendous support. I will be standing for another term in this position. If chosen, I hope to continue to help make the BCSSA better.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan Connelly

Director of Member Services



DIRECTOR OF OFFICIAL'S REPORT

Summer 2023 has been an amazing competitive season! Parents in all eight regions stepped up to become officials and we saw growth in the number of officials progressing to the next pin level. The last year has seen seven (7) officials attaining their Masters level (Navy Blue pin). These promotions are important as it is often Senior (Light Blue pin), Master and Specialist (Orange pin) officials who have the expertise to run the swim meets. Having said that, I know there are many Junior (Green pin) and Intermediate (Red pin) officials who have a lot of knowledge to contribute. I encourage all officials to continue to move out of their comfort zones and work towards higher pin levels so our meets can continue to run efficiently.

This has been a busy year for the Regional Directors of Officials (RDOs) and I! The RDOs worked hard to recruit the new officials and support them through their training. We are also revising the training tools for the various levels of officiating. We completed the Stroke and Turn PowerPoint and quiz revision and are currently working on the PowerPoints and quizzes for the Starter/Ref clinic and Chief Meet Recorder clinic.

I enjoyed visiting a meet in each of the eight regions this season. It was very interesting seeing how everyone worked together and observing the many differences in how the regions achieve the same goals. If you saw me on my phone during my visit to your region, it was probably because I was taking notes about the differences! This is the first time a Provincial Director of Officials (PDO) visited all the regions in the same year since 2018. The notes that I've taken have been shared amongst the RDOs and, hopefully, this information will provide some optional ways of doing some things, where necessary. Thank you to everyone who welcomed me into their region!

The next year will bring its own challenges and adventures, but there are a number of clinics/educational offerings that could be developed or revised to continue the supportive development of BCSSA officials. Specifically, a clinic for Timers, Recorders and Head Timers would be beneficial, as would one for Clerk of the Course. Additionally, the training for the Conflict Resolution and Harassment clinics should be updated and implemented for officials at all pin levels. As a teacher, I am very excited to see and support the continued development of training materials for officials at all levels.

I wish all the participating athletes the best of luck and, when you see me on the pool deck, feel free to ask me questions about officiating. To the parents and guardians of these amazing athletes – thank you for all you do in supporting your children!

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Esplen
Director of Officials

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the BC Summer Swimming Registrar Report for 2023. As of July 13th, we have a total of 6,711 athletes spread across 58 clubs in 8 regions. This represents steady growth over the past three years. We are delighted to welcome all the new athletes who have joined us this season.

Two clubs tie for the smallest coming in at 36 swimmers - here's looking at you Hope River Monsters (FV) and Similkameen Steelheads (OK). On the other end of the spectrum, the Coquitlam Sharks have an impressive 407 athletes, almost double or triple the size of most other clubs.

The gender distribution remains balanced, with approximately a 48:52 ratio of girls to boys among our athletes. The largest age category comprises 6 to 12-year-olds, constituting 4,047 athletes, which accounts for 75% of our total participant count. Additionally, we are thrilled to see that our "start them early" philosophy is taking root, as we have 22 registrants who are just 2 and 3 years old. But age is just a number in BCSSA as we also have several swimmers who have celebrated more than 70 trips around the sun.

With the increased numbers it was critical that we reduce the work of club and regional registrars, and to that end we removed the SS/WW/SW requirements, reduced the number of reporting dates to 2 per year, and found easier ways to account for duplicate swimmers. One thing that has been realized is that through Active, S category and O category athletes/parents have been self-determining/ identifying their status instead of being assigned their status by the club registrar. Your executive will be addressing this over the non-competitive season. Stay tuned!

Ensuring a safe environment for our athletes is a top priority. We have made strides in identifying coaches in the rosters and ensuring they meet the minimum standards for Safe Sport, as mandated by Sports Canada. The Safe Sport Training course, offered by CAC, has been highly beneficial, and we encourage all members to take the course to recognize, prevent, and address maltreatment in sport effectively.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all club registrars and regional registrars for their tireless dedication and support. Your prompt responses, thoughtful inquiries, and commitment to ensuring a level playing field for every athlete are commendable. Together, we create an environment where every swimmer can confidently participate, knowing they are competing against peers in their category with fairness and integrity.

In conclusion, I express my gratitude to the entire BCSSA community for making this year a resounding success.

Catherine Schwichtenberg
Provincial Registrar

2023 Registration Data

Club Affiliation

	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Cariboo	4	4	6
Fraser South	8	8	8
Fraser Valley	9	9	9
Kootenay	7	7	7
Okanagan	10	10	10
Simon Fraser	5	5	5
Vancouver & Districts	5	5	5
Vancouver Island	11	11	11
Totals	59	59	61

Registration Data

	2023/2024 *	2022/2023 **	2021/2022 **	2020/2021 **
Cariboo	529	469	537	260
Fraser South	1263	1155	1140	859
Fraser Valley	804	1360	1129	788
Kootenay	365	339	348	181
Okanagan	765	665	608	491
Simon Fraser	1184	1097	1245	950
Vancouver & Districts	657	568	650	491
Vancouver Island	1142	1012	1195	785
Totals	6709	6665	6852	4805

* 2023/2024 numbers only include Summer registrations.

** 2020/2021 through 2022/2023 numbers include Summer, Fall and Winter registrations.

Registration Breakdown by Sport

	Artistic	Diving	Swimming	Water Polo
Cariboo	0	0	529	0
Fraser South	38	0	1223	210
Fraser Valley	4	3	761	47
Kootenay	0	0	365	2
Okanagan	0	0	765	0
Simon Fraser	24	26	1186	91
Vancouver & Districts	33	46	657	178
Vancouver Island	25	0	1098	76
Totals	124	75	6584	604

2023 Multi Sport Athletes

	# of Athletes
1 Sport	5885
2 Sports	553
3 Sports	72
4 Sports	15

DIRECTOR OF DIVING'S REPORT

Program: In 2023 we had two clubs with diving programs, representing two regions. We lost Abbotsford this year due to lack of coaching. As well Burnaby and Port Moody were looking re activate their diving program and again lack of coaching prevented this. Tsawwassen expressed interest in starting a program which once again we could not find coaches that could get this kick started. Overall registration numbers are doing quite well for diving.

Coquitlam Sharks (Simon Fraser Region) – 25 divers which is the same as last year

North Vancouver Cruisers (Vancouver & District) – 56 divers started the season (75 originally expressed interest as this is a one fee club and you can participate in all sports)

Overall, there has been great competition. We have had three meets as North Van was able to facilitate holding a small beginning of the year prior to their normal Hootenanny. North Van has successfully held their regional competition with Coquitlam just around the corner.

Coaches: Both clubs have coaches returning from last year with a few new ones in the mix. Burnaby, Port Moody and Abbotsford did not run dive programs this year due to not being able to secure coaches. We are continuing to work with BC Diving to have training seminars available to train more coaches. Swimming coaches who are interested could take the two-day Intro to Dive Coaching Clinic offered by BC Diving. Dates for this not yet known and anyone interested please email diving@bcsummerswimming.com. We would like to further develop coaches' skills and should there be interest I will work with BC diving to hold coaching sessions.

Judges/Officials: Last provincials we ran a judge's clinic for parents and that was fantastic. While we still require help from BC dive and previous BCSSA member for having experienced judges on our panels these parents really stepped up this year. We are trying to plan another clinic for this provincials to add more parents to the mix as well as the current trained parents gain more knowledge.

Volunteers: We are a small sport and would like to reaffirm to parents that we cannot hold the meets without participation. Please consider helping out at future meets. Any volunteer participation is greatly appreciated. Table worker get a front row view of the divers... hint hint!

Equipment: Dive meets require the use of a sound system to announce dives and results. A small portable sound system, to be shared by all the clubs, would be very helpful. The cost would hopefully be under \$150. This purchase will be requested at the Board meeting in October. This was discussed last year and had not been purchased. Will readdress this year.

Rules: Diving requirements were reviewed in 2016, and modified to reduce the difficulty for new divers, and to split the groups between Summer Divers and Open Divers. This has increased overall participation at meets, however there are relatively few divers competing in the Open categories, leading to limited competition for these divers. We will continue to encourage coaches to move divers from the Summer category to the Open category when they are able. Additionally, rules were again modified in 2021 adding one additional degree of difficulty aspect for dives with twists or rotations to give more incentive for summer divers to increase their dive portfolios. Further to these past rule changes more changes were made last year. The DD charts were combined to be used for both Summer and OPEN categories as we look to be able to go digital for scoring next year.

Focus for 2022-2023: Work with BC Diving to train more coaches and judges/ Improve coaches development, including possibly offering one-on-one sessions at club practices or before meets/ Purchase a portable sound system to be shared by all clubs.

Drea Beye, Director of Diving

DIRECTOR OF WATER POLO'S REPORT

This was the second summer since the new rules that went into effect on August 31st, 2021, separating the high-performance players that will now be referred to as O-cat and the summer players. After feedback from Provincials last year, we put trial rules in place to try and amend some of the issues that came up last year. Trials rules that included removing the Ocat1 division and having any players rostered on a U15 NCL team play up an age category. The rules were put in in hopes of creating an opportunity for the growth of developing players and the continuation of O-cat players, as well as room for clubs to encourage players to join and try water polo.

Another change that came to water polo was not a rule change but was implemented to continue the growth of water polo in BCSSA with beach water polo rules. This means smaller playing fields, nets, and fewer players in the water. This is in hopes that with having to field fewer players on a team we will be able to keep kids in the sport longer and clubs with fewer players will still be able to participate in games and tournaments.

Following Provincials, we will continue to look at and examine how these new rules have affected water polo this summer and how we can better adjust to make water polo stronger. Crescent Beach Swim Club, Burnaby Barracudas, Haney Neptunes, Coquitlam Sharks, and Nanaimo White Rapids were all able to host tournaments this summer. North Delta Sunfish continued to grow their sport through outreach to other clubs within their region. Many clubs were able to host scrimmages within their region as well as outside their region. Additionally, we saw the growth of water polo on Vancouver Island with introduction of water polo to Nanaimo White Rapids.

See you around the pool,
Samantha Furneaux

COACHES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

BCSSA coaches are dedicated to creating a positive environment for multisport athletes to grow. While most coaches work multiple jobs, they are highly dedicated to this organization, as well as sport in general. BCSSA has made great steps this year to plan for the future of the organization as well as staying up to date with current swimming rules.

The rule changes that came out of this year are regarding the backstroke finish, rewording a rule regarding dives, and clarifying some language around others.

A new committee has been established within the Board to ensure the safety of every participant in BCSSA. The committee was formed after Safe Sport was introduced and mandated throughout the province. Through Safe Sport education, BCSSA as a whole is taking steps towards positive coach education. Our hope is to be able to deliver this kind of education to swimmers and board members alongside our coaching staff.

The four aquatic sports within our organization are improving every year. This speaks to the enthusiasm and dedication people have for BCSSA and the positive effects it is having on our communities. This past winter, a coach from each region took part in updating a Coaches course to help train junior coaches throughout BCSSA. This is an amazing first step at promoting coach development. Since this program will currently be for junior coaches, I still recommended seeking education through taking your NCCP 101 and 201 programs if feasible.

In the future, I would like to see BCSSA work on connecting summer clubs to winter clubs and universities. Despite not being a part of SwimBC, fostering a positive relationship with your community's winter club helps to better cater to a swimmer's interest and needs around their future in swimming. Summer swimmers can transfer and have an opportunity at furthering their swimming careers; winter swimmers can race for the summer giving them access to our exciting program.

BCSSA has room to grow, but we are on the right trajectory. Thank you to the board and all.

Fynn Heaney-Corns
Coach Representative

CARIBOO REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Cariboo clubs each had successful winter maintenance working towards, and looking forward to, a regular competitive summer season. This year our region had an increase of 60 swimmers and each of our meets had more swimmers attending than in previous years.

The first meet of the year was a collaborative effort from the whole region. We worked towards and had a very successful meet in Mackenzie. The Mackenzie Rainbows have not had a club in a few years, and we held a meet in the community to work towards bringing competitive swimming back. The meet was successful due to the swimmers who competed, coaches, the officials, volunteers, and parents, and the District of Mackenzie.

Quesnel, Vanderhoof, and Prince George also held successful meets this season. Dawson Creek hosted our Regional Meet.

The Regional Board will continue to support clubs as they prepare for winter maintenance sessions, and work towards the 2024 Summer season.

I would like to thank the Provincial Board for their work over the past year. I would like to thank the swimmers, coaches, parents, officials, and Board Members of the Cariboo Region for their commitment to swimming in the North.

Yours in swimming,
Deirdre McDonald
Cariboo Regional Director



FRASER SOUTH REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Fraser South Region was ready to get back to competition this summer with new coaches, board members and families in several clubs.

Our membership continued to grow through the hard work of many families and board members who found ways of reaching out to their respective communities to spread the word of BCSSA and their respective programs. With the loss of resource expertise in many critical areas of running a competition, the spirit of "We are ONE and let's COLLABORATE" from last season continues. Each club supported each other's swim meets where officials were doing multiple shifts and alumni returned to help and transfer their expertise. Many parents also stepped up doing multiple volunteer shifts including shadowing officials, electronics and office experts. We're very happy with the increase in interest in learning to be officials and meet experts. The swim meets all ran successfully and illustrated the heart of each FS Club.

A visible difference in our Region is the progression of coaching roles as many coaches have moved on in their education and career paths. As such, we are excited to welcome new leadership with new head coaches and are looking forward to seeing the development of senior members moving on to junior coaches. The clubs are working hard to ensure these new coaches take ownership of their new roles and are on the right path to becoming great coaches and leaders for our region.

A continued success for our Region is the growth in water polo. A few clubs supported each other's players throughout the Fall/Winter sessions in hopes of maintaining last year's momentum for water polo this summer. Partnerships and collaborations continued in the summer amongst the water polo clubs and 2 high performance clubs. The FS Regional Water Polo will again be able to run several age categories (U12, U14, U16 and U18 - including S and O players) with representation from 4 clubs.

Artistic swimming continues to use their 2 clubs to reach out to their respective communities in hopes of building the sport. With the unfortunate cancellation of their Regionals, everyone is thrilled to be able to represent the Region at Provincials.

Together with all the Club Presidents, we are very proud of the growth and resilience our clubs have shown throughout the year.

Thank you,

Jane Rashed
Interim FS Director



FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Fraser Valley Region has taken some huge steps this year. All 8 clubs have shown growth with a total of 806 registered athletes, and we have seen almost a complete recovery from the Covid years.

After last season there was concern among the Regional Board about the workload on Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers and Parents. With 8 clubs hosting a meet in 2022 we elected to reduce the number of meets to 6 (not including Regional Championships). The Hope River Monsters offered to give up their swim meet and work with Agassiz, a neighboring community, to host the Kristy Hatt Memorial Swim Meet. The Abbotsford Whalers also opted not to host a swim meet, as they were hosting the 2023 Fraser Valley Regional Championships. This schedule proved to be a much-improved workload for all. The Langley Flippers and Agassiz-Harrison Aquanauts hosted large meets this season which included out of region clubs from the Fraser South and the Simon Fraser regions. The Aldergrove Sea Monkeys showed strong growth in numbers and hosted an excellent Regional Spirit event in mid-July. The Haney Neptunes continue to be the driver behind Water Polo in our Region as the sport continues to grow in the Fraser Valley. The Mission Marlins continue to be a strong club in the Fraser Valley. As 2022 Provincial Champions, they are the first Fraser Valley club ever to win a BCSSA Provincial swimming title.

In 2023 the Fraser Valley saw the number of pinned Officials and Volunteers grow tremendously. Coming out of Covid we lost many senior officials and struggled through last season relying on a small group to manage the head of the deck and the crash desk. We are excited for the years to come as many of our new officials took huge steps this season.

Overall, we are very excited with the state of our Region. Financially we are in a strong position and most importantly we have provided a fun, safe, inclusive, and competitive atmosphere for all our athletes to thrive in the Aquatic sports they love. The Fraser Valley Region takes great pride in the success of our athletes and looks to continue to grow our clubs to better serve our communities.

Best of luck to all the Athletes at this year's BCSSA Provincial Championships!

Sincerely,

Mitch McCormick
Fraser Valley Regional Director



KOOTENAY REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summer swimming is alive and well in the Kootenays again!

Increased Enrolment: One of the major objectives of this season was to boost registration for some of our smaller clubs. All 7 clubs within the Kootenay Region experienced increased enrolment compared to last year. This growth in participation has helped create a more vibrant and engaging environment for our young swimmers.

Swim Meet Attendance: In addition to the increased club enrolment, we also worked to improve attendance at swim meets throughout the region. To achieve this, we strategically changed the order of our Region's meets -hoping that participating in home meets would inspire swimmers and parents to want to attend more meets. Our Regional Coaching team also played a huge role in encouraging swimmers and families to attend meets and become part of the "Kootenay swim family". It has been wonderful to see the friendships and connections that have formed between swimmers and families from different clubs in our region this summer. While it still remains a challenge to encourage swimmers from our more remote teams to attend meets hosted by other clubs, we do understand the logistical hurdles faced by these teams and will continue to explore ways to facilitate their participation in future seasons.

Innovations and Technological Advancements: This year, our Regional Director of Electronics (Alan LeRoy) took the initiative to develop a new timing program compatible with our Colorado timing system. The integration of iPads and TV displays to showcase swimmers' names and times for each event proved to be a huge success. This innovation not only enhanced the overall efficiency of our meets but also added a layer of excitement and engagement for swimmers and spectators alike.

Promoting Officiating: At the start of the season, we faced a shortage of stroke and turn officials. However, our Regional Director of Officials (Chad Badry) was able to lead a number of S&T and Starter/Ref clinics over the course of the summer and as a result, we now have a much more robust officiating team.

The 2023 season has been one of learning, growth, and achievement for the Kootenay Region. With the dedication and collective efforts of our new Regional Board members and existing team, we were able to create a successful swim season. We will build on this year's accomplishments to continue supporting our clubs, swimmers, and officials, and ensure that the sport of summer swimming continues to flourish within our region.

Looking ahead, I am confident that the KO region will continue to grow and prosper!

Leanne Douglas
KO Regional Director



OKANAGAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Okanagan Region has had a very successful year in 2023. Our regional membership increased by 15% compared to 2022 and increased by 3.5% compared to 2019, for all accounts we are back to our historical numbers. There have been some struggles within the region with clubs rebuilding, but we are glad to have the Lumby Lightning back up and running with a strong membership this year and we look forward to getting them back into the meet schedule for next year.

This year the region hosted 9 swim meets and for the first time, the Similkameen Steelheads are included in this year's tally as they hosted their first fun meet at the end of July. Across the region we had meet attendance increase by approximately 20% over 2022 which is a great sign looking ahead to 2024. We would like to thank the out of region teams that made their way to the Okanagan this year and we would like to welcome you again in 2024.

2024 Okanagan Region Meet Schedule:

June 1	Princeton Fun Meet	July 6/7	Penticton
June 8/9	Salmon Arm	July 13/14	Golden
June 15/16	Lumby	July 20/21	Kelowna
June 22/23	Merrit	July 27	Similkameen Fun Meet
June 29/30	Revelstoke		

We have had a significant number of new officials come out for the meets this year. We are hoping that this continues in a positive direction, and we believe this is due to the hard work of our club directors as well as our Regional Director of Officials in creating an inviting environment of inclusion, sharing, and fun for all parents at the meets.

We had another great compliment of coaches in our region this year, with many starting their swimming lives right here in the Okanagan. Our region is proud of the respect that the coaches have for one another as well as the cooperation and respect between officials and coaches. Without the mutual respect of one another our season would not have been the success that it was so thank you for all that you do.

Thank you to all the parents in our region who continue to step up and help with club executives, regional executives and running successful swim meets. Your efforts have made for a successful season, and I look forward to another great year in 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Holland
 Okanagan Regional Director



SIMON FRASER REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hey Everybody, Let's Switch Pools!!

This was a year of adapting further to upgrades and reconstruction of older pools in the Region. Two main training pools for our clubs were closed while one we do not typically use was demoed and a neighbouring city had to shut down its only indoor pool while the new one is under construction (and a year behind schedule).

All this made for tight scheduling as 3 cities found themselves with fewer pools for public swims, swim lessons and programs and aquatic clubs. It also meant two of our clubs had to shift out of their traditional venues for home swim meets. Despite all this the Region grew by almost 10% and cooperation amongst clubs ensured everyone held successful meets, if in somewhat unfamiliar surroundings.

A full slate of dive, artistic, swim and water polo events were held and very well attended. There was an increase in the number of out of Region clubs at our events, most notably in water polo, which speaks to the overall health of BCSSA. In return, Simon Fraser clubs attended more out of Region events than in previous years. The feedback was very positive which is fantastic. SF clubs are already making plans to go further afield and see more of the Province through competitions next season.

As I write this in late July SF clubs are getting ready to open up their Fall and Winter Maintenance registrations. Word is these programs will be even more popular than before. Safe to say we can feel the momentum building again in aquatics. The coming years look very wet.

Carl Trepanier
Regional Director
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VANCOUVER & DISTRICT REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I feel very fortunate to be representing the V&D region on the provincial board this year. I have been on the Regional Board as the president of the Squamish Pirates for several years, this year I decided to step back from that role and step in as Regional Director. I really enjoy working with the Regional Board and have built several friendships from working with this group.

The Provincial Board works hard all year to ensure a fun, safe and inclusive season for all athletes. I am especially proud of the team's work on Safe Sport and ensuring all our athletes, coaches and volunteers feel respected and safe. It has been great working with the Provincial Board and a unique opportunity to see the BCSSA through a different lens.

The V&D region had a great season with four regional swim meets as well as our regional championship happening at North Shore Winter Club. The clubs in our region work so well together supporting each other's meets and helping in any way possible. This year the Super Sharks and Cruisers teamed up to run the annual Hootenanny meet, it was great to see both clubs work so well together to give the Super Sharks a chance to co-host a meet for the first time.

All clubs are facing challenges of lack of pool time. In Squamish there is only one pool and several user groups as well as public access requirements. On the North Shore there have been multiple pools close for various reasons causing planning practices, a real juggling act, some clubs using 4 pools to train at. Despite these challenges our numbers are up about 70 athletes. The North Vancouver Cruisers continue to be our only 4 sport club, I believe the biggest barrier for our other clubs is finding pool space to train the other sports.

The V&D region has struggled the last few years to find people to help with electronics. I am happy to report that several members from all five clubs have come together this year to build a very strong electronics team. We purchased the new Colorado GEN7 and after a bumpy start it is running great and we are able to use it for our regional meet. Due to the cost of the GEN7 we are looking at creative ways to generate income so we can purchase new cables and other pieces of electronics that are slowly failing or becoming out of date.

This year our region has seen a shortage of officials, especially senior officials. Throughout the season several new people have done the training course and have been busy working on deck to get experience. Although we are still lacking senior officials it is good to see new faces join the crew and work their way up the official ladder.

Overall, it was a very strong year for the V&D region and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Guerin
Vancouver and Districts Regional Director

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Vancouver Island Region has enjoyed a very successful swim season. Our number of swimmers has increased from 1012 last year to 1140 this year. We have lots of young, first-time swimmers and new club board members. With many of our experienced members still actively involved, we have a wonderful mix of fresh ideas and wisdom within our region.

We hosted our usual 7 swim meets this season. Each meet brings its own flavour and sense of fun. From the air band competition at Campbell River to the Sprint Challenge in Sidney, our island meets bring a chance to compete in unique and exciting ways. Our swimmers swam their hearts out, but also enjoyed silly fun in the team tents. This is what summer swimming is all about.

The connections within the VI Region are strong and there is a true sense of cooperation among clubs. Sharing equipment, expertise and person-power is a strong part of the VI culture. Team spirit is evident among coaches, as well. From collaborative planning for senior camp to coaching exchanges, VI coaches support, challenge and help each other. Most importantly, VI swimmers enjoy both healthy competition and friendship among teams. High fives and handshakes before and after races between competitors is the norm here.

It has been an amazing season full of fast swimming, personal bests and camaraderie. We are excited to see what Provincials will bring—Go Gators!

Shelly Johnson
Regional Director
Vancouver Island



NOTICES OF MOTION

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

DIRECTOR OF ARTISTIC SWIMMING

The Board asked all the sports to look and see what we could change to help improve our sport. So, this season, Artistic Swimming is trying out having technical routines and free routines instead of figures and free routines. So far this has been a success but we have only had feedback meets and will have to wait for Provincials to fully see. Regionals was cancelled this year due to a chemical leak at the pool, all routines were qualified for Provincials.

Carol Ross, the head coach of the North Vancouver Cruisers will be taking over as Artistic Director (if there are no challengers) next season. Carol will be shadowing for the rest of this season to help the transition and Nicola will stay around to help next season and beyond, if needed.

The plan of expanding Artistic Swimming across BC has started with Nanaimo White Rapids joining the Artistic family this season. The expansion plan will continue to move forward slowly with other clubs being approached. The rules will be adjusted as needed.

Another big change for Artistic this season is the time limits for routines. They are all now a maximum of 4 minutes. This will be assessed at the end of the season to see if it continues. The change was made to make everything easier for volunteers and clubs.

It has been honour to serve this Board.

Nicola Iten

Director of Artistic Swimming



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