

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

August 6, 2011 - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre 12:30pm

In Attendance:

Russ Der Regional Director, Colette Wood Asst Regional Director, Alan Jackson Regional Treasurer, Ralph Kussauer Regional Director of Officials, Kevin Stacey Regional Registrar, Kevin Bourgeois Regional Director of Water Polo, Bernie Taekema NAN, Sandy McLeod POW, Doug Fraser SSS, Jenny Iazard OAK, Carolyn Campbell JUA, Lorraine Arnott COU, Isabelle Jahnke COU, Michele Novecosky COU, Christine Helpard COU, Deiter Brock PDI, Helen Lemon-Moore PDI, Erik Jorgensen CVB, Bob Cools CVB, Cindy Fehr NAN, Gerda Lattey SSS

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Russ Der reminded all clubs of the importance of transparency, communication and that the individual board members work together to ensure that their club's are doing the best they can for their members. All board members should attend one of the BCSSA's Harrassment and Conflict Resolution clinics.

At the upcoming 2011 Provincial Championships in Richmond, our regional duty is security and safety marshalling at Watermania. All clubs have been asked to submit their list of volunteers for their time slots. Instruction will be given to the volunteers at the beginning of each shift. Russ will act as supervisor to ensure all runs smoothly.

A notice was sent out regarding parking on Friday of Provincials. Watermania has "double booked" part of the parking lot but is offering a shuttle service to an alternate lot. Colette/Doug - Carried

REGIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alan Jackson presented the regional financial report, see attached. He reported much the same as last year. Regional medal and ribbon invoices have not been included as of yet. Kevin B/Deiter - Carried

REGIONAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Kevin Stacey reported that 714 swimmers were registered for our summer season. Only two clubs in our region (COU and SSS) had an increase in registration over last year. 2010 registration was 932. Discussion about ways to increase registration within

our clubs. Communication and growth should be our club's priority in order to keep our club's numbers healthy.

Request from the Registrar to clubs to please reply to e-mails promptly. A regional contact list will be compiled to allow the Registrar to send out information to the region to the appropriate contacts.

A reminder to club's that it is the Head Coach's responsibility to have all swimmers' medical and contact information with them at all times in case of an emergency situation. Doug/Jenny - Carried

REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS:

Ralph Kussauer stated he was disappointed in the low turn-out at the three Stroke and Turn Clinics that were held over the past summer season, (OAK Skills Clinic, NAN and CVB). Clubs must encourage parents to get involved on deck. Many of our senior officials will be leaving BCSSA within the next year or two and new officials must be trained. There is no reason that our officials should have to be on deck for the whole meet, at every meet. Ralph thanked the many officials who gave their time to make summer swimming possible on the Island.

The new disqualification process that was used at virtually all of our swim meets this summer worked extremely well for all involved. A new position called the DQ Referee was put into place. Once the disqualification was signed off by the session referee, the DQ ref would verbally notify the club's coach(es) of the swimmers' infraction. This allowed the coach(es) to understand exactly what the infraction was and ensured that the swimmer would receive a de-briefing from their coach rather than an official who they may not know. This is especially important for the younger competitors.

He has recommended that this process be followed consistently at our regional meets. Trudy Kemper, Provincial Director of Officials, states that this does not break any summer swim bylaws as long as the coaches are notified within 15 minutes.

It is hoped that this process will attract new parents into the role of officiating as it may be more comfortable to write up a disqualification with the knowledge that they will not have to speak to the swimmer directly and potentially cause an uncomfortable situation.

Three upgrade BCSSA pins were handed out this season.

Swimming "O" and "S" categories together will speed up swim meets and will give all swimmers equal opportunity whether fast or slow. Sandy/Isabelle - Carried

REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF WATER POLO:

Kevin Bourgeois reported that NAN has held a fun water polo clinic which was not well attended. He encouraged clubs to consider adding this aquatic to their club. Discussion regarding water polo coaches and cost of equipment. Clubs reported that extra pool space for water polo practices may be difficult to come by.

No VI clubs are officially offering water polo at this time. Jenny/Helen - Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

S&O Tiering report was sent out to all clubs. This will be discussed at the Provincial AGM being held this evening right after finals.

It is encouraged that all clubs send a representative to the Provincial AGM to allow our VI Region a voice in the voting process. Each club is allowed one vote.

ELECTION OF 2011/12 REGIONAL BOARD:

The following persons have been elected by acclamation:

Regional Director - Russ Der
Asst. Regional Director - Colette Wood
Treasurer - Isabelle Jahnke (Alan Jackson stepped down)
Registrar - Kevin Stacey
Director of Officials - Ralph Kussauer
Asst. Director of Officials - Sandy McLeod
Director of Water Polo - Kevin Bourgeois
Secretary - Colette Wood

Motion that the following Board members will have signing authority:

Russ Der, Isabelle Jahnke and Kevin Stacey
Alan Jackson/Colette Wood Passed

Adjourned - 1:30pm