

**VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION AGM - Courtenay**  
**Saturday - Aug 4, 2012 - 12:15pm**

**In Attendance:**

Colette Wood Regional Director, Isabelle Jahnke Regional Treasurer, Kevin Stacey Regional Registrar, Kevin Bourgeois Regional Director of WaterPolo, Doug Fraser SSS, Gerda Lattey SSS, Alan Jackson SID, Tonya Warren SID, Brian Bikadi SID, Marie Truong SID, Jim Phillips SID, Brian Webster OAK, Heather McKay OAK, Jenny IZARD OAK, Graham Voss OAK, Larry Bjelde OAK, Stephen McKay OAK, Don Goodman NAN, Brian Kirkhope NAN, Russ Der NAN,, Laura-Lee Maguire POW, Laara Jarvey PDI, Helen Lemon-Moore PDI, Iza Gilson CAM, Janice Scriba CAM, Karla Leighton CAM, Liz Wilson CAM, Phil Fewer CVB, Neil Truffor CVB, Sheila Coogan CVB, Sara Lowe CVB, Susan Aucherloine COU and Rob Webb COU.

**Introduction** of Regional Board. Reminder that all positions are up for nomination and election. Two positions, Regional Treasurer and Regional Director of WaterPolo, (Isabelle and Kevin) are willing to stand for re-election, all others are vacant.

All clubs should have a representative attend the Provincial AGM being held in Nanaimo on Thursday August 16.

**Call for New Business:**

Kevin Stacey - Regional Meet Manager needed.

Laara Jarvey PDI - "Build a Pool"

(See New Business below)

**Review and Accept Minutes of our August 6, 2011 AGM:**

*Motion - Colette Wood moves to accept 2011 AGM minutes as presented.*

*Doug Fraser SSS/ Helen Lemon-Moore*

Passed unanimously.

**Regional Directors Report (Colette Wood):**

This is my 14<sup>th</sup> summer with BCSSA. All these years have contributed much to our family, we've met so many friends along the way and my daughters have benefitted from life lessons in motivation and dedication. The BCSSA family has been one of the best things we've done with our children growing up, the memories will last a lifetime.

Our region has accomplished much. We established our DQ Ref system of handling disqualifications two summers ago, it has been more than successful. Salt Spring with their open water swim is fantastic, hopefully you will keep this fun event going in the future as it is the only meet in the Province that offers an open water swim. Our officiating is great, but we need more manpower on deck. When we go over to the mainland and attend swim meets there, officials are elbowing each other out of the way to have the opportunity to sign up for a shift, there are so many. This is what our region is lacking and I ask you clubs again, to please make this a focus with your membership. We must train officials, these meets won't run without them. Not everyone who takes a Stroke and Turn Clinic will end up out on deck, it's not for everyone, but some people

will find a niche somewhere else. It may be in the timing booth, crash desk or enjoying serving and prepping food, but we must involve as many people as we can in order to move forward.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on deck at Provincials, we're going to do this together, for our athletes and their families. As I leave the pool when Provincials is over, I will say goodbye to all of you, but not goodbye forever, as I still remember the people I met when I first came into this sport. That was a long time ago - how time flies when you're having fun! We will all remember, it's been too good to forget. Keep up the good work and keep your kids in the pool, there's no place like it!

**Treasurers Report (Isabelle Jahnke):**

Profit and Loss report and Balance Sheet presented. The region is \$5,000 ahead compared to the same point last year, we are looking good.

**Registrars Report (Kevin Stacey):**

Thanks to all, it has been a privilege to work with all of you. I will not be standing for re-election but will be available to the person who will take over the registration for the next year in regards to help and answering questions. We have a total of 109 more swimmers registered than last year for a total of 823. As Colette mentioned, our region needs to encourage new parents to take a Stroke and Turn Clinic and get out on deck.

Reminder that there is no longer a requirement that clubs retain paper files. Remember to back up your electronic information regularly. The e-mail system for communication within our region worked extremely well. Someone should take this on for next season, it doesn't have to be the Registrar. Coaches need to change their "funny" names in their database to their correct legal name in Hy-Tek. I would prefer that the athletes names not be changed at all.

**Director of Officials Report (Ralph Kussauer):**

Another year has come and gone and I would like to thank all those who put on a white shirt to make summer swimming possible. For me, this was a difficult year, as my absence from too many meets does not help make things better. On the positive side, we had 5 Stroke and Turn Clinics with a total turnout of 54 participants!!!! A great number. Some refreshers, but mostly new people.

I would like to thank Alan Jackson, Colette Wood, Kevin Bourgeois and Bernie Taekema for taking on the job of putting on these clinics. This is of great importance bringing new officials in to carry the torch for the future. I highly encourage all those who participated to get on deck and improve your skills in judging. It is a vital part of keeping summer swimming possible. In the next 2 years there will be many senior officials leaving the fold as our kids move on; we need to encourage parents to take on these rolls. This year I will hand out 4 green pins and 1 specialist pin. This will be my last year with summer swimming. It is not fair to the region to have an absentee RDO. So in closing I would like to thank all those officials who made my time with summer swimming enjoyable, friendships made and laughter was had. I really enjoyed my time

with you all. We all make mistakes (God knows I made a few). Learn from them, it makes you better. I thank you all . . . .

**Director of Water Polo Report (Kevin Bourgeois):**

2 teams at Provincials. U18 and Open teams will participate. I wish to thank the coaches who made the difference in encouraging the kids to get involved. I believe Water Polo in our region is on the rebound.

**Diving:**

Don Goodman NAN reported that a Regional Championship was held in Nanaimo on August 3. For the first time in years we have a VI team participating at Provincials.

*Motion - To accept the 2012 reports as presented.*

*Jenny Izard OAK/ Gerda Lattey SSS*

Passed unanimously.

**VI Regional Board Elections:**

Regional Director - Brian Webster

Asst Regional Director(s) - Brian Kirkhope and Alan Jackson

Treasurer - Isabelle Jahnke

Registrar - Brian Bikadi

Director of Officials - Kevin Bourgeois

Asst Director(s) of Officials - Bernie Taekema and Kevin Bourgeois

Director of Water Polo - Kevin Bourgeois

Secretary - no nominations

Congratulations to all for stepping up!

**Signing Authority:**

Isabelle Jahnke and Alan Jackson will determine changes and will contact the bank. Discussion at the fall Regional Meeting.

**Provincial AGM:**

Russ Der NAN - reminder to all clubs to send a representative to the Provincial AGM held in Nanaimo on August 18.

**New Business:**

Regional Meet Manager is a great idea. Kevin Stacey took this role on this past summer and it worked extremely well. Kevin and Colette both looked over all the Meet Packages before they were sent out to ensure that BCSSA and VI Region Rules and Regulations were being followed. Kevin kept an updated contact list of coaches and Regional Board who all received e-mails in a timely fashion. Communication was excellent between all parties due to this system and no one was left out. This position

does not have to be taken on by a board member, could be anyone from any club who is willing to take on this role.

Laara Jarvey PDI will be attending an American Association course called "Build a Pool". She will summarize and send out the information she learned to be distributed to the region.

**Meeting Adjourned 1:10pm:**

*Motion - Motion to adjourn*

*Colette Wood RD/ Doug Fraser SSS*

Passed unanimously.