

AGM Minutes, August 7, 2021

Called to order: 1:47 p.m.

Present: Sarah Bonner (Orcas), Kurtis Scriba (SSS), Helen Lemon-Moore (PDI), Meghan Nish (OAK), Cathy Holland (CBD), Fynn Heaney-Corns (SPSC), Paul Mazzulli (JDF), James Revoy (CRSK), Lisa Giesbrecht (POW), Laura Hagen (CVB), Sara Benson (SPSC), Janine Fernandes-Hayden (SSS), Janice Gill (Orcas), Corey Scholefield (JDF), Brent Bostlethwaite (SPSC), Mark Duffell (NWSC), Kate Palmer (NWSC), Shelly Johnson (SSS), Sheila Coogan (CVB)

Regional Director Report:

-Busy year on the Provincial front. Zoom has enabled the board to meet more often. There have been committees formed to improve the complaint forms and process. There is a committee looking at water polo rules. May 15th SwimBC sent out a memo about starting a summer swim program. It might not affect some clubs at all, but is a threat in some places. BCSSA is monitoring this; promoting what is great about summer swimming. BCSSA held virtual conference that was for coaches, board members and parents. There was great participation from our region. They may look at hosting something similar every 2nd year.

-Numbers down in our region by about 200. Overall, not too bad. Some clubs held dual meets: SSI/Sid, Cour/Camp. Nanaimo hosted several mini meets, including one with CCB and SSI, and one with JDFI, Oak and PDI. Thank you Nanaimo for hosting Regionals and the mini meet. Thank you for clubs for quickly taking on volunteer roles. Thanks to the Regional board. Shout out to Kate for staying on for an extra year. She cannot stay on for another year. We need to find a Regional Treasurer.

Regional Treasurer Report: Submitted digitally, please see attached.

- We are in good shape
- \$25 flat fee covered expenses with a little bit of a surplus
- Insurance fee for BCSSA will be \$35/year

Regional Registrar Report: Submitted digitally, please see attached.

Regional Secretary: no report

Regional Director of Officials:

- Will offer virtual training this winter for anyone who is interested

Regional Coach:

- Strange season, affected community building with coaches
- Some coaching pairs happened
- Talked about including and diversity
- Held a Zoom meeting and all clubs, except Gee-Gees, were present
- Have been impressed with the new coaches this weekend; the VI region culture is intact

- Thankful that we got some meets this summer
- Surprising amount of interest in water polo; would be cool if we could include more water polo
- Thank you for all of the encouragement

Club Reports

CBD: Happy to be here. Down 50% of swimmers due to pool restrictions. Looking for Winter Maintenance and Head Coach

CRSK: At max number of swimmers. Lots of new swimmers. The pool is finally finished, but no blocks, lane ropes. Held a fun meet anyway. Had a beach clean-up.

CVB: Numbers not really down for the summer, but was down in the winter. Changed practice time affected attendance. Lots of younger swimmers. Good number of Senior swimmers. Looking for coaches, too.

Gee-Gees: not present

JDF: Fractured year, but maintained well over-all. Lost numbers at the beginning, but regained them. The club is healthy. There are 45 swimmers this summer. The highest was about 75. Looked at best use of lane space and came up with some good ideas.

NWSC: Fortunate to have access to pool time as the club manages the pool. Full Winter Maintenance of about 120 swimmers. Limited registration for summer program to about 185 swimmers with about 20 alumni and about 60 adults in the sunrise program. Hosted 4 meets this summer. One with coaches timing and the others with officials and timing system in place. Held weekly drop-in water polo and week drop in Synchro. Will be offering sr and jr water polo over the winter

Orcas: Shout out to the Regional board; good people to work with. Shout out to Kate and Mark from Nanaimo for putting on meets. Fortunate to have a fair amount of pool time. Needed a big coaching staff, using two pools. Disappointed that we couldn't run a mini orcas this summer. The club is in good shape financially. Looking forward to another Winter Maintenance.

PDI: We are still surviving. Had a two week program last summer. Back in October for Winter Maintenance. Numbers down for Winter Maintenance. They were about the same for summer. One good thing about the Covid measures was that we had the space to ourselves. Now we are back dealing with the ladies with the baby powder in the change rooms. We are looking for coaches, 11-2 on Fridays. We will be down a lane next year. Helen swam 2,500 m in an hour at the swim-a-thon!

POW: 80 swimmers, 10-12 mini novice; good to be back; good attendance at the meet.

SPSC: number of swimmers is down a bit. Healthy junior numbers , lost some senior, but the ones we have are engaged. Coaches are fabulous. Introduced time trials on Friday. It was a good time to test out new officials. Happy to be at the Gator games. It was nice to work with SSI on that meet. Started a masters program in the fall. Starting alumni program and drop in water polo. Looking to takin on school program for elementary/middle school.

SSS: Reasonable year, the pool stayed open. We had to keep the number of swimmers to 44 because of limited pool time. Good coaches; the kids love them. Held Friday time trails and team time. Introduced swim camp for new swimmers. Janine is stepping down as president. Succession is a challenge, but the culture is good.

High School Swimming: Submitted digitally, please see attached.

Regional Board Elections:

Regional Director: Sheila Coogan by acclamation.

Assistant Regional Director: Meghan Nishi nominated by Sarah Bonner. All in favour.

Regional Registrar: Mark Duffle by acclamation.

Regional Treasurer: Kate has stepped down. No one has volunteered, yet. We need to find a Regional Treasurer.

Regional Secretary: Shelly Johnson by acclamation.

Regional Director of Officials: Brent Postlethwaite by acclamation

Assistant Regional Director of Officials: Bruce Moore by acclamation,.