

WRESTLING BC - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday May 26, 2007 - 8:00 am

Accent Inns - Burnaby

Present: Voting Members

Larry Kliparchuk (President), Jim Mitchell (Secretary), Steve Wiles (VP Admin), Doug Corbett (Coaches Chair), Gianni Bouno (Zone 4 rep), James Messenger (Zone 6 rep), Mike Richey (Zone 7 rep), Mike Richey (representing Zone 8), Jorge Knizek (Zone 3 rep), Wade Anderson (Zone 5 rep), Lyndsay Belisle (Athletes Rep), Phil Cizmic (High School Rep), Jim Mitchell (Officials Chair)

Regrets

Mike Jones (VP Admin), Coralee Roy (Zone 7), Brian Dick (Zone 2),

Observers and Staff

MaryAnn DeCorby (Staff), Steve Rose (Staff), Justin Abdou (Staff), David Wilson (observer), Dave Higashi (observer), Eoin White (observer).

2006-2007 Hi-lites.

- Steve Wiles – Laliberte scholarship fundraiser continues and funds are growing. The event is in honour of supporter, Andy Laliberte. With Andy's 2006-2007 10K donation, the account is approximately \$26,000.
- Justin Abdou – Had good results at the Senior Nationals, winning the men's team title back.
- Mike Richey – Having Don and Coralee Roy in the area has been a great help in the region. Don is a positive influence in the zone.
- Gianni Buono – Good results at the Juvenile/Cadet Championships. Won Cadet boys, Juveniles 2nd as a province. BC had 95 athletes in comparison to 400+ from Ontario
- Steve Rose – echo Gianni's comments, and the results of the Senior national athletes.
- Wade Anderson – Two new schools with programs in the region. Growth of the UBC program.
- David Wilson – UBC access to Vancouver College facility, and having Lyndsay Belisle (UBC student) to boost the UBC program.
- Dave Higashi – Passing on the Officials Chair position to Jim Mitchell, and taking on the challenge of coordinating the kids program in the lower mainland.
- Phil Cizmic – Seeing growth of quality coaching in Campbell River. Good future in coaching in the area.
- James Messenger – Nick Zuback is a strong influence in Duncan and program is growing, as well as the growth opportunity in Campbell River with the return of quality coaches. Athlete hi-lite is Norman David, an Alberni First Nations athlete, who didn't do well at the beginning, but continued to come to practices and worked hard, and found reward in winning a medal at the novice tournament.
- Doug Corbett – St. Thomas More did well at provincials.
- Jorge Knizek – Christmas camp was well run. First year kids attended and did well. Spring camp also well run.
- Jim Mitchell – Mouat team athletes a pleasant group to coach. Boys did well by numbers. New Club program in the zone (Guru Gobind Singh). New mats in Gordie Howe. New programs in Traditional schools. New elected position as Officials Chair.
- Eoin White – Year Off! Will be available to assist in upcoming season.
- MaryAnn DeCorby – Success of the on-line registration program. Seems well received by members.
- Larry Kliparchuk – Success of the restructuring of the positions, and accountability. War on the Floor and Age Class had positive feedback from coaches, parents, and volunteers.
- Lyndsay Belisle – Won the Sport BC – Harry Jerome comeback award.

1. Call to Order 9:00am - Adoption of Agenda.

Motion: to adopt agenda as presented

MOVED: Steve Wiles

SECONDED: Wade Anderson

CARRIED

2. Adopt minutes from 2006 AGM

MOVED: Doug Corbett

SECONDED: Jim Mitchell

CARRIED

3. Business arising from minutes of 2006 AGM.

None

MOVED: Jim Mitchell

SECONDED: Doug Corbett

CARRIED

4. Correspondence

- Sport BC correspondence regarding funding cuts for 2007-2008
- Sport BC AGM information – June 2
- Camosun College (Victoria) – 2 year coaching diploma program

5. Executive Reports.

Motion: To accept all reports at conclusion of all reports

MOVED: Jim Mitchell

SECONDED: James Messenger

CARRIED

Presidents Report – Larry Kliparchuk

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) Organization structure, with new coordinators is beneficial, with better communication.
- c) Need to recruit and retain officials. Put more pressure on coaches to assist with identifying the wrestlers who will not be continuing as athletes. Address the coaches code of conduct, to prevent the discouraging of new officials.
- d) Need to recruit new board of directors.
- e) Strategic Plan needs to be reviewed and
- f) Constitution/By-Laws, needs to be amended to reflect what board positions are required. Secretary can be combined with the Treasurer position, and eliminate the VP Women's Development as women's development is integrated with all the programs.
- g) Increase membership numbers.
- h) David Wilson suggests the committees to help the board as a steering committee.

VP Administration – Steve Wiles

- a) Steve's report presented & reviewed.
- b) WOF will be addressed in Mike's report, regarding volunteer availability.
- c) Transportation policies issue should be addressed at the club level, with the BCWA support of the club policies.
TABLE: Policies to new business.
- d) New officials. Coaches need to take the lead in showing respect for officials.
- e) Laura Wilson and Travis Heitmann won the Laliberte Awards.

Treasurer – (position vacant at AGM)

- a) Draft Financial Statements presented.
- b) Year end surplus of \$26k is a result of one time donation of 10K for the Laliberte Scholarship fund, and the matching/funding agreement with Pacific Sport for the High Performance/NTC program. High Performance expenses will again increase leading into the Olympic year.

Motion: To accept the Financial Statements as presented.

MOVED: Steve Wiles

SECONDED: Phil Cizmic

Vice President Technical - Mike Jones (absent)

- a) Report presented & reviewed – discussion
- b) Justin reported date for Clansmen is set.
- c) Discussion on utilizing Fraser Valley Regional coaching position better.
- d) War on the Floor is a BC Wrestling event, with volunteer assistance from SFU. Dates recommended for better access to facilities and volunteers, is the week before the Christmas break.
- e) David Wilson recommends promotion or hi-lighting alumni presence at the WOF or including Igali in title name. Need outside assistance to just promote the event, obtain grant to host...
- f) Annual coaching clinic information should be out by the end of May. The "technical committee" will review the clinic training process. Committee to consist of: Gianni Buono, Brian Dick, Doug Corbett.
- g) Need follow up to the new coaches who participate in coaching clinics.
- h) BCSSWA/BCWA matching funds to establish mentorship program for new school programs.
- i) List of program coaches and contacts on website, through the on-line registration program.

VP Women's Development – VACANT POSITION)

- a) No Report

Officials Report – Jim Mitchell

- a) Report presented & reviewed - discussion
- b) Number of active officials is down. Plan to utilize the external sport credit program to attract new student officials.

- c) Aspirants need to be working on mat with 2 other experienced official, not left alone on a mat. Recommendation to have them officiate only first two rounds, to allow for easier transition.
- d) Suggest an officials clinic in conjunction with camp sessions. Ei) spring and summer camps. Work with Gianni at intergrating an officials component into the summer camp program. External Sport program can be promoted at the camps to the student/athletes.

Coaches Association – Doug Corbett

- a) Report presented & reviewed - discussion
- b) Fall coaches clinic was well attended with 8 coaches attending the Level 3 component.
- c) A number of coaches attended the Juvenile/Cadet nationals. Athletes performed well.

Secretary – Jim Mitchell

- a) Report Presented & reviewed - discussion
- b) Increase in membership. More not registered in the Coquitlam Middle school (approx. 300) district.
- c) North Vancouver teacher/coach Kathleen Takeda has moved to Nelson. Potential to assist in re-instating a wrestling program in the region. Lyndsay Belisle to try and contact for potential interest to assist in coaching.
- d) All Games sports have problems with registration numbers in the Kootenays. BCWA should not exhaust all our resources to develop programs that are not interested. We should focus more on areas that are interested, and where new programs are starting and need help in developing.

Marketing/Promotion - Vacant

- a) Jorge Knizek asked to communicate high school stats to media. Also to send media information summarizing tournament results. Please cc: information to BC Wrestling.
- b) Mark McRae did a good job of the High School Championships promotions.
- c) Need for professional Promotion/Marketing position in preparation for 2008 Olympics. We have had great results at World and Olympic levels and are not prepared to seize the opportunity.

TABLE: Marketing/Promotions position discussion to new business.

Athletes Representative: Lyndsay Belisle

- a) Elite athletes concerned they are not receiving enough provincial funding support, in comparison to the large amount of support the athletes from Ontario receive. Discussion indicated that Ontario receives a substantial provincial grant to subsidize athletes to a greater extent.
- b) Justin to follow up with Dave McKay regarding recommendations for increase provincial access.

BC HIGH SCHOOL Report – Phil Cizmic

- a) Report Presented – discussed
- b) New award presented to High School student/athletes – Larry Kliparchuk award
- c) BCWA/BCSSWA provided matching funds for coaching development opportunity for provincial coaches to attend US Regionals in Las Vegas
- d) Provincial protest procedures limit # of protests
- e) CAWA rule book will be revised, regarding protests.

MOTION: to accept executive reports as presented.

Moved: Wade Anderson

Second: Gianni Buono

CARRIED

6. Reports

Zone 1- (Vacant Position))

- a) No report
- b) Interest in the Castlegar/Trail area. Current martial arts club program is interested in teaching wrestling to youngsters. Two coaches from region will be attending spring coaches clinic in Kelowna.

Zone 2 – Brian Dick (absent)

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) Okanagan needs to develop officials. Only four referees from the Okanagan to work the Age Class tournament in January.

Zone 3 – Jorge Knizek

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) No Raven Rumble this year due to prior commitment. May be re-instated in future.

Zone 4 – Gianni Buono

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) Very small zone. Not much support for BC Games, with limited school programs (New West, Burnaby Central, South and STM)
- c) Need for more new coaches
- d) Kids program needs more than just registration with BCWA. Need to collect contact info to follow up and promote surrounding middle school and club programs.

Zone 5 – Wade Anderson

- a) Zone numbers are up, and more athletes participating in the zone than registered with BC Wrestling.
- b) Vancouver/North Shore are separate leagues. Only combine efforts at zones.
- c) Bill Cole retired at Notre Dame. Program is still active.
- d) Zone meets are moving to Vancouver.
- e) UBC has state of the art training centre.
- f) Sir Charles Tupper had 75-100 kids participating in Novice tournament at end of November.

Zone 6 – James Messenger

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) New program at North Island College, has new students wanting to sign up.
- c) Duncan and Campbell River will increase membership numbers in upcoming years.
- d) Concerns: Island is working on Officials development. Elite athlete numbers are down, due to the smaller membership base the Island has been experiencing in recent years.
- e) Tournament schedules conflict with exam schedules. Need more competitions.
- f) Alberni summer camp later than usual. Aug 21-23.

Zone 7 – Mike Richey

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) One high school program – Smithers
- c) Good kids programs in Kitwanga & Bulkley Valley Wrestling Club
- d) Need of new coaches to start programs in the region.
- e) No wrestling offered in University PE departments has hurt our sport. New teachers not exposed to the sport at the University level are reluctant to teach/coach the sport.

Zone 8 – Coralee Roy (absent) – Mike Richey Representing

- a) Report presented & reviewed

MOTION to accept all zone reports as presented.

MOVED: Phil Cizmich

SECONDED: Doug Corbett

CARRIED

7. **Provincial Staff Reports**

Provincial Coach – Justin Abdou

- a) High Performance report presented, reviewed & discussed
- b) Worked out the restructuring of positions. Dave McKay has been a good resource to assist with the transition. Looking to BMWC coaching includes; Mike Jones, Steve Rose, Justin Abdou.
- c) Lyndsay Belisle World Silver medal was a great accomplishment, especially after such major surgery.
- d) World Championship experience was great, as was the World University Championships in Mongolia.
- e) I would like to see my role with less paperwork and more coaching. Finding it easier to relate to athletes as a coach/athlete relationship, and have grown as a coach. Lots of help from Mike Jones and other coaching staff.

Regional Center Reports

- a) COQUITLAM/BURNABY Steve Rose
 - Report presented
 - New initiative with a camp in Spokane – July 13-17, Grade 11 boys team
 - Tournaments: Pinetree Open – Roberts Rumble dates set
- b) HIGH COUNTRY Brian Dick
 - Annual report attached & reviewed
 - Questions regarding regional centre funding stability. James indicated it was a 2 year program.
- c) ISLAND James Messenger
 - Annual report attached & reviewed
 - Challenge – Too much for one person to do the whole job. Designating some duties/responsibilities.

- Pacific Sport is pushing for performance.
 - NAIG is also Island Regional portfolio. Rick Bryan delegated to assist in this development.
 - Continue to work with other regional coaches & junior development on Team BC identity.
- d) FRASER VALLEY Lhamsuren Naidan
- No report

Junior Development Director – Gianni Buono

- a) Report attached & reviewed
- b) Successful provincial results are due to good coaching programs.
- c) Technically BC is stronger than many other groups around the country.
- d) Improve growth – team development.
- e) Look to matching with BCSSWA in coach mentorship program. Needs criteria – application process.
- f) Summerland camp will look at incorporating an officials clinic for athlete participants
- g) Trained numerous provincial coach facilitators, need to train coach evaluators for upcoming season.

Kids/Elementary Coordinator – Dave Higashi (interim)

- a) Report attached & reviewed
- b) Three month term. We are still years behind, and many kids still don't know the sport.
- c) We conducted demos to tie to middle and high school programs.
- d) Started new lower mainland club programs, and hope to establish new multi sport summer programs.
- e) New initiative might involve mixed martial arts, to introduce wrestling to these programs.
- f) Need to form a team & schedule of available SFU athletes to help in conducting demos. Difficulty in finding available clinician/instructors to do school presentations/demos.

Executive Director – MaryAnn DeCorby

- a) Report presented, reviewed & discussed.
- b) Richmond Rec Centre interested in offering wrestling in their program. They pay instructor and do the registration. Need to promote as fun and safe activity.

MOTION: to accept all staff reports as presented.

MOVED: *Jorge Knizek*

SECONDED: *Doug Corbett*

CARRIED

8. USANA Update – Erin Northcott

- BC Wrestling had a 3 year agreement with USANA which provides 4 national team athletes with the USANA essentials (multi-vitamins/minerals) and other products. Approximate \$500 monthly value.
- Communicating with USANA corporate office to renew contract. Need regular athlete testimonials to provide a sound case for renewal with the corporate office.
- BC Wrestling has a consistent base of product customers that generate regular commission cheques. There is potential for significant growth in commission cheques if the product is promoted, and there is an increase in customer purchases.
- Other sport groups that receive the benefits of the USANA products include the White Caps, BC Football, Speedskating, Cross Country, and Gymnastics.

MOTION: To move Constitution & By-Laws up on the agenda to precede the executive nominations, due to the possible changes in board of director positions.

MOVED: Steve Wiles

SECONDED: Jim Mitchell

CARRIED

9. A. Constitution & By-Laws Review & Update – Steve Wiles

MOTION to submit the following changes to BC Wrestling Constitution & By-Laws:

- Eliminate the position of VP Womens Development from Board of Directors
- Combine the Secretary & Treasurer position to read Secretary/Treasurer
- Article IV.2.1 change the date of BC Wrestling registration to September 1 from December 31, and delete IV.2.3
- Article V.1 Officers – remove V.1.1 n) chair of other member associations
- Article V.3.9 c) , V.3.11 g), V.3.12 g), V.3.13 c), v.3.14 f) change report for website, from newsletter.
- Renumbering of the by-laws with the deletion of the VP Women's & Secretary position, and correct the appropriate Articles listed under Executive committee, and board of directors
- Amend 1X.2 .1 honours & Awards to add members to include Coaches Chair, VP Technical, and Junior

Development Coordinator.

- 1X.2.3 a) remove Women’s Wrestling chair from Technical Committee
- 1X.2.4 a) Disciplinary Committee – remove staff
- Add VP Admin to Article X.1.2. Financial Matters

MOVED: Steve Wiles

SECONDED: Jorge Knizek CARRIED

MOTION: Article V.1 Officers – change V.1.1 o) to One (1) member at large.

MOVED: Steve Wiles

SECONDED: Jim Mitchell DEFEATED

B. Resolutions;

MOTION to enforce a requirement that all athletes attending BC sanctioned tournaments are registered by their coach, to ensure that a certified coach is in attendance at tournaments with the athlete.

MOVED: Steve Wiles

SECONDED: Doug Corbett CARRIED

9. Executive Nominations:- Jim Mitchell

Treasurer/Secretary – David Hohl nominated

MOTION to accept David Hohl in the position of BCWA Secretary/Treasurer

MOVED: Jim Mitchell

SECONDED: Doug Corbett CARRIED

Promotion/Marketing - no nomination – Form a committee

Member at Large – David Wilson nominated

MOVED: Jim Mitchell

SECONDED: Doug Corbett CARRIED

10. Ratify Award Nomination Selections;

School Boy:	Isaiah Taylor	University	Jagroop Bhullar (hwt) – SFU
School Girl:	Gabriella DaSousa	University/College	Ashlea McManus (67 kg) - SFU
Cadet Boy:	OC Safar	Senior female:	Haislan Garcia - BMWC
Cadet Girl:	Emily Weeks & Michiko Araki	Senior Male:	Amanda Gerhart – Douglas College
Juvenile Boy:	Arminder Virk	Coach:	Ian McDonald
Juvenile Girl:	Deni Torgenson	Jr Development Coach:	Paul Hughes
Junior Boy:	Dustyn Fisher (96 kg) – D.C.	Official:	Phil Quimseh
Junior Girl:	Stacie Anaka (63 kg) - SFU	Volunteer :	Alan Brakefield & Walter Taylor
		Recognition Award:	Bill Cole

MOTION: to accept award winners as presented

MOVED: Phil Cizmic

SECONDED: Jim Mitchell CARRIED

10. 2007 – 2008 Operating Budget Proposed MaryAnn DeCorby:

a) Proposed 2007 -08 budget presented & discussed.

Noting the deficit balance of \$16,000, which is offset against the surplus balance from 2006-2007 year end.

MOTION: to accept proposed budget as presented.

Moved: Jim Mitchell

Seconded: Doug Corbett CARRIED

b) UBC seeking matching funds of \$5,000 from BCWA for the CAWA sponsored Univ/College program.

MOTION: BC Wrestling supports the principles of wrestling in the College/University programs

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: Mike Richey CARRIED

11. WOF Report - Larry Kliparchuk

a) SFU would be the best venue for volunteers & mat transportation. Recommend Dec. 19, 20, 21 (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

MOTION: to host the WOF at SFU on Wed, Thurs, & Friday (Dec. 19-21)

Moved: Gianni Buono

Seconded: Mike Richey

CARRIED:

AGE CLASS

Executive committee to review the Western Canada Age Class agreement and discuss with Brian Dick, and have a signed agreement in place for the 2008 Western Canada Age Class.

12. BC Games

a) James Messenger presented proposal options to BC Games, which were not accepted.

b) Revised proposal put forward to BCWA AGM reducing number of weight classes.

MOTION: to present wrestling proposal to BC Games Society as presented by James Messenger. Pursue BC Games Society for any changes necessary

Moved: Doug Corbett

Seconded: Phil Cizmic

CARRIED

13. Fixtures:

a) Fixtures lists presented and discussed.

MOTION: to approve fixtures presented

Moved: Steve Wiles

Seconded: Jim Mitchell

14. New Business

a) Team Building – Team Development: Gianni Buono to put together a plan to propose to BCSSWA for matching funds to support a team development program.

b) Professional Responsibility – Coaches & Officials – BCWA will refer to the Coaches & Officials Code of Conduct.

c) BC Hall of Fame - Build in a Hall of Fame component to the Award Banquet in conjunction with the Coaches Banquet. Include a "Builders Category" into the nomination forms. The Nominations committee will be involved in establishment and nomination of individuals into the BC Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 4:00 pm

Moved: James Messenger

Seconded: Mike Richey

Next Executive Committee Meeting – September 2007