

WRESTLING BC - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday May 23, 2009 - 8:00 am

Accent Inns - Burnaby

Present: Voting Members

Larry Kliparchuk (President), David Hohl (Secretary/Treasurer), Doug Corbett (VP Admin), Selwyn Tam (Coaches Chair), Mike Jones (VP Admin), James Messenger (Zone 6 rep), Coralee Roy (Zone 8), Miranda Dick (Athletes Rep), Phil Cizmic (High School Rep), Jim Mitchell (Officials Chair) David Wilson (member at large), Randeep Sodhi (Member at Large), Al McAvena (representing zone 2), Rick Bryan (representing zone 7 & 8)

Regrets

Brian Dick (Zone 2), Jorge Knizek (Zone 3), Gianni Buono (Zone 4), Wade Anderson (Zone 5), Mike Richey (Zone 7), Coralee Roy (zone 8), Lhamsuren Naiden (FV Reg CO)

Observers and Staff

MaryAnn DeCorby (Executive Director), Steve Rose (Van/Coq.Reg. CO), Josko Cizmic (observer), Justin Abdou (Provincial Coach), Sucha Mann (observer), Eoin White (observer), Travis Jenn (observer)

1. **Call to Order 8:20am - Adoption of Agenda.**

Motion: to adopt agenda as presented

MOVED: Doug Corbett

SECONDED: Phil Cizmic

CARRIED

2. **Adopt minutes from 2008 AGM**

Motion to adopt minutes

MOVED: Doug Corbett

SECONDED: Phil Cizmic

CARRIED

3. **Business arising from minutes of 2008 AGM.**

- Under New Resolutions: Tournament sanction fees are not being paid, and they need to be paid. Recommended that invoice be sent to the Zone Representative, to collect sanction fees for the tournaments listed on Schedule of Events.

4. **Executive Reports.**

Motion: To accept all reports at conclusion of all reports

MOVED: Jim Mitchell

SECONDED: Phil Cizmic

CARRIED

Presidents Report – Larry Kliparchuk

a) Report presented & reviewed

VP Administration – Doug Corbett

a) Report Presented and discussed.

b) Criminal records check information will be completed and circulated to member coaches in June. The On-Line Membership information updated to include criminal records check requirement will be ready for September prior to unlocking the system to begin the annual registration process.

Secretary/Treasurer – David Hohl

a) Report and Draft Financial Statements presented and discussed.

b) Good relationship with new auditors. Completed draft financial statements in a timely manner. Audit fees are rising due to filing requirements.

c) Investments with Wellington West did well, in comparison to other markets.

d) Suggestion from Accountants to consider diversifying portfolio funds. Perhaps a consideration with the restricted Laliberte (fundraised), and Bianco (donation) Scholarship funds which were recently added to the portfolio.

e) Draft Financial Statements reflect a surplus of \$38,808, due to the \$50,000. donation from Scott Bianco to establish the restricted Bianco athlete Scholarship fund. Operating budget without the restricted donation would reflected an \$11,000. deficit.

MOTION to accept the Draft Financial Statements as presented.

MOVED: Phil Cizmic

SECONDED: Doug Corbett

CARRIED

f) Membership: Recommendation to increase age limit for Juvenile & Cadet category to include 14 year olds,

which would therefore include 14-18 years @ \$10 per member. Recommendation to increase Coach & official membership fee to \$30, which will assist in subsidizing the criminal records fee for the head coach of each registered program.

MOTION: to change age category for Juvenile & Cadet division to 14-18 leaving fee at \$10 per athlete, raise Junior & Senior athletes fees from \$15 to \$20 per athlete, and to increase Coach and Officials fees to \$30 per member.

MOVED: Mike Jones

SECONDED: Phil Cizmic

CARRIED

Vice President Technical - Mike Jones

- a) Report presented & discussed.
- b) Coaches will meet with Pacific Sport to find out why wrestling moved down in the provincial rankings in the IPS Pacific Sport program from 5th place to 10th, after the great season of good results. The first objective in Agreement with Pacific Sport, is to put more BC athletes on national teams with the potential to win medals for Canada, which we had been very successful in achieving.
- c) Athletic Director at SFU has confirmed facility for the Juvenile & Cadet Nationals in 2010.
- d) Post Secondary: contacts will be made with UNBC (Prince George), UFV (Abbotsford), Thompson University (Kamloops), UBC (after the Olympics). Request for a buy in to support a club program at their facility. A club program was started successfully at the North Island University program. We do have quality athletes to accommodate the post secondary programs.
- e) Grappling – participation can increase enrollment, but at what cost. Insurance issues need to be addressed. Have not adopted provincially. High School coaches fear image of UFC to be introduced to high school level. Discussion that the USA level of competition weaker due to elite athletes dropping from international wrestling to join MMA programs. BCWA does not have enough resources, funds to support the new grappling program. As the provincial body, we need to determine our stance for insurance. Comments from those attending USA Grappling events indicate it is the least professional event seen. Looks like a recipe for disaster. Should be cautious before getting too involved at this point. Trained certified officials required.

Officials Report – Jim Mitchell

- a) Report presented & discussed
- b) Minority of officials doing most of the work.
- c) FILA tournament – 1 tournament on continent to qualify officials for FILA license. Clansmen use to be the tournament locally. This year the tournament is in Nicaragua.
- d) Joe Yee is the BC official next on the list to be FILA certified.
- e) Still trying to establish a zone official representative to assist coaches with finding officials for tournaments.

Coaches Association – Selwyn Tam

- a) Report presented & discussed.
- b) Recommendation to put Coaches Representative contact information on website under “Coach”.

Marketing/Promotion – Ardeep Nagra

- a) No report .

Athletes Representative: Miranda Dick

- a) Recommendation to include a male athletes representative to assist as athletes liaison. Position to be elected by the Junior & Senior athletes body.

BC HIGH SCHOOL Report – Phil Cizmic

- a) Report Presented & discussed
- b) SFU West gym was good facility for the 2009 High School Championships.
- c) 2 gyms (east & central) caused a little technical difficulty with the championships.
- d) Need to determine date & site for the 2010 Provincial Championships.
- e) BMWC, Steve Rose & Miranda Dick were phenomenal in hosting the Provincials.
- f) BCSSWA to donate \$1000 to BMWC for all their work in hosting the Championships.

Member At Large – Randeep Sodhi

- a) Came onto the board as liaison with Indo Canadian community.
- b) Tournament sanction policy needs to be addressed and implemented before the new season begins.
- c) Must indicate that all tournaments must adhere to CAWA rules, with any amendment to be approved through the BCWA/BCWOA for liability purposes, or the tournament will not be a BCWA sanctioned event. Indicate on a disclaimer if rules are not adhered to – liability is nul/void.

Member At Large – David Wilson

- a) Igal/Sissouri camp a success. Lots of media exposure. Gia did a grappling session.
- b) Alumni dinner was successful.
- c) Looking for coaching resources from BCWA. Would like the regional coach in Vancouver once per week.
- d) Provide tools (like coaching clinic, fundraising information, alumni) for post secondary development.
- e) Need BCWA to propose programs to post secondary programs like kinetics department, etc.

MOTION to accept all executive reports as presented.

MOVED: Jim Mitchell

SECONDED: Al McAvena (representing zone 2)

5. Reports

Zone 1- Ben Jolicoeur (Absent)

- a) No report
- b) Al McAvena reports that program is mostly elementary this year, and will have more middle school participation which will be participating at more tournaments in the upcoming season.

Zone 2 – Brian Dick (Absent – Al McAvena representing)

- a) Report presented & discussed
- b) New program in Oliver. Keen coach with 1 talented athlete.
- c) Congratulations to Al on assuming the interim position of zone representative for zone 2. Position will be confirmed in an election at the first zone coaches meeting.

Zone 3 – Jorge Knizek (Absent)

- a) No Report.

Zone 4 – Gianni Buono (Absent)

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) Danny Einhorn recommended as new zone rep for zone 4 on the interim. Zone rep will be confirmed in an election among the zone 4 coaches.

Zone 5 – Wade Anderson (Absent)

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) Chris Fuoco to resume the interim position of zone rep for zone 5. zone rep will be confirmed in an election among the zone 5 coaches..

Zone 6 – James Messenger

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) Jason Kerluck new zone representative elected at the Island AGM.
- c) First Nations – Two champions of first nations decent.
- d) Need to do a better job of spreading around the workload for hosting the nationals.
- e) Major competitive tournaments appear to be less competitive. Too many tournament to choose from, therefore teams must choose the ones they will attend.

Zone 7 – Mike Richey (absent – Rick Bryan representing)

- a) Report presented & reviewed.

Zone 8 – Coralee Roy (absent – Rick Bryan representing)

- a) Report presented & reviewed
- b) Wrestling is paramount sport in NBC Winter Games.
- b) Williams Lake would like to host the 2010 Coaches Clinic.

MOTION to accept all zone reports as presented.

MOVED: Mike Jones

SECONDED: Jim Mitchell

CARRIED

6. Provincial Staff Reports

Provincial Coach – Justin Abdou

- a) Report presented & reviewed.
- b) BCWA to commend Justin as coach, who has had to deal with numerous stressful situations.
- c) Hargobind format changed, thanks to Mike's recommendations. Event was excellent & exciting event. Spot-lite event, big crowd, lots of talk amongst athletes.

Women's Coach – Lyndsay Belise.

- a) Report presented & reviewed.
- b) SFU joined WCWA recently, although they were reluctant to allow SFU to join.

Regional Center Reports

- a) FRASER VALLEY Regional Coach -Lhamsuren Naidan (Absent)
 - Report attached and reviewed
- b) COQUITLAM/BURNABY Regional Coach Steve Rose
 - Report presented & reviewed
- c) HIGH COUNTRY Regional Coach Brian Dick
 - Report presented & reviewed
- d) ISLAND Regional Coach James Messenger
 - Report presented & reviewed.
 - Energy put towards provincial development.
 - A lot of time spent with administration with North American Indigenous Games & BC Summer Games.
 - Liaison with Island Pacific Sport Centre.
 - Congratulation to James being selected Coach for the FILA Cadet team going to Turkey.

Junior Development Director – Gianni Buono (absent)

- a) Report attached & reviewed

Grass Roots/Aboriginal Program – Rick Bryan & Eoin White

- a) Proposal attached & reviewed.
- b) Eoin reported he will be the western Rep for Speith Anderson, in partnership with the local firehalls to purchase mats to be used in the wrestling community. With mats procured, at NO COST TO BCWA, will be able to service the community to assist in hosting tournaments. Willing to travel outside of the lower mainland to assist with tournaments. Complete with mats, clocks, and all necessary tournament in a box requirements.
- c) Coaches/grassroots program will be the priority, along with the tournament hosting road show.
- d) Discussion that a template must be in place for the community/program to be able to run “a tournament” after the tournament was run by the “road show”
- e) “How To Run A Tournament” info provided by USA wrestling can be used as a template. CAWA/BCWA also has a basic template for running a tournament.
- f) Rick Bryan indicated there is a need for developing more coaches, and to have more high school athletes involved in coaching.
- g) We are not getting the numbers of athletes participating in wrestling programs.
- h) Not to let programs get discouraged if they don't own a wrestling mat to start programs. The Velcro mats will work to start an elementary kids wrestling program.

Executive Director – MaryAnn DeCorby

- a) Report presented & discussed.

MOTION: to accept all staff reports as presented.

MOVED: Jim Mitchell

SECONDED: Selwyn Tam

CARRIED

7. 2009-2010 Proposed Budget Approval David Hohl

- a) Proposed budget reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: to approve the *amended budget* to reflect the increase in the Executive Director annual salary by \$3,000 (to be reviewed next year) having a final budget deficit of \$19,930.

Moved: Mike Jones

Seconded: Doug Corbett

CARRIED

8. Award Nomination Selection

School Boy:	Tyson Swartz	University	Arjan Bhullar
School Girl:	Jordie Bodnar	University/College	Ashley McKilligan
Cadet Boy:	Sunny Dhinsa	Senior female:	Stacie Anaka
Cadet Girl:	Casandra Wild	Senior Male:	John Pineda
Juvenile Girl:	Gina Carpenter	Coach:	Sucha Mann / Mo Asgari
Juvenile Boy	Arjun Gil	Jr Development Coach:	Bryan Stretch
Junior Boy:	Manjot Sandhu	Official:	Mostafa Torabi / Richelle McKenzie
Junior Girl:	Danielle Lapagge	Volunteer :	Jim Dorgan

9. MyBackCheck information reviewed.

- a) On line process presented and reviewed. – no discussion.

10. 2010 Juvenile/Cadet Nationals

- a. SFU facility secured
b. Proposing to reduce the duration of the tournament.
c. One central director should be responsible for the committee structure and organization, to oversee each area of responsibility. Eoin expressed interest in directorship of the National Championships.
d. Determine meeting date for National committee meeting date in early June with potential volunteers. Determine the proposed roles for the various volunteer positions, and establish the responsibilities at this time.
e. Bantam Festival proposed during the national championships should be confirmed following the confirmation of the proposed plan for the Nationals at the CAWA AGM.

11. Fixtures.

- a. Proposed fixtures presented & Amended as per attached.

13. 2010 BC Summer Games – Rule Amendment

- a) Request for decision on ALL BC Games athletes required to stay in accommodation. Recommendation that all athletes are required to stay in Games accommodation.
b) Girls weight class should be changed to 70 kg from (69-75 kg).
c) Team classification will be the top 17.
d) Funding for summer games will be a concern for lower mainland teams who will be paying \$150 to participate in local tournament. Should address this concern, as it will be an issue next year.

14. Executive Nominations.

Nomination: Sucha Mann to Member at Large Position.

MOTION: to accept Sucha Mann as Member at Large

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: Mike Jones

CARRIED

Thank you to David Wilson for his input and recommendations in the role as past Member at Large.

15. New Resolutions:

The BC Wrestling Officials Association require increased funds to support officials development.

MOTION: to allocate all tournament sanction fees collected (over what is budgeted) towards officials development, as determined by the BC Wrestling Officials Association.

Moved: Jim Mitchell

Seconded: Rick Bryan

CARRIED

MOTION that any athlete, coach or official participating at any National or International tournament, as a member of BC Wrestling, must be sanctioned by BC Wrestling.

Moved: Jim Mitchell

Seconded: Mike Jones

CARRIED

16. New Business

- a) Strategic Planning Goal Recommendations
a. Change only one goal to read: expand participation in all programs.
b. Suggestion to consider seeking funding for capital project, as wrestling facility, in long term strategic planning goals.
c. Recommend including tournament in a box as strategic planning revenue generating opportunity.
d. Implement Canadian Sport 4 Life in Long term strategic planning.
e. Executive committee to determine the actions required to achieve long term goals & objectives.
b) Recommendation that ANY coaching positions should be advertised, and posted on the BC Wrestling site for a minimum of two weeks and put to a selection committee to determine with published results from the selection committee.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 3:40 pm

Moved: Jim Mitchell

Seconded: Mike Jones

Next Executive Committee Meeting – September 15, 2009