



**BC WRESTLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday May 26, 2012
Meeting Room B | Langley Events Centre | Langley
10:00 a.m. PDT**

MINUTES

Present: Voting Members (13)

Coralee Roy (Representing Zone 7), Danny Einhorn (Representing Zone 4), David Hohl (Secretary/Treasurer), David Wilson (Representing Zone 5), Doug Corbett (President), Ed Sernoski (VP Admin), Gerry Badger (Officials Chair), James Messenger (Representing Zone 6), Jorge Knizek (Zone 3 Rep), Ken Barwise (Zone 8 Rep), Philip Cizmic (High School Chair), Raj Rai (Marketing & Promotions Rep), Selwyn Tam (Coaches Chair), Sucha Mann (Member at Large), Wade Anderson (Member at Large)

Regrets

Brian Dick (Zone 2 Rep), Jim Mitchell (VP Technical), Larry Kliparchuk (Past President), Stacie Anaka (Athletes Rep), Chris Fuoco (Zone 5 Rep), Jason Kerluck (Zone 6 Rep), Mike Richey (Zone 7 Rep), Gianni Buono (Zone 4 Rep)

Observers and Staff (13)

Ashok Sharma (Observer), Dave McKay (Staff), David Higashi (Observer), Garfield Gairy (Observer), Greg Edgelow (Observer), Harbans Dhillon (Observer), John Pineda (Staff), Laurie Douglas (Observer), Lyndsay Belisle (Staff), Mostafa Torabi (Observer), Penny Gardner (Staff), Poonam Dhillon (Staff), Scott Ackles (Observer).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Doug Corbett at 12:55 p.m. President Corbett opened the Annual General Meeting with a welcome to everyone and extended his appreciation for their commitment of the Board, Executive and Committee members for all their efforts on behalf of BC Wrestling. He also welcomed everyone to the Langley Events Centre.

2. Meeting Notice

The reading of the official Notice of the 2012 Annual General Meeting was conducted by David Hohl, Secretary.

3. Roll Call

The roll call of voting members was conducted by David Hohl, Secretary. Quorum was established at 14 voting members.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: *That the 2012 Annual General Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.*

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: Gerry Badger **CARRIED**

5. Approval of the Minutes from the 2011 Annual General Meeting

Motion: *To approve the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting as circulated.*

Moved: Raj Rai

Seconded: Coralee Roy **CARRIED**

6. Business Arising from the Meeting

Discussion about seeking a more conservative investment firm than Wellington West was tabled for discussion with the proposed budget

7. Presentation of the reports

As annual reports were previously circulated, delegates were given only five minutes to review the reports and to ask any questions.

7.1- Officials Report – Gerry Badger

- Report was not previously circulated.
- Report was verbally presented & discussed.
- BCWOA would like to work with the organizing committee of the Hargobind International Tournament in order to bring it to previous level of standard.
- In the officials' perspective, the BC High School Wrestling Championships held in Penticton this year was a best ever event.
- Concern was raised about the relationship between coaches and officials. BCWOA would like to work collaboratively on improving this relationship and welcomes any positive suggestions.

7.2- BC High School Report- Philip Cizmic

- Report was not previously circulated.
- A written report was distributed. A verbal report was presented and discussed.
- With the continuing teachers' job action, there is a projection that more club coaches are going to be involved in schools. This raises the issue about the criminal record check. The BC Secondary School Wrestling Association has created a letter and form which will be circulated to all schools. Schools will be responsible for completing the **School Coaching Verification Form** in order to

ensure that coaches have their criminal records check completed and are adequately trained.

7.3 Zone 7 Report- Coralee Roy

- Coralee recommended that there be more communication between zone reps and staff in order to be able to promote the activities that staff is conducting.
- Zone 7 members are concerned about the Western Canadian Age Class (WCAC) tournament and how many of the Lower Mainland teams did not attend this year.
- The recommendation is that BC Wrestling work to recognize and identify WCAC as an important and key tournament so that there is better attendance next year.

7.4 Zone 6 Report- James Messenger

- Some additions to the Zone 6 Report include:
- There was an Officials Clinic that was offered.
 - A clinic specific to Aboriginal Athletes and in partnership with the ASRPAPC was offered in January
- This year, BC Wrestling will be collaborating with Alberni Wrestling Club to offer the Summer Camp 2012. This camp is in preparation for the BC Summer Games. It is a great opportunity to have BC Summer Games wrestle-offs.

7.5 Zone 5 Report- David Wilson

- David recommended that the zone report template ask for more information about post-secondary development, aboriginal programs, and grappling.

7.6 Secretary/Treasurer's Report- David Hohl

- This year was a transitioning year. We ran a deficit this year but it was offset by the surplus from last year.
- 2012-2013 Operating Budget:
- It is a balanced budget. We are looking to tap into other revenues. There are a few target areas that have been directed for this year.

Adoption of Reports

Motion: *To accept all reports as presented.*

Moved: Gerry Badger

Seconded: Wade Anderson

CARRIED

8. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

Treasurer, David Hohl reviewed the auditor's report highlighting activities in a year transition. There were a greater number of expenses and investments had difficulty in performing in what is an ongoing challenging economy.

Motion: *That BC Wrestling audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012 be accepted.*

Moved: David Hohl
Seconded: Selwyn Tam **CARRIED**

Motion: *To accept the operating budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year as presented.*
Moved: David Hohl
Seconded: Coralee Roy **CARRIED**

9. Appointment of the Auditor

Motion: *To appoint Dong & Russell Company as the auditors for BC Wrestling for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and to empower the BC Wrestling Executive to set the remuneration.*
Moved: David Hohl
Seconded: Coralee Roy **CARRIED**

10. Resolutions of the Board:

Motion: *To develop a process enforcing BC Wrestling's policy ensuring all athletes, coaches, and officials are members in good standing at any BC Wrestling sanctioned events, effective September 1st 2012.*

Moved: Gerry Badger
Seconded: Jorge Knizek **CARRIED**

Motion: *That the Executive Committee to be given approval to move ahead in transferring BC Wrestling's financial banking accounts to another financial institution.*

Moved: David Hohl
Seconded: Coralee Roy **CARRIED**

Philip Cizmic further commented on the reality that budgets are living decision making tools. It is necessary to empower the Executive to guide the budget and be adaptive to the many opportunities and challenges that present themselves in any fiscal year that support the priorities and mission of the organization.

Treasurer, David Hohl spoke about the various kinds of financial reviews and that would meet the requirements of the Society's Act and the funding partners. There may be some cost savings found as a result of a review.

Motion: *To conduct a review of the audit requirements for the association.*
Moved: Doug Corbett

Seconded: Coralee Roy **CARRIED**

The President, Doug Corbett called for a suspension in the proceedings for a 15-minute break.

The President, Doug Corbett reconvened the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

11. Election of Executive Officers

Nomination: Doug Corbett for President (no other nominations)

Results of the secret ballot voting:

Nomination: Wade Anderson for VP Administration (David Wilson also a candidate)

Motion: To destroy the ballots.

Moved: Selwyn Tam

Seconded: Raj Rai **CARRIED**

Nomination: Ed Sernoski for Member at Large- 2 Year Position (David Wilson and David Higashi were also candidates)

Motion: To destroy the ballots

Moved: Jorge Knizek

Seconded: Wade Anderson **CARRIED**

Nomination: David Higashi for Member at Large- 1 Year Position (David Wilson, Garfield Gairy, and Justin Abdou were also candidates)

Motion: To destroy the ballots

Moved: James Messenger

Seconded: Gerry Badger **CARRIED**

Secretary/Treasurer David Hohl restated the list of 2012-2013 BC Wrestling Board of Directors as follows:

| Position | Name | Position | Name |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| President | Doug Corbett | Member at Large: (1 yr) | Ed Sernoski |
| Past President | Vacant | Member at Large: (2 yr) | David Hagashi |
| VP Administration | Wade Anderson | | |
| VP Technical | Jim Mitchell | Zone 1 Rep: | Vacant |
| Secretary/Treasurer | David Hohl | Zone 2 Rep: | Brian Dick |
| Officials Chair | Gerry Badger | Zone 3 Rep: | Jorge Knizek |
| Coaches Chair | Vacant | Zone 4 Rep: | Gianni Buono |

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| High School Chair | Philip Cizmic | Zone 5 Rep: | Chris Fuoco |
| Athlete Representative – W | Stacie Anaka | Zone 6 Rep: | Jason Kerluck |
| Athlete Representative – M | Vacant | Zone 7 Rep: | Mike Richey |
| Marketing/Promotions Rep | Raj Rai | Zone 8 Rep: | Ken Barwise |

The delegates welcomed the list of officers with applause.

12. Annual Award Nominations

If an award winner is currently not in good standing, he/she will not receive their award until they return to good standing.

Point of Order - Philip Cizmic brought to the attention of the meeting the BC Wrestling by-laws state the process for determining Annual Awards and Honours selections is under the direction of the Awards and Honours Committee.

IX.2.1 Honours and Awards Committee

The Honours and Awards Committee shall solicit and receive all nominations for Honours and Awards and shall determine the members who shall be the recipient of the said Honours and Awards. Members include the Past President, Coach's chair, Provincial Coach, and VP Technical.

Motion: To divert from the process outlined in the by-laws and allow the Executive to recommend the Annual Award nominees and the Board to approve, at the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Philip Cizmic

Seconded: David Wilson

CARRIED

The Executive Committee presented the list of award nominees as follows:

| 2011-2012 Annual Award Candidates: | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| School Boy | Navdeep Toor | School Girl | Pooja Batra |
| Cadet Male | Amrit Benning | Cadet Female | Ciara McCrae |
| Juvenile Male | Parm Dhesi | Juvenile Female | Ashley Osachuk and Clarisse Dos Santos |
| Junior Male | Sunny Dhinsa | Junior Female | Ashley Topnik |
| University/College Male | Max Arcand | University/College Female | Justina DiStasio |
| Senior Male | Matt Gentry | Senior Female | Amanda Gerhart |
| Volunteer of the Year | Stuart Messenger and Walter Taylor | Coach of the Year | Kate Walker |
| Junior Development Coach of the Year | Joe Adams | Official of the Year | Chris Sheaves and Elisa Hoover |

Motion: *To accept the 2011-2012 Annual Award nominations as recommended.*

Moved: Jorge Knizek

Seconded: Wade Anderson

CARRIED

13. New Business

13.1- Discussion about school only tournaments

- Discussion took place about distinguishing which tournaments are open to clubs and which tournaments will be considered school only tournaments. The Executive Committee will review this matter at their next Executive Meeting.

13.2- National Qualifiers

- Coralee Roy (Zone 7) suggested that BC Wrestling host a National Championship Qualifier Tournament.

13.3- Outreach Program

- John Pineda suggested that BC Wrestling offer an outreach program in which travelling clinics are hosted throughout the zones. These clinics are to be coordinated with the zone reps.

13.4- Western Canadian Age Class Tournament

- The BC Wrestling Executive will be reviewing this event to ensure that it meets the needs of the members.

13.5- Sanctioning Process for Tournaments

- The sanctioning process for tournaments is currently being reviewed in order to ensure that higher safety standards are being met.

13.6- AGM and Fiscal Year End Date Change:

- Discussion took place about moving the fiscal year end to June and to host the AGM in September.

13.7- Zone Reports:

- Many Zone members do not see the Zone Reps reports prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Motion: As a matter of principle, Zone Reps will email their respective Zone report to member of their Zone prior to the BCWA AGM.

Moved: Philip Cizmic

Seconded: Raj Ray

CARRIED

13.8- Elite Athlete

Motion: That the BCWA provide a clear definition of Elite Athlete for the purposes of representation on the BCWA Board.

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: Raj Ray

CARRIED

13.9- Selection Process of Coaches and Athletes Representative

Motion: That the BCWA, with feedback from both coaches and elite athletes, articulate

the process for the selection of the Coach's Chair, and the Athlete's Representative.

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: Raj Ray

CARRIED

14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the 2012 Annual General Meeting was called at 3:47 p.m.