



**BC WRESTLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday May 25, 2013
Meeting Room B | Langley Events Centre | Langley**

MINUTES

Present: Voting Members

Doug Corbett (President), Gerry Badger (Officials Representative), James Messenger (Coaches Representative), Brian Dick (Zone 4 Representative), Philip Cizmic (BCSSWA Representative), Raj Rai (Marketing & Promotions Representative), David Higashi (Member at Large), Wade Anderson (Vice President Administration), Gianni Buono (Zone 4 Representative), Andrew Tuck (Zone 6 Representative).

Regrets

Mike Richey (Zone 7 Representative), Ken Barwise (Zone 8 Representative), Jorge Knizek (Zone 3 Representative), Chris Fuoco (Zone 5 Representative), Stacie Anaka (Athletes Representative), David Hohl (Treasurer/Secretary), Ed Sernoski (Member at Large)

Observers and Staff

Raj Viridi (Observer), Ashok Sharma (Observer), Dave McKay (Staff), Sucha Mann (Observer), Greg Edgelow (Observer), Aaron Koo (Observer), John Pineda (Staff), Laurie Douglas (Observer), Lyndsay Belisle (Staff), Linda Miller (Observer), Penny Gardner (Staff), Chanmit Phulka (Observer), Kate Walker (Observer), David Wilson (Observer), Gord Sturrock (Observer), Bill McCrae (Observer).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Doug Corbett at 9:06 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 2013 Annual General Meeting was conducted by Wade Anderson, VP Administration in the absence of the Secretary.

3. Roll Call

The roll call of voting members was conducted by Wade Anderson, VP Administration. Quorum

was established at 11 voting members in compliance with by-law V 1.1.1.2.3 b.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: *That the 2013 Annual General Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.*

Moved: Gerry Badger

Seconded: Philip Cizmic **CARRIED**

5. Approval of the Minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting

Item 11 – Election of Officers is incorrect specific to the Member at Large positions. Should read Member at Large (2 yr position) – David Higashi; Member at Large (1 yr position) - Ed Sernoski.

Motion: *To approve the Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting as amended.*

Moved: Gerry Badger

Seconded: Wade Anderson **CARRIED**

6. Business Arising from the Meeting

David Wilson (UBCWC) addressed Item 13.8 – Definition of an Elite Athlete and 13.9 Process for Selection of Coaches and Athlete Representatives, and asked if these had been developed.

There is lack of clarity around if there are two (2) athlete representative positions, or one. At the time of the meeting there had not been any action.

The number of positions however is outlined in by-law V.3.6 a). There is only one (1) position. The process of selecting the athlete BCWA bylaws is not clear in this regard.

The appointment of the Coaches representative is addressed in bylaw V11.1.2 but is not clear on the timing, location, call for nominations or communication process, to membership. Past precedent has been during the annual coaches conference or the War on the Floor tournament.

Motion: *To develop a definition of an elite athlete and process for appointment of the athlete and coach representative positions for presentation under agenda item 13 – resolutions.*

Moved: Gianni Buono

Seconded: David Wilson **CARRIED**

Gianni Buono, Dave McKay, Raj Viridi and Lyndsay Belisle are tasked to carry out this action before the end of the meeting.

Discussion on the process for the Coaches Representative selection/appointment will take place at the Fall event and communication will be forthcoming to the membership.

7. Presentation of the Reports

Written reports were pre-circulated for review. Reports were not received from the following areas – Treasurer, Athlete Representative and Zone 7. Doug Corbett allowed each report to be addressed by delegates. VP Administration – Wade Anderson presented a verbal report.

Motion: *To accept all reports as presented.*

Moved: Gianni Buono

Seconded: Philip Cizmic **CARRIED**

Gianni Buono thanked the paid staff.

Doug Corbett called for a suspension in the proceedings for the lunch break at 11:58 p.m.

Doug Corbett reconvened the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

8. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

In the absence of the Treasurer David Hohl, Philip Cizmic reviewed the auditor's report highlighting activities in a year and the financial position of the association. Although there was a 27% increase in revenues, expenditures were in excess resulting in a \$47,000 loss.

Motion: *That BC Wrestling accept the Auditor's Report from Dong & Russell and the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2013, as presented.*

Moved: Gianni Buono

Seconded: Raj Rai

Opposed: Andrew Tuck **CARRIED**

9. Appointment of the Auditor

Motion: *The BC Wrestling Executive will conduct a review of the audit requirements and seek bids to appoint an audit firm for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The BC Wrestling Executive is empowered to set the remuneration.*

Moved: Phillip Cizmic

Seconded: Andrew Tuck **CARRIED**

10. Approval of the 2013-2014 Budget

The FY 2013-24 budget summary was presented for approval. In light of the current financial position of the association, and the performance of the FY 2013 budget, the Board felt it beneficial to review and discuss the budget line by line.

Motion: *To table the operating budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year until the June Board*

Meeting where a line by line detailed budget can be ratified.

Moved: Gianni Buono

Seconded: Gerry Badger

CARRIED

11. Annual Award Nominations for 2012-2013

VP Administration, Wade Anderson presented the recommendations of the Executive Committee for the BC Wrestling Annual Awards. It is noted that if an award winner is currently not in good standing, he/she will not receive their award until they return to good standing.

This process diverts from BC Wrestling Bylaw IX.2.1 and was approved at last year's AGM.

The Executive Committee recommendations are as follows:

2012-2013 Annual Award Nominations			
School Boy	Aaron Badovinac (EJ Dunn/Alberni)	School Girl	Caileen Corbett (STMC)
Cadet Male	Nolan Badovinac (Alberni)	Cadet Female	Tiana Dykstra (100 Mile WC) Faye Tuck (Dover Bay)
Juvenile Male	Amar Dhesi (Khalsa WC)	Juvenile Female	Ashley Osachuk (CRWC))
Junior Male	Sunny Dhinsa (BMWC)	Junior Female	Monica Podogorski (BMWC)
University/College Male	Skylor Davis (SFU)	University/College Female	Helen Maroulis (SFU)
Senior Male	Matt Gentry (BMWC)	Senior Female	Stacie Anaka (BMWC)
Volunteer of the Year	John Pite (LCWC)	Coach of the Year	Jim Mitchell (WJ Mouat)
Grassroots Coach of the Year	Nasir Lal (Hargobind WC)	Official of the Year	Demetra K, Linda Miller

Motion: *To approve the 2012-2013 Annual Award recommendations by the Executive Committee*

Moved: Raj Rai

Seconded: James Messenger

CARRIED

12. 2014 Schedule of Events

A draft 2014 Schedule of Events was circulated for discussion. This schedule was developed following a call for events and with best information at the time. The following additions were made:

Date	Event	Location
August 16	Vancouver Wrestling Festival	Vancouver
November 2	SFU International	Burnaby
January 25	Paul Nemeth	Vancouver

February 1	Miri Piri	Abbotsford
July (biannual)	Kamloops Legacy Games	Kamloops

There was discussion regarding the need for a BC Senior Provincial Championship. This event should be tabled to the HP Committee for development.

13. Resolutions

13.1 Committee of Review

WHEREAS many of the functions, programs and aims of the BCWA have seemingly not been met for the last several years. This would include, but is not exclusive, to the Coaches' Clinic, Coaching Certification sessions, and Elementary-aged developmental program, Middle School-aged developmental program and support, regional development and support, targeted aged-group provincial teams and programs of training development and support, targeted aged-group Provincial teams and programs of training and competition (not just for those in the Lower Mainland); and whereas, much of the current success of Wrestling in our province seems to be increasingly developed outside any focused program of development from the BCWA ;

AND WHEREAS we have an incredibly talented and rich potential of people that love the sport of Wrestling throughout British Columbia, but are increasingly stranded on the outside looking in and are not brought into the process of developing our sport together;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Committee of Review be established to analyze and make recommendations to the Executive Board in regards to the BCWA's Program Aims and Performance outcomes, Long-Term Athlete Development, Regional programs, and Coaching Education. This Committee will be comprised of the following:

1. A paid employee of the BCWA
2. A veteran and highly respected coach in B.C. – Mike Jones or Justin Abdou for example
3. A member of the Coaches Education Group – Gord Sturrock, Gianni Buono, Paul Hughes, for example
4. The BCWA Coaches' Chair – James Messenger

The report is to be presented to the Executive Committee no later than October 30th, 2013. Gord Sturrock will Chair the review.

Moved by: Gord Sturrock (NWSS)

Seconded by: Ian McDonald (CGSS/Capilano WC) **CARRIED**

13.2 BCSSWA

WHEREAS the BCSSWA (BC Secondary School Wrestling Association) at its AGM in February passed a resolution asking for a Committee of its Executive to look into its relationship with the BCWA;

AND WHEREAS this resolution even goes so far as to contemplate a complete separation of High School wrestling from the BCWA if the relationship is to be found wanting;

BE IT RESOLVED that the BCWA strike a Committee of its Executive (a group of three) to meet with the BCSSWA Executive on an agreeably mutual date so that a discussion of the relationship between the two can ensue and a consensus on perceived problems and issues (hopefully) be found.

Moved by: Gord Sturrock (NWSS)
Seconded by: Ian McDonald (CGSS/Capilano WC)

Discussion pursuant to the motion:

Philip Cizmic, BCSSWA Representative spoke to this motion providing clarity to the context of the preamble as it implies separation from BCWA. This is not the intent of the motion.

Gianni Buono addressed the point of order of this motion and would like to see it moved by the BCSSWA rather than two member coaches. Philip Cizmic agreed to the motion but not the preamble.

The mover and seconder agreed to a friendly amendment to the motion.

Amended Motion

BE IT RESOLVED that the BCWA strike a Committee of its Executive (a group of three) to meet with the BCSSWA Executive on an agreeably mutual date so that a discussion of the relationship between the two can ensue and a consensus on perceived problems and issues (hopefully) be found.

Moved by: Philip Cizmic (BCSSWA)
Seconded by: Ian McDonald (CGSS/Capilano WC)
Gord Sturrock (NWSS)

CARRIED

13.3 TEAM BC Coaching Staff Appointments

WHEREAS The Canada Games is an important event in the development of our young athletes in both our province and country, and in order to recognize and nurture Cadet and Juvenile talent takes time, the persistence and organization;

AND WHEREAS the appointment of the Canada Games staff by the BCWA for the event in Sherbrooke, Quebec, was done only in December of 2012 (eight months before the Games – not nearly enough time):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for the next cycle of the Canada Games in 2017 that the BCWA select the coaching/management group at least eighteen months prior to the Games themselves (February 2016).

Moved by: Ian McDonald (Capilano WC)
Seconded by: Kate Walker (Capilano WC)

Following discussion it was felt this motion was tabled for discussion by the High Performance Committee as part of its review of the Team BC and IPS programs.

13.4 Cadet Juvenile National Championship Policy

WEREAS the Cadet Juvenile National Championship is an open championship tournament and all other provinces do not formally require minimum performance results in order to compete in the national championship, BC Wrestling's policy of membership performance standard requirements for sanctioning and petitioning to the Cadet Juvenile National Championship, be updated.

WHEREAS BC Wrestling member eligibility and readiness to participate safely at the National Cadet Juvenile level championships.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BC Wrestling athlete members' participation in the Wrestling Canada Cadet Juvenile National Championship be determined by the club's Head Coach (NCCP certified). The certified Head Club coach will assume the responsibility for: parent consent, athlete training, safety, registration, travel, and member conduct with regard to the athletes' participation in Cadet Juvenile National Championship. The certified club coach will follow all required Wrestling Canada registration participation policies and procedures. The head coach must be correctly certified, be a member in good standing, which includes completion of a criminal record search as an eligible member of BCWA.

Moved by: Jim Mitchell (VP Technical)
Seconded by: James Messenger (Coaches Representative)

Discussion pursuant to the motion:

Following the conclusion of discussion it was moved to table the motion to the Executive Committee as part of the National Championship review.

Motion: *To table Resolution 13.4 to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the National Championship review.*

Moved by: Gianni Buono (Zone 6 Representative)
Seconded by: Brian Dick (Zone 2 Representative) **CARRIED**

13.5 Elite Athlete Definition and Athlete Representative Selection Process

This motion was brought back to the floor following the work of the task team.

Motion: *To accept the following definition and process for selection/appointment of the Athlete Representative position.*

An elite athlete is defined as an active high performance athlete that has competed at the college, university, and/ or national level. The athlete representative shall be a senior athlete, in good standing with BCWA, who has competed within two years of being nominated for election.

The election/appointment for of the athletes representative shall take place at the SFU International with communication of the process to election format lead by BC Wrestling. The term of the position shall be for two (2) years.

Moved by: Gianni Buono (Zone 6 Representative)

Seconded by: David Higashi (Member at Large)

CARRIED

Point of Order was called by James Messenger to discuss the number of positions involved – one (1) or two (2), it was concluded that there would be two (2) positions – one (1) male athlete representative and one (1) female athlete representative however, sharing one (1) vote.

13.6 Wrestling Canada Alignment

WHEREAS in an effort to better align with the practices and policies adopted by Wrestling Canada (2010), BC Wrestling Association adopt the following policies for all National Championships.

Motion: *To be eligible to score points for a club at a National Championship, the wrestler must meet all of the following criteria:*

- *Be registered with the Provincial/Territorial Association as a member of that club. (Prior to registration deadline – January of current year.)*
- *Have trained with the club for a minimum of four (4) consecutive months prior to the Nationals in question.*
- *If the wrestler does not meet the criteria they must wrestle unattached.*
- *The wrestler must still be fully supported by a NCCP certified coach, certified to the level required for the respective National Championship, in good standing with BCWA including a criminal records check.*

Moved by: James Messenger (Coaches Representative)

Seconded by: Jim Mitchell (VP Technical)

CARRIED

13.7 Annual Awards Program

Motion: *Be it resolved that to avoid confusion (junior age group vs development) BC Wrestling will change the name of the awards category from Junior Development Coach to Grassroots Development Coach. The name change will be implemented in the 2012-2013 awards program.*

Moved by: James Messenger (Coaches Representative)

Seconded by: Jim Mitchell (VP Technical)

CARRIED

Motion: *Be it resolved that a Builder Category be added the Annual Award Nominations program beginning in 2013 – 2014.*

Moved by: Doug Corbett (President)

Seconded by: Wade Anderson (VP Administration)

CARRIED

13.8 Membership

Motion: *Athlete Members can only be members of one (1) high school club and one (1) community club at any one time.*

Moved by: Jim Mitchell (VP Technical)

Seconded by: Brian Dick (Zone 2 Representative)

Following the discussion period delegates directed this motion to the Executive Committee for review and policy development.

Motion: *For the Executive Committee to review membership policy with regard to membership in high school and community clubs.*

Moved by: Brian Dick (Zone 2 Representative)

Seconded by: Philip Cizmic (BCSSWA Representative)

CARRIED

14. Election of Executive Officers

VP Admin, Wade Anderson led the election of Executive Officers proceedings. The Nominations Committee report was previously circulated to the membership and posted to the website reporting the available positions. There were no nominations received by the posted deadline.

- For the position of Vice President Technical the nomination of **Mike Jones** was received from the floor. No other nominations were received. Mike Jones was acclaimed to the position.
- For the position of Treasurer/Secretary the nomination of **Gianni Buono** was received from the floor. No other nominations were received. Gianni Buono was acclaimed to the position.
- For the position of Marketing Representative the nominations of **Raj Rai, Stephanie Casanova** and **Joseph Vernier** were received from the floor.

The vote for the Marketing Representative position was conducted by secret ballot. Raj Rai was re-elected.

Motion: *To destroy the ballots.*

Moved: Jim Mitchell (VP Technical)

Seconded: Philip Cizmic (BCSSWA)

CARRIED

All vacant Zone Representative positions are to be filled by the June meeting.

The Executive Committee will consider the appointment of an additional Member at Large at their next meeting.

VP Administration, Wade Anderson restated the list of 2013-2014 BC Wrestling Board of Directors:

Position	Name	Position	Name
President	Doug Corbett	Zone 1 Rep:	
Past President		Zone 2 Rep:	Brian Dick
VP Administration	Wade Anderson	Zone 3 Rep:	Jorge Knizek
VP Technical	Mike Jones	Zone 4 Rep:	
Secretary/Treasurer	Gianni Buono	Zone 5 Rep:	
Marketing Representative	Raj Rai	Zone 6 Rep:	Andrew Tuck
<i>Officials Representative</i>	<i>Gerry Badger</i>	Zone 7 Rep:	Mike Richey
<i>Coaches Representative</i>	<i>James Messenger</i>	Zone 8 Rep:	Ken Barwise
<i>BCSSWA Representative</i>	<i>Philip Cizmic</i>		
<i>Athlete Representative</i>	<i>Stacie Anaka</i>		
Member at Large:	David Higashi		

The delegates welcomed the list of **elected**, *representative* and appointed officers with applause.

There was further discussion on the inclusion of Zone Representatives at Executive Committee meetings raised by David Wilson (UBCWC). Philip Cizmic addressed the query stating that Zone Representatives as members of the Board and as such attend all Board meetings, but are not members of the Executive Committee. Should Zone Representatives wish to address the Executive via the agenda they are to seek approval from the President.

15. **New Business**

There was no new business.

16. **Town Hall**

16.1 Physical Literacy Initiative

Miranda Dick and Gord Sturrock will collaborate on a number of CS4L LTAD initiatives around physical literacy in wrestling

16.2 Call for Committee Members

The following operational committees are seeking an expression of interest for committee members:

- National Championship Review Task Team
- Awards and Honours Committee

Perspective volunteers are urged to submit their interest to the BC Wrestling office. At the time of the meeting the following members have stepped forward – Brian Dick (National Championship Review), Sucha Mann (Coaching Development Committee and Awards and Honours Committee).

16.3 *Save the Date* for the Fall Congress (working title) – November 9-10, 2013. This will be a new initiative to bring together the BC Wrestling community one-time per year to conduct is business, provide professional development and education, and provide networking opportunities for stakeholders. AGM, Coaches Conference, officials training, club development all will be addressed through meaningful and relevant programming.

17. Adjournment

President, Doug Corbett accepted the motion from Brian Dick to adjourn the 2013 Annual General Meeting at 3:36 p.m.