



**BC WRESTLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday May 24, 2014
St. Thomas More Collegiate**

AGM MEETING MINUTES

Present: Voting Members

Doug Corbett (President), Gerry Badger (Officials Representative), Mike Jones (VP Technical), Jorge Knizek (Zone 3 Representative), Philip Cizmic (BCSSWA Representative), Raj Rai (Marketing & Promotions Representative), Jim Mitchell (Member at Large), Wade Anderson (Vice President Administration), Gianni Buono (Treasurer), Andrew Tuck (Zone 6 Representative), Chanmit Phulka (Athletes' Representative), Joe Vernier (Zone 5 Representative)

Regrets:

Coralee Roy (Zone 7 Representative), Ken Barwise (Zone 8 Representative), Brian Dick (Zone 2 Representative), Stacie Anaka (Athletes Representative), Dave Higashi (Member at Large), John Pineda (Staff), James Messenger (Coach's Rep)

Staff & Observers:

Laurie Douglas (Staff), Dave McKay (Staff), Dick Woldring (Observer), Raj Viridi (Observer), Ashok Sharma (Observer), Greg Edgelow (Observer), Lyndsay Belisle (Observer), Kate Walker (Observer), David Wilson (Observer), Ian Tuck (Observer), Arjan Bhullar (Observer), Jagroop Bhullar (Observer), Arun Sharma (Observer), Gurdeep Beesla (Observer), Sucha Mann (Observer)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Doug Corbett at 12 PM. President Doug 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.

2. Meeting Notice

The reading of the official Notice of the 2014 Annual General Meeting was conducted by Wade Anderson.

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: *To amend the agenda to move item #10 & #11 to before item #9. Change the numbering of resolution numbers from 11.1 to 11.6, to 12.1 to 12.6.*

Moved: Gerry Badger

Seconded: Jim Mitchell **Carried**

5. Approval of the Minutes from the 2013 Annual General Meeting

Item #11 Annual Awards Official award is Demetra is incorrect. Minutes should read Dave Higashi.

Motion: *To accept the Minutes of the 2013 AGM as amended.*

Moved: Gerry Badger

Seconded: Jim Mitchell **Carried**

6. Business Arising from the 2013 Meeting

Questions were received from the floor regarding the final approved budget for 2013-2014. Questions were answered by the Treasurer Gianni Buono.

7. Presentation of the Reports

Written reports were pre-circulated for review. Reports were not received from the following areas – VP Administration, VP Technical, and BCSSWA Representative. Reports were circulated prior to the meeting to the board of directors as well as the attending guests. Questions were received from the floor regarding the IPS position posting and future provincial coach development planning. Dave McKay answered the questions on behalf of the technical committee.

Motion: *To accept all reports as presented.*

Moved: Doug Corbett

Seconded: Gianni Buono **Carried**

Doug Corbett called for a suspension in the proceedings for the lunch break at 1:40 p.m.

Doug Corbett reconvened the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

8. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

The treasurer Gianni Buono explained parts of the auditor's report and answered questions from the floor.

Motion: *That BC Wrestling accepts the Auditor's Report from Joanne Abdou and the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2014, as presented.*

Moved: Gerry Badger

Seconded: Gianni Buono **Carried**

9. Approval of the 2014-2015 Budget

The FY 2014-2015 draft budget was presented. Questions were received from the floor and answered by Gianni. Gianni explained that the budget proposal is based on the funding we hope to receive. The numbers are dynamic and may change after we receive confirmation from our funding partners.

Motion: *To approve the 2014-2015 proposed budget.*

Moved: Gerry Badger

Seconded: Phil Cizmic **Carried**

10. Annual Award Nominations for 2013-2014

Member At Large Jim Mitchell presented the recommendations of the Executive Committee for the BC Wrestling Annual Awards.

This process diverts from BC Wrestling Bylaw IX.2.1 and was approved at the 2012 AGM.

The Executive Committee recommendations are as follows:

2013-2014 Annual Award Nominations			
School Boy	Stefano Pozzolo (STMC)	School Girl	
Cadet Male	Navdeep Toor (Miri Piri)	Cadet Female	Karah Bulaqui (STA / Cap.)
Juvenile Male	Oscar Bulaqui (STA/ Cap.)	Juvenile Female	Payten Smith (M R Ramblers)
Junior Male	Marc Magano (SFU)	Junior Female	Zandri Botha (SFU)
University/College Male	Skylor Davis (SFU)	University/College Female	Justina Distasio (SFU)
Senior Male	Sunny Dhinsa (BMWC)	Senior Female	Stacie Anaka (BMWC)
Volunteer of the Year	Linda Tegart (BCWOA)	Coach of the Year	Doug Corbett (STM)
Grassroots Coach of the Year	Louie VanGrootel (PGWC)	Official of the Year	Demetra Kousopodiotis, Kerrin Hall, Tracey Williams

11. 2015 Schedule of Events

A draft 2015 Schedule of Events was circulated for discussion. This schedule was developed following a call for events and with best information at the time.

12. Resolutions 12.1 - 12.6

12.1:

WHEREAS the landscape of wrestling has changed over the years and the direction and focus of the Association has encountered obstacles, it is prudent to review the framework of the organization to ensure relevancy into the future.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a committee consisting of the past president, president, treasurer, high school rep, athlete's rep and two zone reps be set up to examine the current BCWA constitution. The committee can examine the relevancy of the entire constitution but should make recommendations on the following:

- *Membership definitions/categories*
- *Voting privileges (ie. 1 per team/club vs 1 per individual member) & who can vote for what (board of directors/resolutions)*
- *Makeup of the Board and Executive Committee*
- *Meetings (number of board meetings vs executive Committee meetings)*

The recommendations shall be presented to the Executive Committee for the January 2015 Executive Meeting. Resolutions are to be brought forward to the 2015 BCWA AGM.

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: James Messenger

Carried

12.2:

WHEREAS the membership of BC Wrestling is largely rooted in the high school aged athletes, it is vital that the organization honors the foundation of the organization. Grassroots and development are key to the continued success of the organization. High performance must be defined to broaden the services and support that BC Wrestling provides to its membership.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BC Wrestling define the mandate of the high performance program to include support for programs and athletes throughout the province. This support will include, but not be limited to:

- *Ensuring a regional clinic is completed in each region where feasible and practical, at least once per high school wrestling season.*
- *BC Wrestling coaches support regional camps and clinics by promoting the attendance of athletes and where practical the coaches will attend the camps.*
- *BC Wrestling will facilitate the coordination of camps and clinics throughout the province.*

- *BC Wrestling camps, tournaments, events or activities shall not be scheduled in conflict with member organized camps, tournaments, events or activities.*
- *BC Wrestling coaches will attend all major high school tournaments*

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: James Messenger

Carried

12.3:

WHEREAS wrestling in the province has traditionally been exclusively contested through inter-scholastic participation, it is important to ensure the integrity of the inter-scholastic framework is maintained. The rationale centers around BC School Sports' regulations governing inter-school play. The development of non-school based clubs puts our current practice in conflict with those regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BC Wrestling support the defined high school and club wrestling seasons. The high school season would coincide with BC Schools Sports' season of play (approximately Dec 1 – February 28 or the BCSSWA Championships). The club season would go from March 1 (or right after the BCSSWA Championships) to November 30. Tournament hosts and sanctioning would be bound by these dates. Athletes must wrestle for/represent their school during the high school season. It is the responsibility of the coach and athlete to demonstrate proper sanctioning/approval from the school.

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: James Messenger

Motion: to table Resolution 12.3 to the executive committee or a committee that consists of various representation of club and high school representatives.

Moved: Phil Cizmic

Seconded: Gianni Buono

Carried

12.4: Re High School and Club Fees

WHEREAS, high school students should not be financially dinged every time they wrestle in a different venue or in a tournament outside the high school season of play;

AND WHEREAS, high school students are already covered for liability insurance for one year when they pay at the start of their season of competition;

AND WHEREAS, it is much easier for Clubs to coordinate students from different schools to attend non-high school practices and competition than to have to go through school regulations and bureaucracies;

Be It Resolved that we return to the past practice of allowing high school students being permitted to represent their High School and one Wrestling Club without having to pay for both to the BCWA.

Moved: Ian McDonald

Seconded: Kate Walker

Motion: *To table Resolution 12.4 to the committee from motion 12.3.*

Moved: Doug Corbett
Seconded: Phil Cizmic **Carried**

12.5: RE Team BC Designation

WHEREAS, there are always exceptional young wrestlers of high school age being produced in our province;

AND WHEREAS, they are part of the continuum of the elementary-high-school-university-national team to which we would like to contribute;

AND WHEREAS, these exceptional young people are the pride and joy of the communities from which they originate and they already belong to high school teams and Club teams; and

AND WHEREAS, we understand the need for these exceptional athletes to be exposed to a higher level of training and competition so they can advance along the aforementioned developmental continuum, but we would like it done in a way which is both transparent and safe from a liability perspective;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BCWA create a third Club level to which high school students of exceptional abilities can belong without payment of another set of affiliation dues, namely a Team B.C. designation.

Moved: Kate Walker
Seconded: Ian McDonald

Motion: *To table Resolution 12.5 to the committee from 12.3*

Moved: Doug Corbett
Seconded: Kate Walker

12.6:

WHEREAS: there is a needless overlap of duties and responsibilities for both BCWA and BCSSWA Zone

Reps;

AND WHEREAS: the BCSSWA AGM in February passed an identical resolution;__

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) Henceforth the elected BCSSWA Zone reps automatically become the BCWA Zone Reps, with overlapping geographic responsibilities to be adjusted within the BCWA (i.e. the Rep responsible for Burnaby during a B.C. Summer Games year).*

The Zone Reps get both Voice and Vote at all BCWA Board Meetings; as of now the Reps get only Voice

Moved: Ian McDonald

Seconded: Phil Cizmic

Motion: *To table Resolution 12.6 to the committee from 12.3.*

Moved: Doug Corbett

Seconded: Phil Cizmic

Carried

13 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 President: the nomination of **Phil Cizmic** was received from the floor. Phil Cizmic was voted in by acclamation for the position
- For the position of VP Administration: the nomination of **Tom Petryshen** was received from the floor. Tom Petryshen was voted in by acclamation for the position.
- For the position of Member at Large, the nominations of Dave Higashi, Arjan Bhullar, and Steve Rose were received from the floor. The vote for Member at Large position was conducted by secret ballot. Arjan Bhullar was elected.

Motion: *To destroy the ballots.*

Moved: Jim Mitchell

Seconded: Phil Cizmic

Carried

VP Administration, Wade Anderson restated the list of the 2014 - 2015 BC Wrestling Board of Directors:

Position	Name	Position	Name
President	Phil Cizmic	Zone 1 Rep:	
Past President	Doug Corbett	Zone 2 Rep:	Brian Dick
VP Administration	Tom Petryshen	Zone 3 Rep:	Jorge Knizek
VP Technical	Mike Jones	Zone 4 Rep:	
Secretary/Treasurer	Gianni Buono	Zone 5 Rep:	Joseph Vernier
Marketing Representative	Raj Rai	Zone 6 Rep:	Andrew Tuck
Officials Representative	Gerry Badger	Zone 7 Rep:	Coralee Roy
Coaches Representative	James Messenger	Zone 8 Rep:	Ken Barwise
BCSSWA Representative	Philip Cizmic		
Athlete Representative	Stacie Anaka		
Member at Large:	Jim Mitchell		
Member at Large:	Arjan Bhullar		

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

13. New Business

Phil Cizmic addressed the floor and expressed gratitude to the past president Doug Corbett and the past VP Administration Wade Anderson, for their volunteer hours of service to the BCWA and the BCWA Executive and Board of Directors.

14. Adjournment

Motion: *to adjourn the 2014 Annual General Meeting at 4:25 pm*

Moved: Andrew Tuck

Seconded: Chanmit Phulka

Carried

Draft Meeting Minutes for Approval

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Douglas

Office Administrator