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2020 BC Wrestling Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Online via Zoom

AGM Minutes

Present:

Board of Directors

Gurjot Kooner (President), Doug Corbett (Past President), Aso Palani (Athlete Rep.), Gerry Badger (Official Rep.), Greg Edgelow (Promotions & Marketing), Justin Abdou (Member-at-Large), Kate Walker (Treasurer), Lyndsay Abdou (Coach Rep.), Mike Jones (VP-Technical),

Staff

Non Ha (Executive Director), Payten Smith (Office Administrator/Membership Coordinator), Raj Viridi (HP Coach), Tyler McLean (Jr. Development Coach)

Observers

Al McAvena, Andy Sidhu, Arjan Bhullar, Avi Yan, Bill Brooks, Billy Sahota, Chris Thom, Dave Higashi, David Wilson, Frank Mensah, Gianni Buono, Gina Carpenter, Gord Sturrock, Gurdeep Beesla, Ian McDonald, Jess Tang, Jim Mitchell, Joe Smith, Laura Steffler, Lauren Thom, Marina Khrisanova, Miguel De Sousa, Miranda Giallonardo, Paul Sahota, Raewyn Brewer, Rafiq Charania, Ranjot Sandhar, Selwyn Tam, Steve Rennalls, Sucha Mann, Sukhan Chahal, Travis Cross, Travis Himmelright, Tyler Keeling

Regrets:

Dave Remble (Zone Rep.), Mike Rhodes (Zone Rep.), Mike Roselli (BCSSWA President)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gurjot Kooner at 2:05 pm (PST) and a welcoming address was also made.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

The minimum quorum was met and confirmation was announced to the audience by Gurjot.





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3. Announcement of Voting Process and Rules

Non read out the process, procedure, and rules for voting. A test poll was performed.

4. Introduction and Roll Call

The Board of Directors introduced themselves, the staff introduced themselves, and a roll call of all the observers was conducted.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Membership adopts the agenda of the 2020 BCWA AGM as presented.

Moved: Non Ha

Seconded: Ian McDonald **Carried**

6. Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Motion: Membership adopts the agenda of the 2020 BCWA AGM as presented.

Moved: Chris Thom

Seconded: Travis Cross **Carried**

7. Presentation of Reports

a. Executive Reports

- i. Gurjot Kooner gave an overview of the President's Report.
- ii. Ian McDonald spoke on behalf of BCSSWA.
- iii. Greg Edgelow gave an overview of the Promotions & Marketing Report.
- iv. Mike Jones gave an overview of the VP-Technical Report.
- v. Lyndsay Abdou gave an overview of the Coach Representative Report.
- vi. Gerry Badger gave an overview of the Official representative Report.
- vii. Kate Walker gave an overview of the Secretary/Treasurer Report.
- viii. Justin Abdou gave an overview of the Member-at-Large Report.
- ix. Aso Palani gave an overview of the Athlete Representative Report.

b. Staff Reports

- i. Non Ha gave an overview of the Executive Director Report.
- ii. Raj Viridi gave an overview of the High Performance Coach Report.
- iii. Tyler McLean gave an overview of the Junior Development Coach Report.

c. Zone Reports

- i. Jim Mitchell gave an overview of the Fraser Valley Zone Report.
- ii. Travis Himmelright gave an overview of the North West and North Central Zone Reports.
- iii. Ian McDonald gave an overview of the Vancouver-Sea to Sky Zone Report.

Motion: Membership accepts the Executive report as presented.

Moved: Ian McDonald

Seconded: Gerry Badger



Carried



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Note: Chair (Gurjot) temporarily lost connection for 10 minutes and was temporarily replaced by Doug Corbett. Motion was approved to have Doug be the Chair during Gurjot's absent. Motion was approved to reinstate Gurjot as Chair after he regained connection.

8. Notice to Readers and Financial Statements

Non made a presentation on the Financial Statements and informed the participants that this year BCWA only completed a financial compilation and not an audit, as an audit was not required. It was mentioned that there was a net income, an investment loss, and an overall net asset increase. Key risk areas were identified by impact of COVID-19, investment income, and record keeping by previous staff.

Kate also spoke on the financials and answered questions from the participants.

Motion: Membership accepts the financial report as presented.

Moved: Joe Smith

Second: Gord Sturrock **Carried**

9. Approval of Auditor

Motion: Membership accepts auditor and remuneration approved by BOD.

Mover: Joe Smith

Second: Gord Sturrock **Carried**

10. Budget Presentation and Approval

Non and Kate presented on the budget and answered questions from the participants.

Motion: Membership approves the 2020/2021 BCWA Budget as presented in the 2020 BCWA AGM Information Package.

Mover: Joe Smith

Second: Gerry Badger **Carried**

11. Approval of Membership Fees

Non spoke regarding membership fees and answered questions. Gurjot, Jessica, Ian, Frank, and Jim asked questions. There were questions on having to pay for both coach and official membership fees, club membership requirement to attend Nationals, and differences between the memberships.

Motion: Membership accepts the membership fee structure as presented.

Mover: Joe Smith

Second: Justin Abdou **Carried**

12. Resolution #1 Inclusion

Gord Sturrock presented on the resolution to review BCWA policies and update it's policies around inclusion. Arjan, Greg, Jess, Gianni, and Gurjot spoke regarding the resolution and Greg brought up what happened at the BC Championships was a form of systematic racism.





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Motion: Membership accepts Resolution #1 regarding inclusion as presented.
Moved: Gerry Badger
Seconded: Greg Edgelow **Carried**

13. Resolution #2 Board Structure

Ian McDonald announced that Mike Roselli (not present) had requested that the resolution relating to the Board structure (Resolution #2) be **withdrawn**.

14. Election of Directors

a. President:

Chris Thom nominated by Gord Sturrock and seconded by Justin Abdou.

Gurjot Kooner nominated by Sucha Mann, however Gurjot did not accept the nomination.

As there were no other nominations from the floor, **Chris Thom** was unopposed and declared the new President.

Chris made a presentation on his plan for BCWA.

b. Vice President Administration:

Raewyn Brewer was nominated Chris Thom and seconded by Justin Abdou.

As there were no additional nomination from the floor, **Raewyn Brewer** was unopposed and declared the new VP Administration.

Raewyn presented on her credentials and experiences and also took questions from the participants.

c. Promotions and Marketing:

Sukhan Chahal was nominated by Gurjot Kooner and seconded by Sucha Mann.

As there were no additional nomination from the floor, **Sukhan Chahal** was unopposed and declared the new Promotions and Marketing Director.

Sukhan presented on his commitment and experience with wrestling.

d. Member-at-Large:

Tyler Keeling was nominated by Chris Thom and seconded by Justin Abdou.

Frank Mensah was nominated by Jess Tang, however Frank did not accept the nomination.

As there were no additional nomination from the floor, **Tyler Keeling** was unopposed and declared the new Member-at-Large Director.

15. New Business

a. Return to Play

BCWA is currently in Phase 2 of Return to Play, Sport Phases are not the same as general public phases. Phase 3 is in development and will aligned with viaSport





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and Wrestling Canada. We do not know the timeline when viaSport will have an approved phase 3 plan, but once that is available it will be used to update BC Wrestling's plan and be submitted to the BC Wrestling Board for approval.

Frank questioned why other sports are allowing play yet BCWA is restrictive on Return to Play. Non explained the decision is made by the Board of Director with consideration of many factors including liability and priority groups.

b. Event Registration

A recommendation will be made to wrestling event organizers to implement the following registration practices at larger events: no day of event registration, drops day before event will be refunded, drop day of event will not be refunded. The intention is to prevent extensive delays to start time.

c. Zone Development

This program is to replace the grassroots development program. The focus will be on grassroots, coaches, and officials development. How this is different is that it will be available and led by many Zone Coordinators with the support of BC Wrestling. With this program we will development all areas of our membership in all regions of the province. This will be presented to the Board in details.

d. Grant Opportunities Communication

BCWA will continue to communicate any grants that would be available and applicable to Local Sport organizations. The idea is to teach the members to fish for themselves as BC Wrestling has limited and often restricted funds.

e. Respect in Sport

In the coming season you will see new mandates on Respect in Sport, this is also occurring at the national level with Wrestling Canada. Board members have been mandated by viaSport to complete respect in sport training. We are also exploring the idea of mandating training for coaches that are not school district staff. This will be determined by the Board.

16. Approval of Adjournment

Motion: Membership approves the adjournment of the 2020 BCWA AGM.

Moved: Lyndsay Abdou

Secunder: Chris Thom **Carried**

Adjourned: 5:05 pm

Submitted by,
Non Ha





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