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February 2009

BCCPAC Representation Report

Submitted by:	**Laurey-Anne Roodenburg** **2nd Vice President**
Name of Event:	BCSS (bc school sports)
Date of Event:	January 19th, 2009
Location of Event:	Richmond

1.0 IN ATTENDANCE:

Raj Puri, President (Kwantlen Park), **Randy Semenoff**, 1st. Vice President, (Brocklehurst), **Rob Colombo**, 2nd Vice-President (Riverside), **Bill Haddow,** Sport Commission Rep. (Football), **Joe Ogmundson,** Sport Commission Rep. (Basketball – Girls'), **Jo-Anne Loader**, Athletic Association Rep. (South Kamloops), **Diane Dosch,** (BCSTA Appointee SD #73), **Laurey-Anne Roodenburg**, (BCCPAC). **Bob Peacock,** (BCSSA Appointee), **Matt Thomson**, Athletic Association Rep. (Prince George Secondary), **Sue Keenan,** Executive Director.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Vic Bifano, Brian Lynch and Stephen Rowell.

REGRETS: Sue Thorne Athletic Association Rep. (Prince Charles), **Joe Moreira**, Sport Commission Rep. (Girls' Volleyball), **Sean Lamoureux**, BCP/VPA Appointee (South Kamloops).

The meeting called to order at 8:32 AM

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOVED: ***(Thomson / Loader)*** **THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING TWO ADDITIONS;**

9.1.6 Tiering & report – Randy Semenoff
9.1.7 Fraser Valley issues and update – Rob Colombo

CARRIED

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF June 21, 2008:

MOVED*: (Thomson / Colombo)* **THAT THE MINUTES OF June 21, 2008 BE ACCEPTED**

CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF June 21, 2008

4.1 Rules and Regulations Committee – next meeting is February 28

Sue Keenan provided an update to the Board specific to the issue of gender and advised that this committee work should be concluded after this meeting.

4.2 Competitive Standards Committee – next meeting is February 21

Rob Colombo provided an update on the committee's work to date (Curling and Boys AAA basketball dates now set for 2010). He informed the Board what is on the agenda for the remaining meeting this year which will also include updating the Championships Standards section of the handbook with recommendations going forward to the membership at the 2009 AGM.

4.3 Corporate Partnership status

Sue Keenan advised the Board on the one proposal currently being considered by a potential major corporate partner. She also circulated a 'Marketability of Sport' summary which was based on meetings she has had with Steve Podborski from Telus and Cam Iverson from i2i Advertising & Marketing, who have an advertising contract with Subway. As soon as the global economic situation stabilizes Sue Keenan will focus on partnerships for all 'B' sports.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

Incoming correspondence to BCSS was circulated for review which included;

5.1 Outgoing letter - Cross Country Commission - Junior events.

5.2 Outgoing letter - Hon. Shirley Bond – Insurance.

5.3 Website article – "Coaching fees become an election issue", *The Vancouver Sun*, October 28, 008

5.4 Coaching Recognition article –"B.C. School Sports to honour long time Boyd football coach", *Richmond News*, October 22

5.5 Provincial Sport Program Planning Session – Friday February 27 & Saturday February 28. Sue Keenan will attend and Board members will advise if they maybe available to attend as well. Meetings are in Richmond.

5.6 Official Value Statement provided by Hon. Shirley Bond and Hon. Mary Polak.

6.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Raj Puri)

a) **Coaching Recognition Event in October** - The inaugural Coaching Recognition event in October, 2008 has received very positive feedback.

b) **Insurance** – it is wonderful having the Ministry of Education committed to this issue.

c**) Fraser Valley issues** – Rob Colombo will provide a more detailed summary later. Since Surrey is leading the charge with respect to breaking away from the Fraser Valley Athletic Association, Raj Puri has delegated responsibility for this issue to Rob Colombo due to the perceived conflict of interest. Rob Colombo will handle the impending issue and all correspondence as required. There is also a potential student eligibility issue arising in Surrey concerning basketball.

d) The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport have signed off on the **'Value Statement'** that BCSS requested as part of our 2007 'round table' dialogue. Raj Puri will be using some of the content in his upcoming communiqué' to the membership.

7.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S (Sue Keenan)

7.1 a) **Branding / Logo / Tag line** – Sue Keenan provided an update on the status of this project. She intends on having a recommendation ready for the 2009 AGM. There will be identified stakeholder input prior to finalizing two or three options for consideration.

b) **Reciprocal Agreements** – Sue Keenan provided an update on the status of the work being done on an agreement in partnership with professional sport organizations beginning with soccer. She is conducting this task with the assistance of Kurt Wedel, BCSS's legal counsel who will investigate disciplinary problems with student athletes and officials at sanctioned BCSS events.

They hope to have an agreement in place which recognizes the disciplinary action of both parties. They aim to implement the first agreement prior to the 2009-2010 school year.
c) **NFHS Leadership Conference** – BCSS will send two delegates on alternating years. Our next participation will be in 2010.
d) **Sportsfunder Travel funding after 2010**- Sue Keenan is quite concerned about the future availability of this funding. We have not received any funding yet for this year and she has been advised that this lottery program is not doing very well. This does not bode well for the years after 2010 therefore BCSS continues to advise its membership not to get too reliant on this funding. All members should pursue their own fundraising initiatives.

7.2 December 31, 2008 update - Financial Discussion
Sue Keenan provided a summary of the financials for the quarter ending December 31, 2008. Some funding has been deferred as we continue our transition for a new fiscal year end. Remaining projected revenues and expenditures were addressed as well as adjustments made as per the May Board meeting. She advised that we are in good shape and that she is not anticipating any surprises. A brief discussion ensued.

MOVED: *(Loader, Semenoff)* **THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND IDENTIFIED ADJUSTMENTS BE ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION. CARRIED**

7.3) Mini audit – April 1, 2008-June 30, 2008
Sue Keenan provided a summary of the completed mini-audit which will be presented to the membership at the 2009 AGM. All subsequent AGM meetings will be presented with the prior year's audit as per the revised BCSS constitution.

MOVED: *(Colombo, Roodenburg)* **THAT THE INTERIM FINANCIAL MINI-AUDIT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. CARRIED**

7.4Preliminary Proposed Budget for 2009-2010
Sue Keenan presented the proposed budget for July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010. She anticipates a break even budget but identified the need for a legal levy in the 2009-2010 membership fees. A final proposed budget will be available for Board approval at the June, 2009 meeting.

MOVED: *(Colombo, Dosch)* **THAT THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL BUDGET BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED WITH THE UNDERSTANING THAT A FINAL PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE SUBMITTED AND DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE BOARD MEETING.**

CARRIED

8.0 DIRCTOR REPORTS:

Matt Thomson – Recently facilitated a meeting with northern member schools interested in affiliation with the football commission. The meeting went extremely well as all parties tried to address logistics. The AA girls' volleyball Provincial Championships went extremely well at UNBC. Matt Thomson has put forward a request to UNBC to re-examine their facility rental fee structure for high school championships. He is hopeful they will see the benefits in attracting high school events to the campus.

Joe Ogmundson –Provided an update on the Telus agreement which should be officially announced this spring. He also advised that the girls will be looking for new venues after 2010

such as Langley, Richmond and new sport facilities throughout the Fraser Valley. Adoption of FIBA has been interesting but there are no real issues though. Girls are looking for a new game ball sponsor. Finally, the executive will be exploring all avenues to promote more of the regional zone events leading up to the Provincial Championships.

Rob Colombo – Is very busy at the local level. Provided an overview of Karelo, a company which provides a computer program for the collection of Athletic fees. This program has been very successful in Coquitlam. Contact info.http://www.karelo.com/contact.php. Discussion followed.

Bill Haddow – Elaborated on the growth of football in the north with seven new member schools. He was very pleased with the reception Farhan and himself received at the football organizational meeting in Prince George. A sub-committee for the football commission has been struck to address various tiering proposals which have been put forward. They know it will not be addressed this year by the CSC but hope to have something ready the following year. He will be talking with Sue Keenan about travel funding for football and the special circumstances that need to be considered around safety requirements and what constitutes a BC Provincial Championship.

Bob Peacock (BCSSA) – Discussed the Coaching Recognition piece specific to a coach in his district who was unable to attend the recognition event in Vancouver. As a result the School Board received a letter from BCSS as well as the certificate and other goodies with a request from Sue Keenan to present this honour at an upcoming board meeting which they did. Bob Peacock, in his capacity as superintendent, co-ordinated the event. He suggested this program be expanded to include an additional or second presentation to selected teacher coaches by School Trustees at school board meetings across the province. He emphasized the importance and value of the BCTF's involvement in this endeavor. Bob Peacock also advised that he attended the AA and AAA Volleyball Championships and how good they continue to be. With respect to the Junior Rugby issue he sent out a communiqué to all superintendents and had dialogue with many superintendants from the districts involved.
He is concerned about the effect of the current economic crisis on future school funding and as a final note recognized how much he is enjoying the return of the TV program Friday Night Lights.

Randy Semenoff– Announced that starting this year all OVSSA reports will be on-line and no longer printed. He also advised that he had 12 new Athletic Directors attend the new session at the Douglas College QDPE conference last October.

Diane Dosch (BCSTA) – No report.

Jo-Anne Loader – Discussed building a mentoring program mode with school and community coaches. This would involve a three year period at which time she hopes to retire. She also inquired about coaching certification. At this time Sue reminded the Board that funding is still available to offset training costs for all teacher and community coaches who want to update their certification. She addressed the issue of onsite medical services at high risk sports. Discussion ensued. We were short a track and field zone representative so there was the risk of not having any track and field sports at all this year. An individual has stepped forward and should be named shortly so the sport will continue. She raised some issues around red carding of athletes. Raj Puri spoke to a soccer incident that occurred this year and Sue Keenan provided an update on reciprocal agreements.

Laurey-Anne Roodenburg (BCCPAC) – Addressed Provincial Championships moving around the province and the availability of host funding through the Spirit committees set up in each community.

Items for Follow-up

1) **Presentation of banners at Provincial Championships –**We need to reemphasize the importance of the banner program with all Commissions in terms of the award presentations.

2) **Sport safety in the school system –** What do we need to collectively ensure for our high risk sports? Proposals for a presentation by SportMed BC at the Fall meetings in October 2009. i.e. concussions.
   *May wish to add a link on the BCSS web site as well.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS **9.1 Junior Rugby Issue** – Appointment commenced at 9:30 AM. Vic Bifano provided an overview of his report concerning the allegations of seasons of play violations against numerous schools in Vancouver, Richmond and Vancouver Island as well as the financial penalties. Sue Keenan advised that the fines were limited due to the wording within the existing rules and regulations. Vic Bifano also advised that Junior Rugby is in total disarray. Decisive action needs to be taken immediately in order to get the program back on track. He also suggested the Commission needs to step up and show definitive leadership in these situations.
In-depth discussion took place with respect to the five major recommendations contained in the report. A resolution will be brought forward to the 2009 AGM which will move all rugby to the spring season and look at other sports to realign their seasons of play with senior play.
Brian Lynch and Stephen Rowell provided an update on the commission's position and believe the commission leadership is limited by the Terms of Reference in the BCSS handbook. They also advised of an executive meeting in mid February. They would like Sue Keenan to attend so she might provide clarity around this issue and advise on what steps BCSS should pursue in order to find resolution. Sue Keenan and Vic Bifano will set up meetings with the Vancouver Island reps, the commission and the BCRU. In the interim, the Board of Directors has asked Sue Keenan to examine the terms of reference and create an amendment for consideration by the membership at the 2009 AGM to broaden the mandate of all Commissions via a resolution. In-depth discussion ensued**.**

Raj thanked Brian Lynch, Stephen Rowell and Vic Bifano for attending.

9.2 Futures Committee Report – Raj Puri addressed the primary discussion items at the fall meeting. They were
a) the recruitment and retention of new coaches,
b) Tiering – needs to be readdressed,
c) BCSS philosophy – participation and/or competition
d) Defining public, independent and private schools. At the spring council meetings these items will be put forward for discussion collectively with the Athletic Associations, Sport Commissions and Administrators as a plenary session prior to breaking off into sub-committee meetings.

9.3 LTAD or CS4L – Sue Keenan advised the Board of this initiative and where BCSS is in relation to the CSSF as well as CAPHERED. She will keep the membership advised as this program unfolds.

9.4 2009 CSSF meetings – in Vancouver October 1, 2, and 3, 2009. Sue Keenan suggested that it would be nice if Board members were able to attend parts of this conference. She also

informed the Board of the special dignitaries she has invited. An agenda will be circulated as soon as it becomes available.

Action: Board Members who are planning on attending should let Sue know by the June meeting at the latest.

9.5 2009 BCSS AGM – Confirming the location of our meeting at George Elliot Secondary in Winfield, which is just east of Kelowna. Sue Keenan and Randy Semenoff will look into hosting a golf event on the Saturday afternoon.

9.6 Tiering – Randy Semenoff provided an overview of his report and the possibilities of implementing a survey prior to the spring council meetings to get some input from the membership around this whole issue. It was suggested that an online survey be created based on the template Randy has created and pre-circulated with this agenda package. The Board was very receptive to moving forward on this item. Randy Semenoff and Raj Puri will review the criteria and submit a final copy to post to the website, which will be easily accessible by the membership. Sue will need to send out a notice to all member schools advising the intent of the survey and where they can access it.

9.7 Fraser Valley issues – Rob Colombo provided a more detailed update on current issues prevalent in the Fraser Valley.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED: ***(Peacock)*** **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**
CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.
Next Meeting scheduled for May 8-9, 2009 at Lake Country District offices and George Elliot Secondary.

There is another attachment that accompanies this report from the president of BCSS.