

2015 BC High School Cross Country Commission AGM

Friday, November 6, 2015 – 7pm

Best Western Hotel

Present:

Nancy Champagne (BCHSXC Commissioner), Greg Worsley (BCHSXC Treasurer), Maureen de St. Croix (Acting Secretary)

Stan Jang	Sir Charles Tupper Secondary	Davey Gin	White Rock Christian Academy
Paul Skarsgard	Point Grey Secondary	Larry Ryan	Burnaby Mountain
Colin Dignum	West Vancouver Secondary	Leslie Buchanan	West Vancouver Secondary
Hugh Wilson	Sentinel	Don Sparks	Walnut Grove Secondary
Jody Barber	Smithers Secondary	Dean Sheardown	Sir David Thompson
Scott Trueman	Quesnel Junior School	Eric Wolf	Dawson Creek Secondary
Kim Barwise	Prince George Secondary	Tessa Kubicek	Oak Bay High School
Tyler Heisterman	Queen Margarets School	Josh Clouthier	Mount Dougls Secondary
Kelly Nelson	Claremont Secondary	Brad Cunningham	Reynolds Secondary
Jody Tobacco	St. Michaels University School	Sara Neil	Lord Byng Secondary
Wanda Nemethy	Nechanko Valley	Brian Nemethy	Nechanko Valley
Wes Stinson	Burnaby Central	Bob Riddell	McMath Richmond
Bill Harvey	Moscrop SS		

1. **Call to order** - Commissioner Nancy Champagne
 - Welcome to delegates
 - Thank you and recognition to the 2015 BC HS XC Organizing Committee – Sean Dawson, Gillian Wright and the West Point Grey Academy staff and administration
 - Reminder to delegates that they must sign in and are allotted one voting card per school
2. **Reminder to zones to update their links at the BC HS Cross Country website** www.bcx.ca
3. **Executive**
 - a. Commissioner: Nancy Champagne – retiring June 2016
 - b. Treasurer: Greg Worsley – 1 more year term remaining
 - c. Secretary: Vacant
 - d. Members at Large: 10 Zone Representatives (zones can be viewed at www.bcx.ca)
 - i. Fraser Valley Greg Worsley* (BC XC Commission Treasurer)
 - ii. Independent Sean Dawson
 - iii. Kootenays Jon Francis
 - iv. North Central Brian Nemethy
 - v. North West Jody Barber
 - vi. North Shore/Howe Sound Gerry Karvelis
 - vii. Okanagan Tom Carlson
 - viii. Burnaby/New Westminister/Richmond Bill Harvey
 - ix. Vancouver Paul Skarsgard
 - x. Vancouver Island Tessa Kubicek
 - xi. Advisor/Liason with BC Athletics Maureen de St. Croix

Election of Officers:

- a. Commissioner: Nominations – Colin Dignum – North Shore/Howe Sound
 - ** no additional nominations, Colin Dignum elected by acclamation as new BC Cross Country Commissioner beginning term June 1, 2016
- b. Secretary: no nominations. The position remains vacant.

4. **Review of 2014 Minutes** - Lesley Beckerman moved that the 2014 Minutes be accepted. Seconded by Sean Dawson. Passed
5. **Financials** - Greg Worsley reviewed the 2015 Financial Statement
- BCSS Support - \$4000 / \$1500 Gaming Grant
 - Sponsorship: Subway has committed to a continued and renewable \$7800.00 support of the BC HS XC Championship program

6. **Committees**

- A. **Championship Development Committee** – for 2015 the Championship Development Committee has been chaired by Al Niezen. Al and his committee continued the development of the BC High School Cross Country Championship Handbook . 2015 updates to the Handbook were completed in August 2015. The Handbook is accessible through the website under the Publications tab.

Thankyou to Al Niezen and his committee for their work on the production and updating of this valuable tool for the BC High School Cross Country Championship.

- B. **Championship Host Committee** – Sean Dawson, Director and Championship Host Committee Chair, reviewed the program and protocols for the Championships the following day, outlined course cautions and thanked his committee for their hard work and the West Point Grey Academy Administration for their support.
- C. **Disciplinary Committee** – The Disciplinary Committee is comprised of the Commissioner and 3 executive members, and must be determined from those in attendance at the current AGM. The Disciplinary Committee will be called upon to handle any disputes or infractions occurring in the Championship event. 2015 Championship Disciplinary Committee - Nancy Champagne (Commissioner), Maureen de St. Croix (BCA liason), Greg Worsley (Treasurer), Brian Nemethy ? (Member at large North Central).
- D. **Public Relations Committee** - Thank you to Sean Dawson of West Point Grey Academy – Independent Zone – for heading up this committee for 2015. Excellent contact and coverage was made with the Vancouver Sun, Vancouver Province, Global News and local newspapers.
- E. **Scholarship Committee** – The BC High School Cross Country Committee provides two \$500 scholarships to graduating students each year.
- 13 applications were received for 2014-2015
 - Congratulations to the 2014-2015 BC High School Cross Country Scholarships recipients
 - Rowan Doherty – West Vancouver
 - Morgan Roskelley – Oak Bay
 - Thankyou to the 2015-2016 members Colin Dignum – West Vancouver Secondary, Tessa Kubicek – Oak Bay High School, and Scott Yewchuk – Semiahmoo Secondary
 - The 2016-2017 Scholarship Committee will be comprised of Brian Nemethy
 - The application deadline for the 2015-2016 BC High School Cross Country Commission Scholarship is December 15, 2015. Scholarship recipients will be announced February 1st, 2016. Submissions can ONLY be sent electronically to the Commissioner to the Committee Chair: Colin Dignum
 - Post note: Congratulations to the 2015-2016 Scholarship recipients
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7. **Future Championship Venues**

2016 Kelowna, Saturday, November 5, 2016

Tom Carlson gave an overview of the 2016 Championships slated for Telemark Nordic Area

Discussion: concerns were raised about day of race temperature, course venue footing and spectator access for the event. Tom addressed these concerns and stated he was willing to move the event to another site if the chosen site was found to be unsatisfactory to the

Commission. Tom is confident that the new course will prove to be a safe, and suitable championship venue. Final course approval will be done by the Commissioner and another Executive delegate.

2017 Lower Mainland, Saturday, November 4, 2017

2018 Vancouver Island, Saturday, November 3, 2018

2019 Lower Mainland, Saturday, November 2, 2019

2020 Other, Saturday, November 7, 2020

The application to host is available on www.bcxc.ca

8. Awards

Zone Championship Awards – 4 Divisions – Junior and Senior Men & Women

Current Status

- * Rosettes are to be given to top 3 teams in each division
- * Individual ribbons are to be given to the top 15 finishers in each division – supplied by Commission
- * Vancouver and Fraser Valley provide their own ribbons

Recommended – It is recommended that Zones take on the responsibility for Zone Championships Awards. The Commission will provide \$100 to each zone for the purchase of ribbons. SUBWAY logo must be included on the ribbons. Logo will be distributed to Zone Reps.

Rationale –

- Zone purchase of ribbons allows the awards to be personalized to the zone
- Zones are able to order the quantity of awards reflective of their participation needs
- Zones are able to ensure that the awards arrive in a timely manner for their Zone Championships
- Zones will have the opportunity to use a local awards company or online companies.

Recommendation approved.

BC High School Cross Country Championship Awards – 4 divisions – Junior* and Senior Men and Women

- Awards are supplied by the BC High School Cross Country Commission
 - BCSS Championship Banner
 - Picture Plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams
 - Medals for Individual finishers and members of teams 1st – 3rd
 - Rosettes for individual finishers and teams 4th – 10th
 - Ribbons for individual finishers 11th to 25th

* The sanctioning for the Cross Country Junior Championships was passed at the BCSS AGM in May 2015. 2015 – First EVER BCSS sanctioned Junior BC High School Cross Country Championships. First Banner will be awarded Saturday, November 7, 2015.

9. Motions

No motions were submitted by the deadline of October 19th, 2015.

10. New Business

Discussion about berthing including Jr and Sr berthing. A report will be prepared to look at actual zones numbers and berth over the past few years.

11. 2015 Championship Race Information

Chair – Sean Dawson – outlined the schedule for the Championships the following day and reviewed protocol for the event.

12. **Motion to adjourn** – Scott Yewchuk, Semiahmoo Secondary Second – Tess Kubicek, Oak Bay High School
Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm, Friday, November 6, 2015