

BC HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

ALL MEMBERS MEETING – SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 - 1:00 pm

Location: Walnut Grove Secondary School, 8919 Walnut Grove Drive, Langley

Call in information: local calls 604-899-2339 and enter code #6273980#

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1. Welcome / Introductions

Nancy Champagne – Thank you to hosts: Don Sparks & Gary Lutes of Walnut Grove.

2. Attendance

Present: Chris Johnson, St. George's / Nancy MacDonald, Pacific Academy, / Davey Gin, White Rock Christian / Frederique Muirhead, Q.E. / Maureen de St. Croix – BC Athletics / Sarah Daintrey, Clayton Heights / Dave Hetherington, DW Poppy/ Jeff Ritchie, Robert Bateman / Byron Jack, Lord Byng / Norman Tinkham, Maple Ridge Secondary / Susan Northey, Vedder Middle / Gary Lutes, Walnut Grove / Stephanie Canino – Earl Marriott / Don Sparks – Walnut Grove

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Colin Dignum – West Vancouver (North Shore / Howe Sound Zone Rep) / Al Niezen- Mount Doug / Brian Nemethy – Nechako Valley, Vanderhoof (North Central Zone Rep) / Valerie Jean Grimes – Churchill, Vancouver / Kaelen Nelson – Samuel Robertson, Maple Ridge

3. Website

<http://www.bcx.ca/> - Thank you to Greg Worsley for initiating and updating the new website.

- District / Zone Reps are asked to send Greg a link to zone race schedules & results.
- Map of course in Prince George to be added September 29th
- Race information - \$25 Registration will include long sleeved shirts – will also be on website soon
- Registration information will be added to website as soon as interface with timing company is finalized.

4. Status of new Commission – will not be registered as a society, but will function as a **Standing Committee** of BC School Sports

- Christine Bradstock
- Will not have to create a constitution – will have to adhere to that of BCSS
- **Standing Committee can accept charitable donations through BCSS**
- **Financials maintained through an account at BCSS**
- **Applies to all commissions - Insurance will be taken care of by BCSS to a standard, above that comes out of Commission account (This year an extra \$500 was required)**

5. Nominations for Executive

- **Voting membership of BCSS Cross Country Commission is recognized as any school who is registered for Cross Country with BCSS. 1 vote per school.**
- **Executive can be nominated at this meeting, and ratified at the AGM in Prince George on November 2nd - *Positions & criteria indicated below are only an outline - open to discussion.***

- Election Process –Volunteers can be submitted today, e-mailed to Nancy or come from the floor of the AGM
- Suggest a 1 year term, then a two year term. Suggest some positions cycle different years for easier transition of executive.
- Each year there will be a request for confirmation of membership confidence at the AGM.
- Commissioner - Nancy Champagne – accepted role of interim commissioner (will stand for election at AGM)
- Treasurer - Greg Worsley – accepted role as interim treasurer (Will stand for election at AGM)
- Suggest that– Championship Host Chairperson recognized as Vice-President during the year of their hosting, and the following year to provide transition and advice.
- Suggest that – Director of Championship Committee also recognized as Vice President of commission.
- Secretary - Must be current teacher/coaches, and can only retain these positions while teaching/coaching. Needs to be someone who can attend the AGM for minutes & manage agenda items. Record keeping submitted to BCSS
- Members at Large: 8 - 10 – Suggest zone representatives, and other nominations for representation around the province. May or may not be teacher-coaches, but must be currently/ actively involved in the sport. (Community coaches, retired coaches)
- Advisor/Liaison with BC Athletics - May or may not be teacher-coaches, but must be currently/ actively involved in the sport and a member of BC Athletics. This is a non-voting position. Maureen de St. Croix has agreed to this interim position, and will accept a nomination.
- Looking for a zone representative for New Westminister/ Burnaby/ Richmond.
- Executive committee to determine/ discuss items that will & will not need to go to AGM.
- There were no volunteers from the meeting for these positions

6. Committees

- A. Championship Committee – Standing Committee (Director to be Vice President)
- Put together a Championship Hand-book to be developed as a reference for the Championship Host Committee.
 - Determine the division of responsibilities - role of commission and role of host committee
 - Also responsible for Rules & Regulations – For this year the rules & regulations of the past commission will stand.
 - Future focus for this committee will be to re-visit zone designations, berths, determine formal rules & regulations for zone participation, and qualification to the championships.
 - Code of Conduct – according to BCSS constitution
 - Volunteers for this committee: Dave Heatherington, DW Poppy / Al Niezen – Mount Doug / CJ Johnston – St George’s / Brian Nemethy – Nechako Valley
 - Suggest any draft documents be linked through website to googledocs for feedback from membership.
- B. Championship Host Committee – Chairman & committee from host zone.

- 2012 Championship - Currently chaired by Brian Nemethy from Nechako Valley Secondary, Vanderhoof, and Brian Martinson from Prince George Secondary. Contact information available on the website. <http://www.bcxc.ca/>
 - Number sponsor – Mizuno
 - Canfor – contributing 600 toques for athletes
 - Working from “championship notes” provided by Tom Carlson, last year’s meet director – very valuable information and nothing like this has ever been available
 - Will bring ideas from this year to Championship Committee for development into a handbook
- C. Disciplinary Committee – Commissioner & 3 executive members – invitation to representative from zone where concern originates.
- Disciplinary committee required at championship for any incidents that may occur. Host committee director, commissioner, and another
- D. Public Relations: Contact with local media, development of a template for a Championship Program (brochure) – **No volunteer for this position**
- recognize sponsorship & community contributions
 - list of participants with athlete #, school colours, zone champions, etc.
 - the idea is to create something that is spectator friendly
 - Don Sparks (Walnut Grove) willing to take on recognition/ ranking via TNF
 - Don will also be the contact with Howard Tsamura (Province Sports)

7. Future Championship Venues

- The new commission is not committed to the decision made by former commission on Championships for 2013 – Kelowna / 2014 – Prince George, but will entertain discussion and a vote (at AGM)
- Proposal by Development Committee - Rotation of championships around the province, rather than on yearly applications.
 - 6 year rotation - This could vary, based on expertise & interest of different zones, but would encourage variety and opportunity.
Lower Mainland/ Island / Lower Mainland / Other / Lower Mainland / Island – would be starting at this point of the rotation – 2013 Lower Mainland
 - Lower Mainland identified as Hope to Whistler
 - Makes it more of a zone responsibility, rather than that of an individual or school – draw on a variety of experience and expertise
 - Provides for some pre-planning opportunities
 - Opportunity for athletes to see the province. Variety of courses in their high school career.
 - Consideration for those teams who travel long distances regularly.
 - Also discussed using standardized courses around the province – unnecessary to re-create the wheel every time
 - Development of a Championship Handbook would alleviate some of the stress of this responsibility.
 - Provide a championship kit - for use by each zone AND support the idea of a legacy for those communities who host.

- Discussion
- If rotation zone is unable to host, they can pass and next zone has the opportunity.
- If a zone especially wants to host out of rotation for whatever reason – the membership will consider their application
- Championship committee will look consider and recommend hosts based on proposals
- Discussion of Travel Subsidy fund to be developed by commission
- BC School Sports subsidizes travel over 350 km. (\$500 - \$2000 sent out to schools this year, did not need to apply)
- Accepted in principal to bring to AGM

8. Awards

- In the past, zone awards were provided by Subway - these funds are no longer available
- Discussion- Christine Bradstock is in communication with Subway – They are still interested in sponsorship (\$23,000 annually to the past commission) if certain criteria can be met.
- BC High School Cross Country – Zone Championship
 - Estimate for 7 zones (Fraser Valley has always taken care of their own awards) \$200.
 - Boys/ Girls: Individual - Single eyelet 1 – 20 / Team sets of 7 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - Recommend that in the future zones take responsibility for their own awards – agreed in principal / dependent on Subway sponsorship.
- BC High School Cross Country Championships
 - Medals – licence to design our own – logo on website?
 - Individual medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - Individual – rosettes 4th – 10th
 - Individual – double eyelet ribbons 11th – 25th
 - Team – Set of 7 medals 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams
 - BCSS Banner for champions
 - Team Rosettes – 2nd – 10th

9. Other

- Propose that sponsor zone of the Championships are given an extra berth.
 - Higher profile for hometown teams
 - More home local commitment to the event
 - 7 extra runners won't impact event.
 - Pointed out that over the past 5 years, the 33 berths have never been filled.
- Propose Junior Invitational to be included in the Championships
 - Could be Grade 8 – 10
 - or Grade 8 mixed (2 boys & 2 girls) / Grade 9 – 10 with 5 team members
 - Schools will always have the option of running up to make their best team.
 - Christine Bradstock – BCSS looking into sanctioning Junior events – Being taken to this year's BCSS AGM
 - Much discussion
 - More opportunity for more athletes

- Generally all in favour - will be brought to AGM with consideration of next year's host championship committee.
- Zone representative for New Westminster, Burnaby, Richmond- Contact Athletic Association Presidents from this zone.