



BC Summer Swimming Association
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2016

ANNUAL REPORT

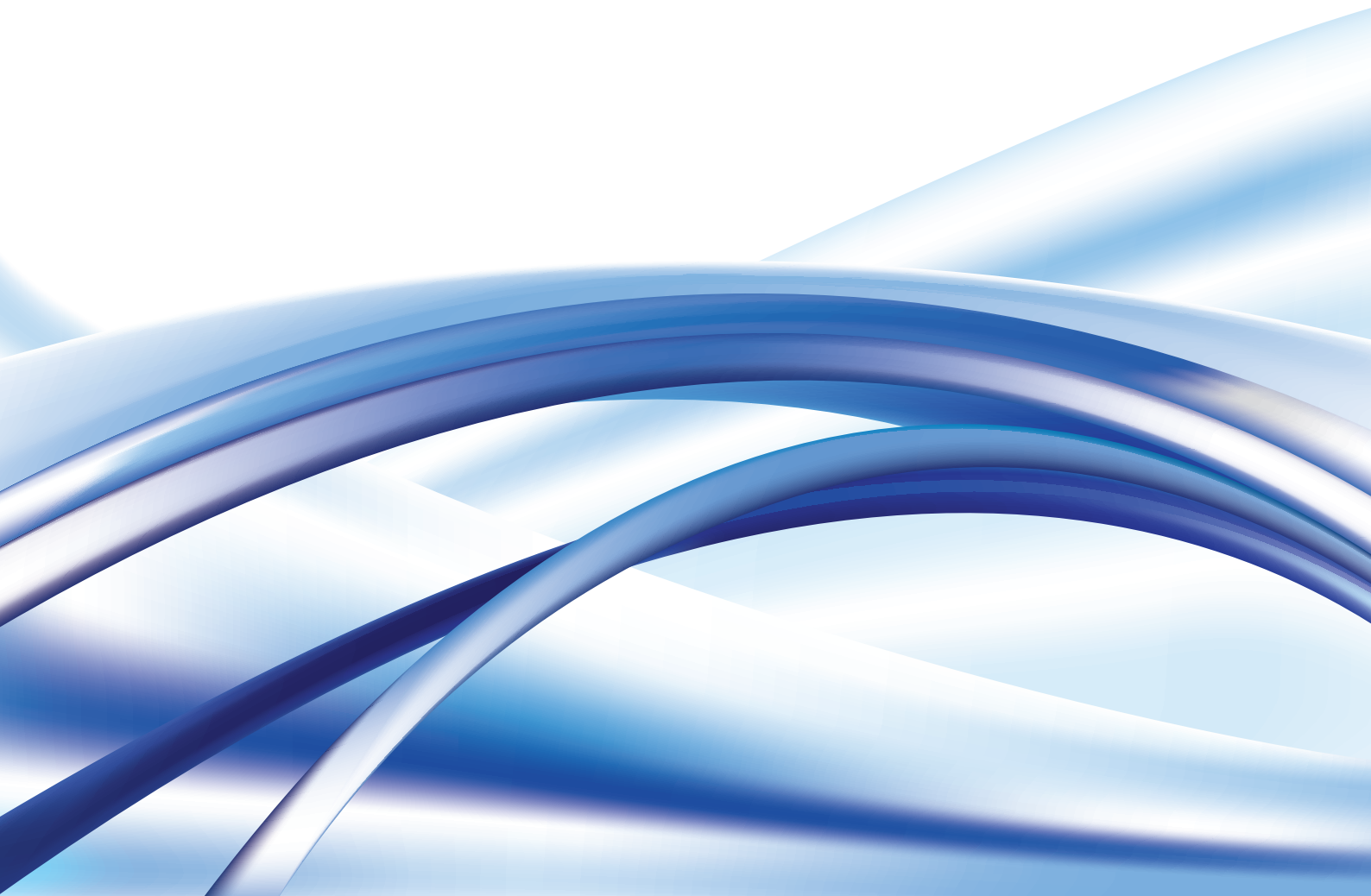


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AGENDA

2016 Annual General Meeting

- 1. Opening Remarks**
 - 1.1. Quorum & Voting Cards
 - 1.2. Additions to the Agenda

- 2. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**

- 3. Board of Directors' Reports**
 - 3.1. President
 - 3.2. Vice-President
 - 3.3. Secretary Treasurer
 - 3.4. Director of Competition
 - 3.5. Director of Officials
 - 3.6. Director of Member Services
 - 3.7. Provincial Registrar
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 - 3.11. Coaches Representative
 - 3.12. Cariboo Region
 - 3.13. Fraser South Region
 - 3.14. Fraser Valley Region
 - 3.15. Kootenay Region
 - 3.16. Okanagan Region
 - 3.17. Simon Fraser Region
 - 3.18. Vancouver & District Region
 - 3.19. Vancouver Island Region

- 4. Nominations & Elections**
 - 4.1. President
 - 4.2. Vice-President
 - 4.3. Registrar
 - 4.4. Director of Competition
 - 4.5. Director of Diving
 - 4.6. Director of Member Services (one year only)

- 5. New Business & Notice of Motions**

- 6. Adjournment**

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
2015 Annual General Meeting
Thursday August 20th, 2015 at 7:30pm

Saanich Commonwealth Place
4636 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria, BC

MINUTES – Draft Until Approved at 2016 AGM

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by Danny Schildt.
 - a) Reminder to turn off electronic devices and anything that beeps.
 - b) Reminder that only individuals holding a voting card are eligible to vote.
 - c) Review of bylaws relating to the AGM and who is entitled to vote.
 - d) Introduction of Provincial Board members.
 - e) Confirmed that the meeting will be run following Robert's Rules of Order.
2. **Quorum:** It was confirmed by the Provincial Registrar that quorum had been established.
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
 - a) No additions were noted.

MOTION #1

Move that the agenda be adopted as presented in the 2015 Annual Report.

Moved: Fiona Welch, Seconded: Brian Gandy

Carried Unanimously

4. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

MOTION #2

Move to adopt the 2014 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented in the 2015 Annual Report.

Moved: Francis Cheung, Seconded: Deanna Bogart

Carried Unanimously

5. Annual Reports

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| a) President | Danny Schildt | -as submitted |
| i. | Thanked Francis Cheung and Brian Webster for their work updating the Rule Book. | |
| ii. | Discussed the distribution of the Capital Grant funding. | |
| iii. | Discussed the Regional prize awards of 8 x \$1,000, which were added this year. This is in addition to the scholarships already provided by BCSSA and our partners. | |
| iv. | Informed the membership that the Ian Allen Scholarship has increased to 2 x \$2,000 awards for 2015-2017 due to a donation received by the Association. | |
| v. | Encouraged clubs and coaches to work with each other and share knowledge to increase membership across the Province, potentially creating new clubs in areas which currently do not have a summer swim club. | |
| vi. | Discussed the ongoing work with viaSport and the provincial government related to BCSSA obtaining official Provincial Sport Organization status. This would provide access to possible funding, however also technical resources and expertise to assist in growing our sports across BC. | |

- b) **Vice-President** **Francis Cheung** -as submitted
i. Francis will continue to work on the S&O requirements for water polo athletes.
- c) **Secretary Treasurer** **Michael Hutchinson** -as submitted
i. Michael responded to a question from the membership, outlining the professional fee expenses in the fiscal 2015 year since they have increased compared to the previous year.

MOTION #3

Move to accept the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2015 as presented in the 2015 Annual Report.

Moved: Michael Hutchinson, Seconded: Dave Jevons

Carried Unanimously

- d) **Director of Competition** **Craig Slater** -as submitted
i. Craig thanked the organizing committee for their work in preparation of the 2015 Provincial Championships.
- e) **Director of Officials** **Julie Nesdoly** -as submitted
- f) **Director of Member Services** **Deanna Bogart** -as submitted
- g) **Provincial Registrar** **Cheri Ruim** -as submitted
- h) **Director of Diving** **Sarah Wellman** -as submitted
- i) **Director of Synchro** **Joy Evans** -as submitted
- j) **Director of Water Polo** **James Gardiner** -as submitted
- k) **Coaches Representative** **Lindsay van Genne** -as submitted
- l) **Cariboo Region** **Brian Gandy** -as submitted
- m) **Fraser South Region** **Fiona Welch** -as submitted
i. Fiona introduced Chris Ruim who is going to be the new Regional Director of Fraser South Region.
- n) **Fraser Valley Region** **Tim Adams** -as submitted
- o) **Kootenay Region** **Anne Harris** -as submitted
- p) **Okanagan Region** **Andy Pfeiffer** -as submitted
- q) **Simon Fraser Region** **Tony Tsang** -as submitted
- r) **Vancouver & District** **Kerry Somerville** -as submitted
- s) **Vancouver Island** **Brian Webster** -as submitted
i. Brian expressed his hope that BCSSA will continue its relationship with ViaSport Media.

vi. Nominations & Elections

(Electoral Officer: Sean Cauley)

Secretary Treasurer – Names Standing: Michael Hutchinson

- By acclamation – New Secretary Treasurer: Michael Hutchinson

Director of Officials – Names Standing: Julie Nездoly

- By acclamation – New Director of Officials: Julie Nездoly

Director of Member Services – Names Standing: Renata Hyrman

- By acclamation – New Director of Member Services: Renata Hyrman

Director of Synchro: Joy Evans

- By acclamation – New Director of Synchro: Joy Evans

Director of Water Polo: Names Standing: Gabor Toth, Cole Wagner (HAN), Will Clements (COQ)

All nominees were provided the opportunity to speak prior to the vote.

- By vote – New Director of Water Polo: Cole Wagner

MOTION #4

To destroy the voting ballots used to determine the new Director of Water Polo.

Moved: Michael Hutchinson, Seconded: Cheri Ruim

Carried Unanimously

vii. Notice of Motions

- i. Dave Jevons withdrew the motion he submitted on July 30th, 2015 and will present it at the October Board Meeting.

vii. Water Polo Competitor Eligibility.

- i. Sean Cauley withdrew the motion he submitted on July 31st, 2015 and will present it at the October Board Meeting.
- ii. Danny discussed the results of the President's Commission on Water Polo meetings held on August 18th and August 19th, 2015 at the Provincial Championships. Danny called the discussion at 8:56pm.
- iii. Sean Cauley withdrew the second motion he submitted on July 31st 2015 and will present it at the October Board Meeting. Discussion ensued.

MOTION #5

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Wade Bartok (NOR), Seconded: Mark Furneaux (CLO)

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

BC Summer Swimming Association

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31st, 2016

BC Summer Swimming Association
Unaudited Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31, 2016

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 250,004	\$ 222,960
Investments - Term Deposits	251,837	249,368
Accounts Receivable	7,010	120
Inventory	1,076	3,956
Prepaid Expenses & Deposit	5,628	10,568
Total Current Assets	515,555	486,972
Capital Assets (Note 3)	115,553	119,245
Total Assets	631,108	606,217
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	8,450	12,744
Payroll Liabilities	1,256	1,072
Deferred Contributions - Ian Allen Scholarship	4,000	-
Held for Synchro - Provincials	4,112	3,475
Held for Water Polo - Provincials	9,025	4,591
Unearned Revenue	19,693	4,050
Total Liabilities	46,536	25,932
Equity		
Internally Restricted for Coaches Conference	20,000	20,000
Internally Restricted for Insurance	50,000	50,000
Internally Restricted for Provincial Championships	70,000	70,000
Internally Restricted Building Repair Fund	30,000	30,000
Internally Restricted Technology Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Internally Restricted for Capital Funding Grants	15,422	41,838
Restricted by Gaming	14	19
Invested in Capital Assets	115,553	119,245
Unrestricted Fund Balance	273,583	239,183
Total Equity	584,572	580,285
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 631,108	\$ 606,217

BC Summer Swimming Association
Unaudited Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Year Ended March 31, 2016
(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

	2016	2015
Revenues		
Registration & Affiliation Fees	\$ 222,937	\$ 218,105
Provincial Championships (Note 4)	66,582	67,517
Coaches Conference	16,210	-
Interest Income	2,470	16,310
Fundraising & Sales	1,570	2,435
Scholarship Funds	2,000	-
Total Revenue	311,769	304,367
Expenses		
Program Operations		
Provincial Championships (Note 4)	80,841	64,120
Grants & Club Reimbursements (Note 5)	47,045	32,160
Coaches Conference	27,602	18,114
Board & Committee Meetings	15,886	15,377
Scholarships	12,000	3,000
Workshops & Seminars	5,233	6,660
Cost of Goods Sold	1,169	4,369
	<u>189,776</u>	<u>143,800</u>
General Administration		
Insurance	44,367	46,180
Provincial Office Expenses & Salaries	40,425	43,202
Occupancy Costs & Utilities	11,294	11,214
Professional Fees	16,461	11,412
Amortization	3,692	3,781
Marketing	1,467	1,545
	<u>117,706</u>	<u>117,334</u>
Total Expenses	307,482	261,134
Operating Surplus	\$ 4,287	\$ 43,233

BC Summer Swimming Association
Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended March 31, 2016

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

	Unrestricted Funds	Gaming Funds	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Total
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 239,183	\$ 19	\$ 119,245	\$ 221,838	\$ 580,285
Operating Surplus	4,287				4,287
Gaming Account Adjustment	5	(5)			-
Adjustment to Capital Assets	3,692		(3,692)		-
Adjustment to Capital Funding Acct.	26,416			(26,416)	-
Balance - End of Year	\$ 273,583	\$ 14	\$ 115,553	\$ 195,422	\$ 584,572

BC Summer Swimming Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended March 31st, 2016

1. General Information

The B.C. Summer Swimming Association (the “Association”) is incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia. The Association is a provincial organization operating and regulating summer aquatic sports in British Columbia. The primary objective of the Association is to promote the development of its athletes through participation in competitive aquatic sports and to provide opportunities for training, competition and related activities in communities throughout British Columbia and surrounding areas.

The Association does not consolidate the financial results of the participating regions as these entities are not considered to be subsidiaries of the Association and the Association does not have direct financial control over these regions.

The Association is a not-for-profit organization registered under the Income Tax Act and, as such, is exempt from income tax.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations (“ASNPO”). These financial statements reflect the combined assets, liabilities, net assets, revenue and expenses of the Association’s provincial office and its operations.

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year when the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Donated Services & Supplies

The Association benefits from the donated services of time from volunteers for the various activities conducted on its behalf and donated supplies from various sources. These donated services and supplies are not recognized in the financial statements.

Inventory

Supplies (rulebooks & officials pins etc.) purchased are capitalized as inventory using the weighted average cost method. As of March 31, 2016, \$1,076 (2015 – \$3,956) of these supplies have been capitalized on the balance sheet.

Use of Estimates

ASNPO requires the Association to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect these financial statements. The Association believes that the estimates used are reasonable; however actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas requiring the use of estimates relate to the determination of the useful lives of assets for amortization, provisions for uncollectible accounts receivables, and the amounts recorded as accrued payroll liabilities.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. They are depreciated on a straight-line or declining balance basis over their estimated useful life at the following rates:

Buildings	4% Declining Balance
Fixtures and Equipment	12.5% Straight Line

Capital assets exceeding \$1,000 are capitalized. Depreciation is taken in the year of acquisition using the half year rule.

3. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2016 Net Book Value	2015 Net Book Value
Building	\$114,867	\$63,725	\$51,142	\$ 53,272
Land	\$ 56,500		56,500	56,500
Fixtures & Equipment	\$12,490	\$4,579	\$7,911	\$ 9,473
	<u>\$ 183,857</u>	<u>\$68,304</u>	<u>\$115,553</u>	<u>\$ 119,245</u>

4. Provincial Championships

This data relates to the 2015 Provincial Championships held in Victoria, BC, on August 17 to 23, 2015. The financial results of the Championships are included in these financial statements.

REVENUE	2015 Provincials (Victoria)	2014 Provincials (Kamloops)
Entry Fees	\$ 37,744	\$ 35,579
Sponsorship	16,013	17,134
Program Sales	6,004	6,035
RV Permits & 50/50	415	1,903
Water Polo/Synchro Judge Fees	6,406	6,866
Total Revenue	66,582	67,517
EXPENSES		
Facilities	22,032	16,836
Board Expenses	22,711	15,465
Officials Apparel	6,355	5,126
Supplies	7,134	6,280
Deck Food	2,245	1,918
Water Polo/Synchro Judge Exp.	6,406	6,866
Awards	13,958	11,629
Total Expenses	80,841	64,120
Event Surplus (Loss)	\$ (14,259)	\$ 3,397

5. Grants & Club Reimbursements

The Association granted funds and reimbursed certain expenses of member clubs and regions as approved by the Board of Directors. This data relates to any grants or reimbursements paid in the fiscal year.

Capital Funding Grant Program

Grants were paid to both clubs and regions for capital expenditures. Clubs and regions were required to apply for funds through an application and review process. Data below is broken out regionally, but some member club received grants directly.

Region	2016	2015
Cariboo	-	5,762
Fraser South	9,503	1,344
Fraser Valley	-	6,749
Okanagan	2,873	7,734
Simon Fraser	1,940	1,767
Vancouver & Dist.	7,100	-
Vancouver Island	5,000	4,806
	\$ 26,416	\$ 28,162

Club Reimbursement – Hy-Tek Sports Software

The Association continued with reimbursing clubs and regions for the upgrade cost of the Hy-Tek Sports Software program as required. For the year ended March 31, 2016, the total reimbursement was \$12,996 (2015 - \$2,119).

Club Reimbursement – Officials Name Tags

The Association reimbursed clubs and regions through a direct rebate to cover the cost of name badges and pins. For the year ended March 31, 2016, the total cost absorbed by the Association was \$4,568 (2015 – \$1,879).

Financial Aid – Club Membership Fee Assistance

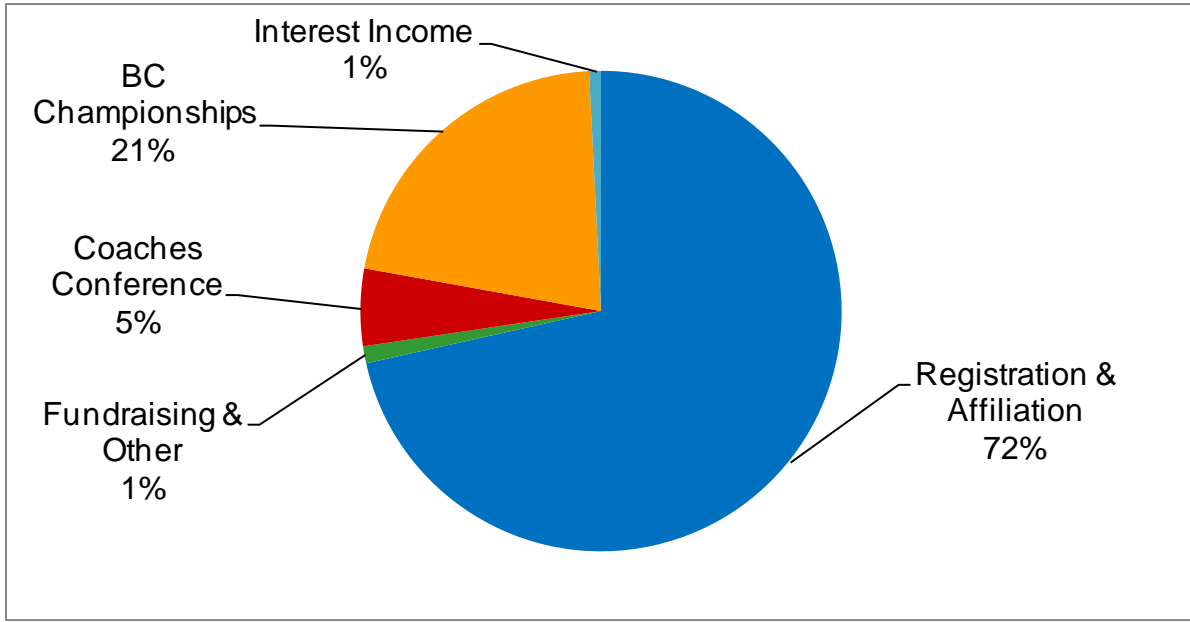
The Association provided financial assistance directly to clubs who applied on behalf of athlete families who were not able to afford the full amount of clubs fees for the 2015 summer swim season. Financial assistance was no more than 50% of the total fee charged by the member club. For the year ended March 31, 2016 the total assistance provided was \$3,065 (2015 - \$NIL)

6. Statement of Cash Flows

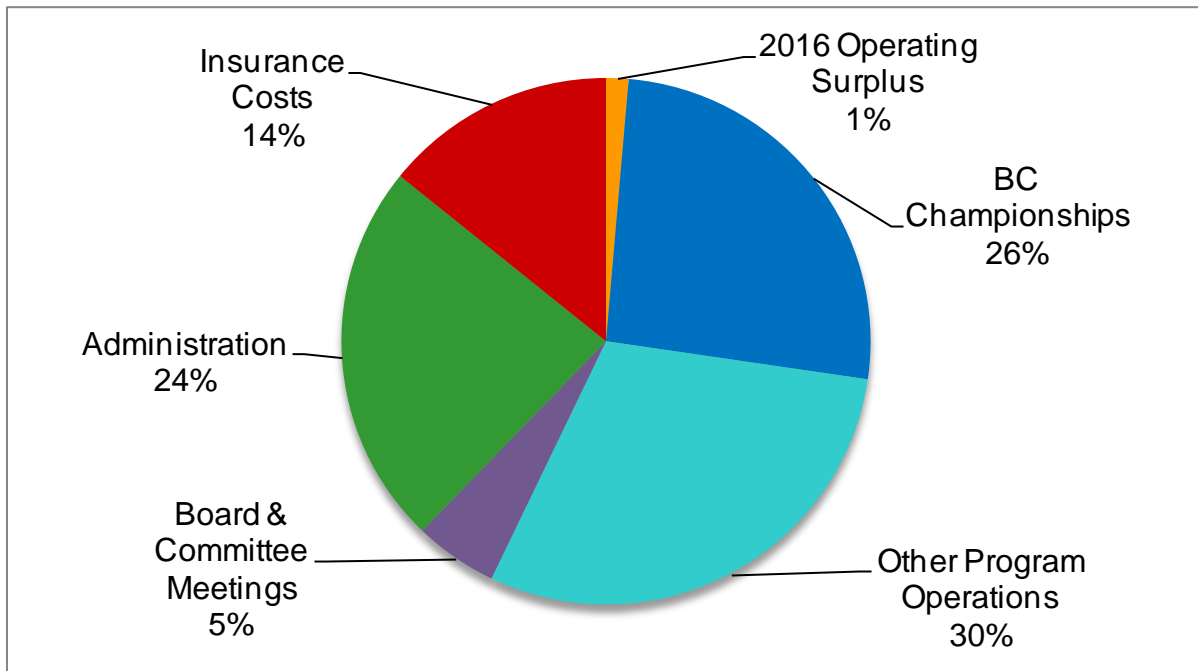
A statement of cash flows has not been prepared as the statement would not provide additional useful information.

Financial Overview

BCSSA
Revenues by Source 2016



Expenses by Source & Operating Surplus 2016



President's Report

Season number 58 is almost finished and we are just two very short years to our 60th Anniversary. 60 years is a lot of swimmers and parents. Imagine how big a homecoming that would be. When I think back to all the people I have met through the BCSSA over the years I am just a little bit overwhelmed, so many friendships and so many connections. You should start planning where you'll be in August of 2018 and maybe we can have a huge 60th Anniversary Homecoming for Summer Swimming in BC.

There were two major initiatives this past year. The first is our new rule book. Thank-you to Francis Cheung and his committee for all their work and a special thank-you to Brian Webster for the editing. The new rule book is readable online, on your tablet, on your phone and for some of us, in a book in our back pocket. The layout did have to be reformatted to be readable on tablet and phone so the number system is changed but going forward any changes to the rules will be immediately updated and everyone can access the rules easily. The rewrite was a lot of work. The last time there was a major rewrite of the rules was in the late 80's. I was involved with that rewrite. We thought we were doing very well because we were using the latest equipment, a MAC 512 and floppy discs (512 stood for 512 K). We would make suggested changes, save to the floppy and then mail the floppy to the rest of the committee who could then look at it and do a proofread. Eventually it was mailed to a printer who did up our books. This was all prior to that newfangled intranet.

The second major initiative was the BCSSA Strategic Plan, once again, a very big thank-you to our Vice-President, Francis Cheung. The Strategic Plan is available online and it has been distributed to the appropriate government agencies. The Plan has been very well received and gives the Association some guidance for the coming years. I would encourage you to take a few minutes and have a look at it.

My personal highlight this past year was the Coaches Conference held for the second time at RockRidge Canyon. We had an even larger turnout of coaches, especially young coaches. I think the strongest part of the conference was having senior BCSSA coaches as presenters. I don't think I have ever been in presentations that were so well organized and so relevant to the coaches in attendance. We do have to decide if we are going to do the coaches conference again next year and if we will return to Rock Ridge but regardless, having BCSSA senior coaches as presenters was a win. Thank-you to our Coaching Rep, Lindsay Van Genne and Disa for all their work to make the conference happen.

This year we are in the second year of the enhanced Ian Allen Scholarships and the second year of our Regional Bursary awards. The extra funding for the Ian Allen Scholarships will run out next year so if anyone is looking for a good cause to make a donation to, think about our scholarships and bursaries.

Good Luck in the Pool!

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Schilds

President, BCSSA

Vice-President's Report

We completed several major projects this past season that will define the organization for years to come. I am pleased to report the following:

New Rule Book

The second phase of the Rule Book edit process was completed. The swimming discipline of the Rule Book was completely reworded and a separate Rule Book was created for each discipline. We have caught a couple of minor errors in the Rule Book so far and the corrections have been posted on the BCSSA website. We would be pleased to receive your feedback on the new Rule Book.

I would like to acknowledge Brian Webster for taking on the monumental task of rewriting the Rule Book. The rules are now reader-friendly and it doesn't take a lawyer to interpret the rules.

BCSSA Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020

The BCSSA Strategic Plan ("Plan") was endorsed by the BCSSA Board at their January 2016 meeting.

The role of the Plan is to guide all planning processes for the association as a whole based on three fundamental elements: our vision, our mission and our core values. Built on input from its membership, the Plan is a living document that will guide BCSSA over the next five years. It is a mechanism to proactively address opportunities and challenges as they arise in order to achieve our vision and mission and provide opportunities for training, competition and activities in communities throughout BC and surrounding areas. The Plan will continue to evolve as tactics are achieved and the needs of the association change.

The Plan will focus on four Priority areas that describe where we think we most need to move forward and achieve better results. Making progress in these Priority areas will define our success over the next five years and anchor our accountability to our competitors, members, clubs, regions, and the Board.

Priority 1: Organizational Development

Invest in our organization, people and processes, while ensuring financial sustainability.

Priority 2: Community Building

Develop and grow a culture of citizenship, strong ethics, commitment, dedication, and volunteerism.

Priority 3: Achievement

Strive for accomplishment and competitiveness of individuals, clubs and regions, within a welcoming, inclusive, fun, and family environment.

Priority 4: Partnerships

Strengthen our profile, identity, influence, and relationships with the broader community.

A total of 15 initiatives have been identified under the four Priorities that frame and drive our annual budget and work plans. A copy of the Strategic Plan can be downloaded from the following link:
http://bcsummerswimming.com/docs/StrategicPlan_2016-2020.pdf

A Strategic Plan Performance Measure Matrix has been created, with timeframes and measurable outcomes, to keep the Board on track with the progress of each tactic.

We will be seeking out volunteers to assist us to develop and implement some of the tactics. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist us with developing the Association's webpage as a portal to improve communication and information sharing with our members. The Terms of Reference for the Portal Task Force can be downloaded from the following link:
<http://www.bcsummerswimming.com/docs/TermsOfReference-PortalTaskForce-2016.pdf>

Thank you to those who have assisted me in serving in my role as the Vice-President this year. I look forward to seeing you at Provincials in Coquitlam.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francis Cheung

Vice-President
Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Secretary Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2016, BCSSA continues to be financially healthy and has continued to provide opportunities for training and competition in communities of British Columbia. The Board of Directors has continued to ensure prudent financial management practices are in place, providing direct benefits to our member clubs and athletes.

In fiscal year 2016, the Board has continued to focus its efforts to provide financial relief and assistance programs to BCSSA member clubs and regions. During the year BCSSA distributed funds and/or covered expenses in the following categories:

- Capital funding grants \$ 26,416
- Hy-Tek software upgrades \$ 12,996
- Officiating supplies distributed \$ 4,568
- Financial aid \$ 3,065

There have been no significant changes to BCSSA's operations or controls. As in prior years, a financial peer review was once again conducted this past June. This review has specific procedures conducted over revenues, expenses and balance sheet line items. I would like to thank Jennifer Ng for volunteering her time to perform this peer review. All recommendations have been taken into consideration and any financial adjustments were made accordingly.

The following is a summary of the fiscal year's financial results:

- Registration income increased by 2.2%. This is directly tied to a slight increase in overall registration in both summer and winter membership categories.
- Interest income decreased as compared to the prior year. This is the result of market driven term deposits maturing in the prior year. No long term investments matured in the current year.
- The 2015 Coaches Conference was held at RockRidge Canyon, in Princeton, BC. This event generated approx. \$16,200 in revenue compared to \$NIL in the prior year. Expenses in the current year also increased compared to the prior year. Overall, BCSSA budgeted to operate both years at a loss, and therefore was able to set participant fees at a lesser rate for member clubs.
- The staging of the 2015 Provincial Championships saw a loss of \$(14,259). This was the result of increased facility rental costs and increased board member expenses due to the event being on Vancouver Island. It was originally expected to receive increased sponsorship revenue; however this did not come to fruition. The organization aims to run this high caliber event on a break even basis and the 2016 budget has been adjusted to ensure we are able to meet this target.
- Program operations overall saw an expense increase of 32%. This increase is attributable to the coaches' conference, provincials, club reimbursements, and additional scholarships. New in this fiscal year, BCSSA provided eight regional scholarship prizes in addition to the two Ian Allen Scholarships already provided.

- Administrative expenses overall remained consistent year over year. Insurance once again saw a decrease thanks to the current insurance market rates. Expenses related to running our Provincial Office decreased slightly in the year as a result of various efficiencies. The increase in Professional Fees is due to additional legal costs related to various legal matters which required advice from counsel, including the ongoing negotiation and work related to online registration and our privacy policy.

During the January 2016 board meeting, BCSSA approved a registration fee increase to \$35.00 per athletes/coach for summer membership, as well as increased annual club affiliation fee to \$100 per year, effective May 1st, 2016. This increase is tied to the fact that registration fees have not increased since 2007. As well, BCSSA is moving to an Online Registration platform, and our service provider will be charging us a percentage of the registration fee processed. The registration fee increase was necessary as we plan for the future and achieve the goals and objectives in our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

BCSSA strives to support the growth and development of our member clubs and we are happy to be in a position to support our member clubs through the various financial assistance programs which have been developed. Feedback or comments are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Hutchinson
Secretary Treasurer

Director of Competition's Report

It is a great honour to welcome everyone to my home town of Coquitlam for this year's Provincial Championship Meet. All of us on the BCSSA Board, the Local Organizing Committee and the City of Coquitlam hope you have a great stay and wish all our athletes best times and best results in their events.

My time as Director of Competitions has been brief but very rewarding. I took over from Craig Slater in October of last year. By that time preparations for Provincials in 2016 were well under way. It is unusual to return so soon to a venue, especially one where speed swimming will take place outdoors, but the amazing support from the City of Coquitlam, which is celebrating its 125th year of incorporation, made it an attractive choice. We hope everyone from athletes to spectators to volunteers has a great experience.

I would like to thank the members of the BCSSA Board of Directors for welcoming me to the Board. I would also like to thank Disa and Bianca for all their efforts in making the 2016 Provincial Championship Meet happen.

Looking forward to 2017 it is great to know we have secured one of the premiere venues in BC for our next meet. Planning has been going on for several months already so we are looking forward to another excellent event. I would like to close by wishing the new Director of Competitions, who will be chosen at our AGM, all the best. I am sure you will find the role rewarding, challenging, and worthwhile.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Trepanier

Director of Competition

Director of Official's Report

It is always hard to believe how far away the BCSSA summer season feels in January, and suddenly, we are at the end of the season in August.

This year there were several initiatives started and completed for officials in the BCSSA. The most notable and wide reaching was the "Train the Trainer" program for presentation of Harassment and Conflict Resolution Clinics that took place in April. Many thanks to the financial support of the BCSSA and Regional Boards and to our trainees for sparing a weekend for this. A specific "shout out" to our former president, Neil Wuolle, for training all of us with his vast knowledge, experience and terrific sense of humour. We now have 15 trained conductors to present these two clinics, which are not only necessary for officials, but invaluable for club and regional executive, coaches and swimmers. Previously, the clinics had been offered only at Provincials and periodically otherwise. We have had a minimum one presentation in each of the regions already this summer! As wonderful as the BCSSA is, stressful situations are inevitable, and these clinics provide insight into how to handle conflict, stress and unwelcomed encounters.

The 2016 BCSSA Rulebook was also completed! YAY! It is now in the hands of all the officials and coaches in the province in paper or mobile version. Officials have loved the organization, index, table of contents and clarity of the wording. We continue to work out the kinks of a first edition. Officials everywhere have been helpful by finding typos (only two!!). It has been thoroughly stressed that there were no changes to the rules but just rewording for clarity. So many people were involved in this production! THANK YOU to all!

I have only had the opportunity to travel to the Kootenays and the Okanagan this year, and I not only felt incredibly welcomed, but was thoroughly impressed by the quality of the officiating, the relationships on deck and the passion everyone shows for summer swimming. I know this is what we have all through our association. I do also stay in regular communication with the Regional Directors of Officials, we have been working closely to help make sure coaches and officials are clear about rules and conduct. One of my favourite initiatives has been providing training for coaches, parents and officials on how to write protests and conduct juries. Officials always do their best, but in the event of a concern with the disqualifications, it is important that the procedures are well known and well practiced. Thank you to all involved in this process of giving swimmers the best throughout the season.

Finally, as a result of our goals in the Strategic Plan for the BCSSA we have:

- Provided all officials with a free rulebook, white BCSSA T-shirt and name badge
- Updated all BCSSA Officiating literature
- Produced a promotional flyer for encouraging parents to join in officiating

Thank you to everyone who helps to make my job manageable and so very enjoyable. I love summer swimming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Nesdoly

Director of Officials

Registrar's Report

I would like give a big thank you to all the Club and Regional registrars! Another year under your belt and I appreciate the amount of volunteer time you commit to making BCSSA such a wonderful opportunity for so many athletes. We honestly could not run our programs without you! Disa (and now Bianca too!) in our BCSSA office are also very important to the organization. The feedback has been excellent on her customer service and her timely information. Disa has been invaluable to me on the registration side, which I so want to thank her for. 😊

On-line Registration update:

There is a lot to do for our club and regional registrars and the overwhelming sentiment is we need to change our process. Currently it is too time consuming and too easy to make mistakes. Our registrar position is becoming a 'one year, volunteer-and-go' position. There is too much turnover. For the second year in a row we have over 5,900 athletes and we need to find a way to implement on-line registration. Several clubs are blazing the trail for us and I am thankful we will have their experience for the provincial rollout.

I believe the lawyers have ironed out an agreement with Active Networks so I am hopeful we are moving to get this rolled out for winter maintenance this year and then all clubs in 2017! I truly believe on-line registration needs to be a priority.

S & O update:

The S and O Declaration form that was implemented in 2015 has been a success. The number of challenges has decreased dramatically and the associated ill will we have seen over this status in the past has been greatly reduced. A suggestion from the Vancouver Island region to make the form even more detailed will be implemented for registration in 2017 and perhaps a discussion with coaches at the conference next May.

Water Polo update:

Water polo eligibility/transfer issues have also been almost nonexistent this year and I attribute that to Danny putting together several round table discussions during Provincials last year. So many people took part and it was great to see the water polo community taking ownership of the decisions that were made and brought back to the board. I believe the decrease in the number of water polo issues is due to this awareness.

Perhaps Provincials is a good place to discuss such topics. It is one of the few times each year when many people across all of BCSSA are together. We share a common interest to make BCSSA better so what better place to open up the floor!

In 2014 it was the S&O Rule and in 2015 it was Water Polo, what will be next? See you at the pool!

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Ruim
Provincial Registrar

Following is the registration data for 2016

Club Affiliation

Region	2015	2016
Cariboo	6	6
Fraser South	8	10
Fraser Valley	7	8
Kootenay	7	7
Okanagan	10	10
Simon Fraser	5	5
Vancouver & District	6	6
Vancouver Island	12	11
Total	61	63

Individuals and Activities

Region	Individuals		Activities	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
Cariboo	343	323	343	348
Fraser South	1096	1115	1373	1281
Fraser Valley	757	673	838	757
Kootenay	353	358	355	358
Okanagan	772	787	772	787
Simon Fraser	1113	1102	1214	1212
Vancouver & District	630	642	829	789
Vancouver Island	888	908	1105	928
Total	5952	5908	6829	6460

Historical Registration Numbers

	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving	Total Athletes
2016	5631	178	562	89	5908
2015	5676	211	840	102	5952
2014	5545	112	607	103	5775
2013	5333	106	559	127	5522
2012	5163	95	640	93	5400
2011	4820	96	537	97	5056

Club Registration by Region

CARIBOO		323
DAW	Dawson Creek Seals	113
FIN	Fort Nelson Finns	28
FSJ	Fort St. John Stingrays	40
MAC	Mackenzie Rainbows	38
PGP	Prince George Pisces	57
QUE	Quesnel Aquatic Club	47

FRASER VALLEY		673
ABB	Abbotsford Whalers	189
AGA	Agassiz-Harrison	57
CWK	Chilliwack Stingrays	64
HAN	Haney Neptunes	156
HOP	Hope River Monsters	13
LAN	Langley Flippers	81
LWC	Langley Water Polo Club	28
MIS	Mission Marlins	85

FRASER SOUTH		1115
BOU	Boundary Bay Bluebacks	176
CLO	Cloverdale Tritons	75
CRB	Crescent Beach	139
LAD	Ladner Stingrays	168
NOD	North Delta Sunfish	160
ORC	Surrey Orcas Water Polo	8
RIC	Richmond Kigoos	199
SUR	Surrey Sea Lions	44
VPW	Vancouver Pacific Wave	5
WHI	White Rock Amateur	141

KOOTENAY		358
CAS	Castlegar Aquanauts	49
COL	Colville Sharks	87
CST	Creston Waves	42
GFA	Grand Forks Aquatics	76
KIM	Kimberly Sea Horses	23
NEL	Nelson Neptunes	30
TRA	Trail Stingrays	51

OKANAGAN		787
GOL	Golden Dolphins	107
KAM	Kamloops Tsunami	67
KOGO	Kelowna Ogopogos	48
LUM	Lumby Lightning	40
MER	Merritt Otters	120
PEN	Penticton Pikes	90
PRI	Princeton Kokanee	70
REV	Revelstoke Aquaducks	89
SAA	Salmon Arm Sockeyes	56
SSC	Similkameen Swim Club	100

SIMON FRASER		1102
BMM	Burnaby Mountain Mantas	200
BUR	Burnaby Barracudas	287
COQ	Coquitlam Sharks	349
PCM	Port Coquitlam Marlins	131
PMA	Port Moody Aquarians	135

VANCOUVER & DISTRICT		642
NOR	North Shore Winter Club	129
NVC	North Vancouver Cruisers	182
SQU	Squamish Pirates	83
SUP	Super Sharks	52
VIK	Vancouver Vikings	149
VWP	Vancouver Water Polo	47

VANCOUVER ISLAND		908
CAM	Campbell River	63
COU	Courtenay Blue Devils	95
CVB	Cowichan Valley Breakers	63
GHG	Gordon Head Gee Gees	20
JUA	Juan de Fuca Royals	33
NAN	Nanaimo White Rapids	221
OAK	Oak Bay Orcas	97
PDI	Pender Island Otters	29
POW	Powell River Aquatic Club	96
SSS	Salt Spring Island Stingrays	98
SID	Sidney Piranhas	93

Registration Breakdown by Sport

CARIBOO	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Dawson Creek Seals	113	25	-	-
Fort Nelson Finns	28	-	-	-
Fort St. John Stingrays	40	-	-	-
Mackenzie Rainbows	38	-	-	-
Prince George Pisces	57	-	-	-
Quesnel Aquatic Club	47	-	-	-
Total	323	25	0	0

FRASER SOUTH	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Boundary Bay Bluebacks	176	-	-	-
Cloverdale Tritons	75	-	-	-
Crescent Beach	96	29	69	-
Ladner Stingrays	168	-	-	-
North Delta Sunfish	160	36	83	-
Richmond Kigoos	199	-	-	-
Surrey Sea Lions	44	-	-	-
Pacific Wave Synchro	-	5	-	-
White Rock Amateur	141	-	-	-
Total	1059	70	152	0

FRASER VALLEY	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Abbotsford Whalers	172	-	70	-
Agassiz-Harrison	57	-	-	-
Chilliwack Stingrays	64	-	-	-
Haney Neptunes	129	20	38	-
Hope River Monsters	13	-	-	-
Langley Flippers	81	-	-	-
Langley Water Polo	-	-	28	-
Mission Marlins	85	-	-	-
Total	601	20	136	0

KOOTENAY	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Castlegar Aquanauts	49	-	-	-
Colville Sharks	87	-	-	-
Creston Waves	42	-	-	-
Grand Forks Piranhas	76	-	-	-
Kimberley Sea Horses	23	-	-	-
Nelson Neptunes	30	-	-	-
Trail Stingrays	51	-	-	-
Total	358	0	0	0

OKANAGAN	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Golden Dolphins	107	-	-	-
Kamloops Tsunami	67	-	-	-
Kelowna Ogopogos	48	-	-	-
Lumby Lightning	40	-	-	-
Merritt Otters	120	-	-	-
Penticton Pikes	90	-	-	-
Princeton Kokanees	70	-	-	-
Revelstoke Aquaducks	89	-	-	-
Salmon Arm Sockeyes	56	-	-	-
Similkameen	100	-	-	-
Total	787	0	0	0

SIMON FRASER	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Burnaby Mantas	200	-	-	-
Burnaby Barracudas	270	-	68	15
Coquitlam Sharks	283	18	68	24
Port Coquitlam Marlins	131	-	-	-
Port Moody Aquarians	135	-	-	-
Total	1019	18	136	39

VANCOUVER DISTRICT	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
North Shore Winter Club	129	-	-	-
North Vancouver Cruisers	163	45	71	50
Squamish Pirates	83	-	-	-
Super Sharks	52	-	-	-
Vancouver Vikings	149	-	-	-
Vancouver Water Polo	-	-	47	-
Total	576	45	118	50

VANCOUVER ISLAND	Swimming	Synchro	Water Polo	Diving
Campbell River Salmon Kings	63	-	-	-
Courtenay Blue Devils	95	-	-	-
Cowichan Valley Breakers	63	-	-	-
Gordon Head Gee Gees	-	-	20	-
Juan de Fuca Royals	33	-	-	-
Nanaimo White Rapids	221	-	-	-
Oak Bay Orcas	97	-	-	-
Pender Island Otters	29	-	-	-
Powell River Aquatic Club	96	-	-	-
Sidney Piranhas	98	-	-	-
Salt Spring Island Stingrays	93	-	-	-
Total	888	0	20	0

Director of Diving's Report

In 2016 we had three clubs with diving programs, representing two regions: Coquitlam Sharks (SF) with 24 divers, Burnaby Barracudas (SF) with 15 divers, and North Vancouver Cruisers (V&D) with 50 divers.

Participation at dive meets was excellent with great competition! Diving requirements were reviewed last year and modified to require fewer dives per event. This helped keep the events moving and allowed more children to compete.

We had two new coaches this past summer, one from iDive and one returning BCSSA coach. I will continue to work with BC Diving to provide Dive Coach Training programs and to source qualified coaches for clubs who are interested in starting dive programs as it can be difficult for clubs to find qualified coaches. We brought in Al Hungerschafer from BC Diving to conduct a Judging Clinic for parents/junior coaches and had great attendance. I will be encouraging those who participated to shadow judge at Regionals/Provincials and hopefully some will be willing to act as judges next year. This will help relieve the pressure on coaches, so that they can focus on coaching their divers, rather than judging.

Burnaby Barracudas have not been able to secure regular access to a 3m diving board, however have developed a successful dive program using only a 1m board. Coquitlam Sharks had a strong winter training program which was well attended. North Vancouver Cruisers has had a very successful program this year and will be looking at increasing coached time/practices next year. The number of trophies awarded at Provincials has been reduced from seven to four to reflect the fewer numbers of clubs competing at Provincials. This will be evaluated on an annual basis.

The 2016 Diving Requirements were reviewed and edited after feedback received at the 2015 Coaches meeting. These lists will be reviewed again, with particular attention paid to the requirements for 15+ divers. Also, the 'O Cat' exemption for 13&Under will be reviewed. The BCSSA diving rules need to be reviewed as there are some discrepancies with how meets are actually run/judged. I will ask for assistance from experienced BCSSA coaches and BC Diving to review, update and clarify the rules.

The limited number of clubs with active diving programs affected the opportunity for inter-club meets and the overall competitiveness of both Regionals and Provincials. To support a strong diving program, we need to encourage more clubs and regions to participate. Fraser Valley region has expressed interest in forming a dive program next year. I will assist them however necessary to help that happen. I will also continue discussions with other clubs to encourage them to develop/reinstate dive programs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in investigating opportunities for a dive program for your region/club. Diving programs can be very successful without requiring a significant investment in additional pool time or coaching, and as Burnaby has demonstrated, you don't even need access to a 3m board! I will also assist with finding qualified coaches and providing information on dive coach training opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Wellman

Director of Diving

Director of Synchro's Report

We now have six synchro clubs in the Lower Mainland: North Delta, Crescent Beach, Haney, Pacific Wave, Coquitlam and North Vancouver. We are also thrilled to have the Dawson Creek Seals bring a group of athletes to compete at Provincials this year. We continue to attract boys to the sport which is very good news for synchro. This year we have added the mixed duet category to our meets and are hoping to see some great duos!

We will have over 100 swimmers at Regionals at the Guildford pool in Surrey this year which is very exciting. We have many beginner synchro swimmers which is promising for the continuation of the sport of synchronized swimming. The Lower Mainland clubs participated in the Hootenanny in Richmond this year; the swimmers competed their figures and were very successful.

We have had a few teleconferences with the directors, judges and coaches this year to discuss the results of last Provincials, how we can improve, as well as preparing for the upcoming 2017 Regional and Provincial meets. Coaches were able to ask questions about the meet package and what is to be expected of their athletes.

Once again this year has proven to be quite challenging in obtaining qualified judges for our meets. One difficulty is the timing of our meets during the week (Regionals) and the coinciding World Championships and BC Summer Games taking a lot of judges for their events. We only have about four BCSSA judges and we really do need to push to have our parents more involved in learning how to judge these events. I will be putting together a letter to be sent to all families encouraging them to take some time to learn to judge and dates for training in the fall.

We continue to partner with Synchro BC and I will be meeting with the Executive Director in August to talk about how we can assist each other to grow the sport.

We thank the BCSSA Board for their continued support to synchronized swimming and look forward to what the future may bring.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Evans

Director of Synchro

Director of Water Polo's Report

It has been a busy spring and summer for BCSSA water polo. In February, the directors, coaches, and regional directors gathered in Burnaby to discuss a number of changes, to both eligibility rules and to develop a new set of rules to encourage fair play in the U12 category.

To that end, a consensus was reached and our set of rule changes was approved by the BCSSA board ahead of the summer season. Feedback so far on the rules has been extremely positive – especially the move to smaller nets in the U12 category. Moving forward, it seems as though small nets will be the standard for U12 play, which would likely necessitate BCSSA purchasing a set of junior size inflatable nets ahead of next season.

A number of teams have developed their own U10 programs, or “splash polo” programs to encourage non-competitive play between extremely beginner-level athletes. The Haney Neptunes even hosted a U10 “tournament” at their annual Canada Day tournament, and feedback was positive from this event. There has been some interest expressed to me through club directors to see this category officially recognized by the BCSSA, and those discussions will continue after the 2016 season's conclusion.

The Neptunes also traveled to the Oregon Open Water tournament in July, and the experience and level of play was very comparable to BCSSA's level. Numerous families have contacted me to urge more participation from BCSSA teams in this event next season.

The changes to eligibility rules have resulted in minimal complaints, although there was an exemption request made by the Coquitlam Sharks, which was ultimately denied. This was the only exemption request which I directly ruled on – a significant decrease in what the board dealt with last year, as I understand it.

While there was no Team BC program this year, and therefore no way to test the second half of our eligibility rules, we look forward to putting these rules into place as the Team BC program returns (expected in 2017).

Lastly, a number of summer clubs who compete in the Lower Mainland Water Polo League in the fall have contacted me directly to inquire about the possibility of using BCSSA insurance, rather than BCWP insurance, to run their league in the fall/winter. I've attached a copy of the email sent to me by Antony Cowie (Director of the LMWPL) to this report. In it, two key questions are posed to the BCSSA board:

- Would the BCSSA support BCSSA clubs continuing their water polo scrimmage and tournament play between September and April?
- And, would it be possible for non-summer clubs to be member clubs in the BCSSA even if they do not participate between May and August?

Moving forward, our priority in the off season will be to continue to tweak the U12 rules after this season's experimentation, and to look at the viability (or usefulness) of creating a U10 category. Depending on the board's opinion on the Lower Mainland Water Polo League question, bringing this league into the fold might also be a priority in the fall and winter.

And as a personal note – shortly after the start of May, I moved up to Merritt to accept a job as the editor of the Merritt Herald. While this has unfortunately meant that I am absent from the pool deck at most tournaments, I've made efforts to stay abreast of the goings-on during the tournament season. Should the board consider me unsuitable for this position given my geographic location, I would understand being asked to resign – if this is not the case, I'm happy to serve another year as Director, as I feel we have accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time.

LETTER RE: LMWPL JOINING BCSSA

“The LMWPL has asked me to enquire about our league changing its affiliation in the near future. Essentially we would like to continue a format similar to the current weekly league game with sessional tournaments, but under the BCSSA. Six of the nine current LMWPL clubs are BCSSA clubs. They are: Abbotsford Whaler, Haney Neptunes, Langley Water Polo Club, North Delta Sunfish, Surrey Orcas and Vancouver Vipers.

The remaining three clubs, North Vancouver WPC, Burnaby WPC, and Coquitlam Lions, are all in municipalities with a BCSSA club. They have expressed an unwillingness to operate under their summer clubs, as they feel they would lose gaming funds and operational control. The Lions, in particular, have asked if it would be possible for these clubs to be affiliated with the BCSSA for off-season (i.e. not during the summer) play only. This is just a question and won't determine whether we will seek to operate the LMWPL under BCSSA. Could I ask you to present these questions to the board and get back to me.

Namely, would the BCSSA support BCSSA clubs continuing their water polo scrimmage and tournament play between September and April?

And, would it be possible for non-summer clubs to be member clubs in the BCSSA even if they do not participate between May and August?

Thank you very much for your help with this.

*Kind regards
Antony Cowie”*

Respectfully Submitted,

Cole Wagner
Director of Water Polo

Coaches Representative's Report

This has been a great year for BCSSA. We once again held our annual Coaches Conference at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton BC. The event was extremely successful with 162 coaches in attendance. We were up in numbers from last year! Coaches from around the Province really enjoyed the time that allowed them to work together and bounce coaching ideas off of each other. A real highlight was once again having Dr. Hogg present for our coaches.

There was a real focus on training for Junior/younger coaches at this conference and that proved to work well for our organization.

We provided feedback forms this year, and once again the coaches were pleased with the presenters, the location and the cost of the conference.

This will be my final year as Coaches Representative and I would like to thank the Board of Directors for all of their hard work during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay van Genne
Provincial Coaches Rep.

Cariboo Regional Director's Report

Hello from the Great White North. As the summer season nears completion, it's time to look back and reflect on our challenges and successes.

At the end of the 2015 summer season, the Cariboo said good bye to a number of great parents who were the foundation of our Officials Team. As the Regional Director of Officials I must say I wondered what the 2016 summer season would bring with their absence. I am very happy to say that our officials have done an amazing job and we haven't missed a beat.

The beginning of the summer season did pose some minor setbacks with the unfortunate cancelation of two meets. Dawson Creek stepped up and held a one day meet to fill the void and some of our Cariboo swimmers headed south to Penticton during the other meet cancelation (Thank you Penticton Pikes and the Okanagan Region for your hospitality). The heavy rains that came in June leading to massive washouts on Hwy 97 between Mackenzie and Chetwynd added a threat that our Cariboo friends east of the Rockies would not be able to attend the Mackenzie Meet. Thankfully with a lot of hard work the Hwy was opened to travel just in time.

The trend for registration numbers across the Cariboo shows that Dawson Creek and Mackenzie continue to increase; Quesnel is holding strong, PG, Fort St John and Fort Nelson are showing a decrease in membership.

Coaching within the Region remains to be strong with Dawson Creek, Mackenzie and Quesnel having their Head Coaches return for consecutive years. This is not only beneficial to the home clubs but is also proven to be very positive to our region. The regional team of coaches continue to work together promoting Cariboo team spirit, with hosting IM eliminator event in Mackenzie, a regional practice in Quesnel and other events over the summer. Head Coaches from Dawson Creek and Quesnel attended the BCSSA Coaches Conference which they found to be very worthwhile.

As a whole the Cariboo is seeing great improvement in swimmer development with a lot of personal bests and a number of our swimmers already swimming to PQTS or very close to them mid-way through the season. You never know, there may be some Cariboo swimmers bringing us back some hardware at Provincials once again. The pups programs in Dawson Creek, Quesnel and Mackenzie are on the increase and they have certainly given all of us all something to be proud about as they have fun in the pool.

I would like to thank the Cariboo Regional Board, our Coaches, the Officials, Volunteers and the great staff at the BCSSA office for all your efforts, without all of you the success we experience wouldn't be possible. To all the Cariboo swimmers it's amazing the progress we have seen in you over the years. Your sportsmanship, dedication and commitment to your sport is truly something to be proud of. Keep working hard, strive to meet your goals and most of all keep having fun.

Carriboo, Carriboo, Carriboo, Carriboo

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Rooke

Interim Cariboo Regional Director

Fraser South Regional Director's Report

“Be like a duck. Calm on the surface, but always paddling like the dickens underneath”.
Michael Caine & Kerry Sheppard

This kind of describes our year in Fraser South. On the surface, I would say we had a pretty smooth, almost uneventful season in 2016 but when you look below the surface, you realize how many people are paddling like crazy to make it appear so calm. Special kudos to the Richmond Kigoos – who had to deal with the loss of their home pool due to structural/mechanical issues just before the start of the summer season. Working closely with the city of Richmond, they were able to save the summer program for 200+ swimmers spread out over several pools in Richmond. It must have been a logistical nightmare on such short notice.

Fraser South welcomed two new clubs to the region this summer: Pacific Wave Synchro and Surrey Orcas Water Polo. Both clubs are starting small in BCSSA and will hopefully continue to build their summer programs in the years to come. It should be noted that the addition of these two clubs allowed Fraser South to take back the ‘largest region’ crown that was lost to Simon Fraser last year! Most of the other clubs in our region are again nearly full to capacity. Pool space limits our capacity more than anything in Fraser South, even with two new pools opening in Surrey. Speaking of which, WRASA will be hosting the first ever BCSSA meet in the new Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre July 23/24. We’re hoping everything will be “calm on the surface” but an unbelievable amount of ‘paddling beneath the surface’ has gone into planning and executing one of the first big public meets ever in this new pool. We’re hoping this pool is a potential site for Provincials in the future, but it won’t be ready for that until there is more development – specifically parking spaces – around the pool. Kudos to the WRASA Meet organizers!

If more pool space were to open up in the region, we could get more kids, but that would also mean we need more coaches. Coaching development remains a high priority for our clubs as it is one of the keys to continued success. Fraser South sponsored a coach from each club to attend the Coaches Conference in Princeton, and many of the clubs sent several coaches. The event was very well received and I know coaches are looking forward to returning to Rockridge. Special thanks to Lindsay and Disa from BCSSA for all the ‘paddling beneath the surface’ for the Coaches Conference.

As our clubs grow – several are now well over 150 – we’re starting to experience ‘growing pains’ where we’re starting to test the boundaries of ‘reasonable’ volunteer time. Many of our Club Presidents, Registrars, and other executives spend many hours, well into the night, working out issues and keeping the clubs running. It can be hard work on top of already busy lives and takes some very special people to do it. It also has at least one club seriously looking into the viability of hiring a club manager, much like what Disa does for the BCSSA. A huge thank-you to all the club executives and volunteers that make this all work.

And finally – Good Luck to all our athletes and coaches who have all been working so hard leading up to regionals and provincials. If anyone epitomizes ‘paddling hard beneath the surface’ it’s them!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Ruim

Fraser South Regional Director

Fraser Valley Regional Director's Report

This year the Fraser Valley Region has seen many changes:

- We have changed our Timers and Recorders shifts to two hour time slots versus events.
- We have gone to a two (and a bit) day format for Regionals
- We are handing out awards at Regionals in the same manner as is done at Provincials
- We no longer have 6 & Unders swimming at Regionals and instead will be holding a separate mini meet for them.
- We saw the addition of a new club in our region, the Hope River Monsters

The Fraser Valley Executive team has worked hard over the last year in order to make our region shine. We have monthly meetings that have been well attended with over 80% attendance from Executive members.

The number of swimmers in the Fraser Valley has decreased and we are not sure why this is the case...we suspect though, that with this year being a Summer Olympics year we may see an increase in our numbers next summer. A greater number of younger families seem to have replaced those with older swimmers.

We are discussing putting together a Regional Dive Club next year, which will encompass all clubs but run out of one pool.

We have increased the amount of officials that have gone through the Conflict Resolution and Harassment course. We have plans to offer this course to individual clubs at the beginning of each season, if not for the increase in Senior level pins, for the information alone.

We will have a rather large turn-over on the Executive Board this year, with only three people remaining. The other people have completed their terms with the region and some no longer have athletes involved in BCSSA. Thank you Al Mortimer, for all your years of commitment to the Fraser Valley, you will be missed!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Cramer

Fraser Valley Regional Director

Kootenay Regional Director's Report

The Kootenay Region is setting itself up for some solid growth heading into next season. Despite having two of the seven clubs (Nelson and Kimberley) faced with pool closures that set them back in terms of numbers for the season, their executives and families toughed it out to find alternative solutions for swimmer development and are set to realize solid regional growth when they are back on line next season. All other clubs experienced some level of growth as clubs work hard in their communities to promote the benefits of summer swimming. Shown below are the individual club numbers.

	2016	2015	Difference	% Difference
Castlegar	49	46	3	7%
Colville	87	73	14	19%
Creston	42	37	5	14%
Grand Forks	76	48	28	58%
Kimberley	23	74	-51	-69%
Nelson	30	39	-9	-23%
Trail	51	36	15	42%
TOTAL	358	353	5	1%

The last two years have kept everyone busy, but two people deserve particular attention. Technical challenges with aging timing systems and the need to stay current with technology have kept Alan LeRoy, Regional Equipment Director very busy. His countless volunteer hours at meets and at home have enabled the Region to get by when challenges arose and have enabled us to begin to take a proactive approach to our equipment management. Jaydeen Ashton, our Regional Director of Officials, has worked tirelessly over the last two years to get parents involved, trained and appropriately promoted such that our region has renewed depth of senior officials to function as our existing senior officials approach retirement.

Thank you to the Okanagan Region for welcoming our swim families to attend meets on weekends when we had no meets in our region due to pool closures.

Finally, I want to thank all of the parents in our region who have stepped up to help with club executives, regional executive and the running of successful meets. Your help is appreciated by the swimmers throughout the region. They don't have a program without your help and for that I say Thank You to All!

Another great year for the KO Region and we are looking forward to a great finish to the season.

Submitted respectfully,

Ron Anderson

Kootenay Regional Director

Okanagan Regional Director's Report

It's July 19th as I write this, it's *dumping* rain outside and the Challenge Week hike planned up in Mt. Revelstoke National Park had to be postponed for our local club. Par for the course for this summer, eh? I even spotted a couple winter parkas a few weeks back during our outdoor meet in Lumby. I had to pull on a toque! (No, not my hipster toque – this one had a pom-pom -- it was that cold!). Weather aside, BC Summer Swimming has been ticking along quite nicely in the Okanagan Region this year.

Once again, our region was host to the annual BCSSA Coaches Conference which took place at the beautiful RockRidge Canyon Conference Centre near Princeton. By all accounts, it was once again a great conference (with many informative workshops given by BCSSA coaches themselves) along with zip-lining, canoeing and kayaking and other free-time activities. Another shout-out to our Provincial Coaches' Representative Lindsay van Genne and the rest of the BCSSA team for organizing such a fun and successful conference!

Exciting news for next year is that the 2017 BCSSA Provincial Championships will once again make its way to the Okanagan Region. The Canada Games Pool at the Tournament Capital Centre (TCC) in Kamloops will play host from August 14-20, 2017. Along with a plethora of parking and acres of accommodation, the pool viewing area at the TCC now has TWO full sets of new bleachers that run the entire length of the pool.

Finally, thank you to all of the out-of-region teams who have made the trek to several of our Okanagan meets this year. I'd especially like to thank all the out-of-region volunteers and officials who helped out at the Merritt swim meet this year. It was a blast playing host and I enjoyed meeting all of you. This summer the Longest Distance Traveled Award once again goes to the indefatigable Cariboo Region -- the Dawson Creek Seals went all the way to Penticton for a swim meet; in terms of mileage, that's like WRASA traveling to Sacramento, CA for a swim meet. Wow. Like, wow.

But don't think for a moment you need to go to Northern California for a swim meet! Why not travel to the Okanagan for an out-of-town meet? Or attend a meet in the other two interior regions of the BCSSA: the Kootenay and the Cariboo? You'll be glad ya did.

2017 Okanagan Region Swim Meet Schedule

June 3 or 4	Princeton Fun Meet	July 1/2	Kelowna
June 10/11	Revelstoke	July 8/9	Golden
June 17/18	Lumby	July 15/16	Penticton
June 24/25	Merritt	July 22/23	Salmon Arm

Although I'll be stepping back from the position of Okanagan Regional Director at the end of this Provincial meet, I look forward to seeing all of you around the pool deck next swim season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Pfeiffer

Okanagan Regional Director

Simon Fraser Regional Director's Report

This year, Simon Fraser Region had yet another modest increase in our membership, with 1102 registrants at the summer submission deadline and an additional 28 registrants since then. We currently have only one club offering all four sports, and one offering Swimming, Diving and Water Polo.

Due to this growth, all of the clubs in the region are at capacity for pool space and further growth will be difficult without new facilities coming online. The city of Port Coquitlam had major-league bad news this spring when the preliminary plans for the new downtown community facility were released and did not include a competition pool. Planning for a new facility in Burnaby is also dragging with no progress in sight.

Once again this year, the Simon Fraser Region saw a healthy increase in new deck officials. We are also fortunate that many of the new officials have younger swimmers, which means we will have their services for many years to come! On the downside, we will be losing one of our Master Officials. I want to take this opportunity to thank Rick Sieb for his many years of service and 'Yoda-like' wisdom.

This year we will be holding our Regional Championships indoors for the first time at the new pool in Guildford. A challenge for sure organizing an event at a new facility but the kids will love it! The Regional meet will also be a test to see if the pool would be a suitable venue for a future Provincials.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you all to the 2016 Provincials in Coquitlam. The unofficial slogan for the week is 'just like 2013, but even better!'

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Cauley

Simon Fraser Regional Director

Vancouver & District Regional Director's Report

It has been another busy and successful season in the Vancouver & District region and we have seen continued growth with over 640 swimmers taking part in all four BCSSA disciplines. Surprisingly, we are still one of the smallest regions within the BCSSA.

Four of our clubs held successful meets. For the first time ever, the Pirates had more swimmers at their meet than any other club and attendance was strong at the Marlins, Cruisers and Vikings meets.

The challenges remain the same as always regarding pool space, not only on the North Shore but now in Squamish too, as well as meet scheduling, and now succession planning for key positions running meets, in particular Meet Recorder and Electronics. We are working hard on finding volunteers to train in these key positions.

On that note I would like to thank and personally acknowledge Jeff Wong who ensures that all of the region's meets run smoothly, that the trailer and equipment was in good shape and in working order and that new equipment gets purchased. Jeff has been on the board for over 20 years and I know that my sentiments are echoed by every other club president and regional board members.

I have been asked to remain on as Regional Director, and look forward to another year working with the Provincial Board. I would also like to thank all of the members of our regional board, club executives, officials, coaches and families for another successful season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Jevons

Vancouver & District Regional Director

Vancouver Island Regional Director's Report

The Vancouver Island Region witnessed several of its key volunteers and leaders take a step back this year as their children either “aged out” or began to get close to graduating. This required new leaders to step forward and administer the eleven clubs in the Region. Our Region appreciated equipment partnerships with other regions as we both accepted used equipment and gave used equipment. Thank you to those regions! Thank you also to the BCSSA for its capital grant program which enabled us to purchase new headsets for our radios. Thank you also to Chris and Cheri Ruim who ran a Registrar Clinic in early June.

We lost the Victoria Hammerheads this year, but many other clubs saw growth. Overall, our registration numbers increased for the fourth consecutive year and attendance at swim meets was consistent throughout the Region. More importantly, the clubs continued working in the partnership that is the Region. What happens in one community can affect the others, and collaboration and support between clubs continue to keep our Region strong.

While not as geographically challenged as some regions, Vancouver Island has three clubs that rely on ferries to get to meets. Swimmers from these clubs made the effort to attend swim meets and their effort was appreciated by other swimmers throughout the Region. Small clubs encouraged more swimmers to attend meets. Some clubs saw significant change as older swimmers withdrew from summer swimming to pursue other activities and these challenges created new club leaders. The clubs started the year by considering “what makes swim meets fun”. First steps were taken toward creating an atmosphere at a meet that attracts swimmers and their families to attend meets. This process will continue as planning for 2017 meets takes place. The Region hosted its third annual “Go for the Gold!” camp this May, attracting eighty swimmers for a day of swim technique, nutrition, yoga and games.

Because of the size of the Region, many clubs host swim meets. There are only a few weekends “off” each summer. Some of our swimmers attended out of region meets and enjoyed being hosted by other clubs and swimming against swimmers from other regions - usually something limited to Provincials. More importantly, some swim clubs from other Regions attended meets on Vancouver Island. Particular thanks go to swimmers from the Chilliwack Stingrays, Langley Flippers, North Shore Winter Club, Port Coquitlam Marlins, Richmond Kigoos and Vancouver Vikings who made treks to our Region. We hope to see you again and that you bring some friends! Our 2017 and 2018 meet schedules are posted on the BCSSA calendar.

The success of the Region this past year again was based on the parent volunteers. From those parents who sat as timers, to those parents who deliver deck food, to those parents who have trained as officials, to those parents who keep the console running, the dedication and support for their childrens' activity keeps the Region strong. In particular, our Regional Director of Officials, Mike Craig, continued in his second year in the position to recruit and train new deck officials, who are a huge part of our Region's future. As we move forward into the next season, I will be asking the Clubs to focus on recruitment and retention – problems that exist in all sports and volunteer organizations. I would like to especially thank those who volunteered to be on the Regional and Club Boards. The extra hours that you have put in, and continue to put in, are truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Kirkhope

Vancouver Island Regional Director

Notice of Motions

The bylaws of BCSSA do not enforce a requirement to have Notice of Motions included in this report. To date, there have been no 'Notice of Motions' received. There is a chance of motions being submitted prior to the meeting. Any motion that is presented to the BCSSA Board prior to the AGM will be emailed out to all Club Presidents' and shared through the BCSSA communication channels.



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