



BC Summer Swimming Association
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2024 *ANNUAL REPORT*



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AGENDA

2024 Annual General Meeting

1. Opening Remarks

1. Quorum & Voting Cards
2. Additions to the Agenda

2. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

3. Board of Directors' Reports

a) President	Jim Baxter
b) Vice-President	Sheila Coogan
c) Secretary/ Treasurer	Jeff Sheehan
d) Director of Competition	Sean Cauley
e) Director of Member Services	Brendan Connelly
f) Director of Officials	Leah Esplen
g) Provincial Registrar	Catherine Schwichtenberg
h) Director of Artistic Swimming	Carol Ross
i) Director of Diving	Drea Beye
j) Director of Water Polo	Cynthia Springate
k) Coach Representative	Olivia Roschat
l) Cariboo Region	Rory Boyle
m) Fraser South Region	Jane Rashed
n) Fraser Valley Region	Mitch McCormick
o) Kootenay Region	Leanne Douglas
p) Okanagan Region	David Holland
q) Simon Fraser Region	Carl Trepanier
r) Vancouver and District Region	Tamara Guerin
s) Vancouver Island Region	Shelly Johnson

4. Nominations & Elections

Nominations for all positions must be in the hands of the nominating committee by 12:00 noon, July 31, 2024. Nominations may be made by member clubs of the BCSSA. (Individuals may not make a nomination. Nominations must be made by a member club through the President or Executive of the club.) The nomination committee is made up of the 8 Regional Directors.

Positions open for Election:

- President
- Vice-President
- Registrar
- Director of Competition
- Director of Diving

5. Special Resolution

MOTION: That BC Summer Swimming Association revise the Constitution and Bylaws as presented to the membership.

6. New Business & Notice of Motions

7. 2025 Provincial Championships

Will be hosted by Prince George in August 2025.

8. 2025 BCSSA AGM

Will be held at the 2025 Provincial Championships at Prince George in August 2025.

9. Adjournment

**BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
2023 Annual General Meeting
Thursday August 11, 2023**

Jack Little Room, Nanaimo

2023 MINUTES

There were 42 official voting delegates present therefore quorum was met.

Total in attendance: 59
Attendance See Appendix A

1. **Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order at 7:44 by Jim Baxter.

1.1. Quorum & Voting Procedures reviewed

- Reminder that only individuals registered to vote are eligible to vote.
- Introduction to Provincial Board Members in attendance.
- Confirmed that the meeting will be run following Robert's Rules of Order

It was confirmed by the Provincial Registrar that a quorum had been established.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION:

To approve the Agenda of the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

MOVED BY: Pete Van Genne
SECONDED BY: Kathleen Karpuk
CARRIED

2. **Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting:**

2.1. Errors, Additions, Omissions: There were no corrections noted to the Minutes

MOTION:

To approve the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

MOVED BY: Mitch McCormick
SECONDED BY: Jane Rashed
CARRIED

3. **Annual Reports:**

- 3.1. President Jim Baxter, as submitted
- 3.2. Vice-President Sheila Coogan, as submitted
- 3.3. Secretary Treasurer Jeff Sheehan, as submitted

3.4. Financial Report, Jeff Sheehan:

I have 2 main points: We are very pleased with last fiscal year - April 22 to March 23. When we wrote our Budget, the year was unknown so we were very conservative. We are very pleased that Registration is 50% higher than predicted for the entire season.

In 2019 year we lost approximately \$93,000 through lack of registration fees due to COVID. 2021 year we gained back \$45,000 and this year we have a net revenue of \$83,000. So we have surpassed where we were in 2019 by approximately \$40,000 which is the amount we held back last year and this year on our strategic spending and capital allowances.

BCSSA is very pleased to be back in a healthy financial situation having gone through the pandemic and we are very comfortable financially. In keeping with the tradition of the last several years of this organization in that we are still sitting well and above the current assets to able to run an entire year without any revenue and still cover ourselves if necessary.

MOTION:

To accept the Financial Report as submitted.

MOVED BY: Catherine Schwichtenberg

SECONDED BY: Tamara Guerin

CARRIED

3.5. Director of Competition Sean Cauley, as submitted

3.6. Director of Officials Leah Esplen, as submitted

3.7. Director of Member Services Brendan Connelly, as submitted

- No day camping around the pool. All day camping on field.

- Placards designating each region's location on the field will be posted and provided to Regional Directors

3.8. Provincial Registrar Catherine Schwichtenberg, as submitted

- It is a tremendous privilege to serve on the Board of the BCSSA.

3.9. Director of Diving Drea Beye, as submitted

3.10. Director of Artistic Swimming Nicola Iten, as submitted

- It is a privilege to have served on the Board of the BCSSA

3.11. Director of Water Polo Sam Furneaux, as submitted

3.12. Coaches Representative Fynn Heaney-Corns, as submitted

3.13. Cariboo Region Deirdre McDonald, as submitted

3.14. Fraser South Region Jane Rashed, as submitted

3.15. Fraser Valley Region Mitch McCormick, as submitted

3.16. Kootenay Region Leanne Douglas, as submitted

3.17. Okanagan Region David Holland, as submitted

3.18. Simon Fraser Region Carl Trepanier, as submitted

3.19. Vancouver & District Region Tamara Guerin, as submitted

3.20. Vancouver Island Region Shelly Johnson, as submitted

3.21. Past President Danny Schild:

Coaches conference: As you know we have had to cancel our in person Conferences for several years in a row. Looked at doing one last year but it ended up being too late to book – costs were too prohibitive. We have booked Princeton (RockRidge) for last weekend in April 2024.

4. Nominations & Elections: Meeting turned over to Carl Trepanier as Chair of the Nomination committee.

4.1 Secretary/ Treasurer:

- Nominations were called from the floor three times.
- Jeff Sheehan was elected as Secretary/ Treasurer by acclamation.

4.2. Director of Member Services:

- Nominations were called from the floor three times.
- Brendan Connelly was elected as Director of Member Services by acclamation.

4.3. Director of Officials:

- Nominations were called from the floor three times.
- Leah Esplen was elected as Director of Officials by acclamation.

4.4. Director of Artistic Swimming:

Carol Ross was nominated.

- Nominations were called from the floor three times.
- Carol Ross was elected as Director of Artistic Swimming by acclamation.

4.5. Director of Water Polo:

Ashley Sandquist was nominated

- Nominations were called from the floor three times.
- Ashley Sandquist was elected as Director of Water Polo by acclamation.

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve on the BCSSA Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 Season.

Thank you to all the BCSSA officers who served on the Board this past year but who will not be returning.

5. Notice of Motions & New Business:

5.1. There were no motions from the floor.

New Business:

- Olivia Roschat (Sunfish Coach) – Request for the Rules committee - Would like Clarification of the O cat status - Rule 4.2.1
 - President response - The S&O issue is first and foremost for our Rules Committee and it will be brought up at our October meeting. A specific summer swimmer swimming in a winter meet-there has been some preliminary discussion about typing up the rules, wording around that.
- Coaches held an election for the new Provincial Coach Representative and Olivia Roschat won the election. The BCSSA Board would like to recognize Fynn Heaney-Corns as the outgoing Provincial Coaches Rep and we really appreciated his work and hopefully he will

be around and help people out. Fynn will also be leading the Coaches in the National Anthems on Sunday morning.

5.2. The 2024 Provincial Championships were announced to be hosted by the University of BC, Vancouver, BC, August 12-18, 2024.

5.3. The 2024 BCSSA Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday August 15, 2024 at the Provincial Championships at UBC in Vancouver.

MOTION:

To adjourn the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

MOVED BY: Steve MacGregor

SECONDED BY: David Holland

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM, August 17, 2023

Appendix A: Attendance

APPENDIX A: 2023 AGM ATTENDANCE		
VOTING		
Club	Name	Position
BCSSA Board	Sheila Coogan	Vice President
BCSSA Board	Shelly Johnson	VI Director
NSWC Marlins	Michelle Green	Registrar
BCSSA Board	Tamara Guerin	VD Director
Kelowna Ogopogo	Leigh Clark	Treasurer
Kamloops Tsunami	Kathleen Karpuk	Treasurer
BCSSA Board	Jim Baxter	President
Princeton Kokanees	Pete Van Genne	President
BCSSA Board	David Holland	OK Director
Nechako Valley Swim Club	Andrea Grady	President
WRASA	Emmy Lu	President
BCSSA Board	Catherine Schwichtenberg	Registrar
Grand Forks Piranhas	Laura Lewis	President
Port Coquitlam Marlins	Steve MacGregor	President
BCSSA Board	Sean Cauley	Competition Director
BCSSA Board	Leanne Douglas	KO Director
BCSSA Board	Deirdre McDonald	CA Director
BCSSA Board	Jane Rashed	FS Director
BCSSA Board	Mitch McCormick	FV Director

Burnaby Mountain Mantas	Brian Wiebe	Vice President
Dawson Creek Seals	Trevor O'Dwyer	President
PG Pisces	Rory Boyle	President
Vancouver Super Sharks	Joyce Mark	President
North Delta Sunfish	Olivia Roschat	Designated Rep
Squamish Pirates	Shannon Clegg	President
Crescent Beach Swim Club	Cynthia Spriyet	Designated Rep
Port Moody Aquarians	Tammy Raesler	President
BCSSA Board	Carl Trepanier	SF Director
Burnaby Barracudas	Angela Battiston	President
Vancouver Vikings	Fiona Beveridge	President
Cloverdale Tritons	Tania Hummel	President
BCSSA Board	Fynn Heaney-Corns	Coaches Rep
Oak Bay Orcas	Jon Lawlor	Treasurer
Langley Flippers	Graham Esplen	Designated Rep
Nanaimo White Rapids	Kate Palmer	President
Oak Bay Orcas	Meghan Nishi	Registrar
Coquitlam Sharks	Jason Rollins	Vice President
JDF Royals (GVAS)	Jason Hendsbee	President
BCSSA Board	Leah Esplen	Officials Director
BCSSA Board	Brendan Connelly	Member Services Director
BCSSA Board	Jeff Sheehan	Treasurer
Nelson Neptunes	Chad Badry	President

NON-VOTING			
Club	Name	Club	Name
Surrey Sea Lions	Jeremy Felix	Ladner Stingrays	Alex Wheatcroft
BCSSA Past President	Danny Schilds	Chilliwack Stingrays	Mackenzie Campbell
Dawson Creek Seals	Jessica O'Dwyer	Chilliwack Stingrays	Brittany Paget
North Van Cruisers	Isabel Eng	Burnaby Mountain Mantas	Ashley Sandquist
North Van Cruisers	George Eng	Burnaby Mountain Mantas	Ravi Ghanason
WRASA	Alan Deng	Cowichan Valley Breakers	Anna Charles
Cloverdale Tritons	Kate Paez	Oak Bay Orcas	Sarah Grundy
Port Moody Aquarians	Charlie Loo	Salt Spring Island	Zoey Johnson
Nanaimo White Rapids	Finn Bodnar		

Total Attending: 59

BC Summer Swimming Association

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended March 31, 2024

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

With comparative figures for 2023

(Unaudited)

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 197,514	\$ 124,572
Term deposits	255,302	243,190
Accounts receivable	131,806	91,991
Prepaid expenses & deposits	30,401	20,732
	615,022	480,485
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	97,284	94,949
	\$ 712,306	\$ 575,434
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	9,927	5,950
Held for synchro - provincials	-	8,495
Held for waterpolo - provincials	-	7,208
Unearned revenue	-	-
	9,927	21,653
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	97,284	94,949
Internally restricted (Note 7)	63,750	185,709
Unrestricted	539,897	271,772
Restricted by gaming	1,449	1,351
	702,379	553,781
	\$ 712,306	\$ 575,434

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

With comparative figures for 2023

(Unaudited)

	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Restricted by Gaming	Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 94,949	\$ 185,709	\$ 1,351	\$ 271,772	553,781	470,120
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year				265,820	265,820	83,660
Reclass / Transfers		- 121,959	97		121,862	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	4,639				4,639	-
Amortization	- 2,304			2,304	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 97,284	\$ 63,750	\$ 1,449	\$ 539,897	\$ 702,379	\$ 553,781

	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Restricted by Gaming	Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	96,957	185,708	1,351	186,104	470,120	422,318
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year				83,660	83,660	47,802
Amortization	- 2,008			2,008	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 94,949	\$ 185,708	\$ 1,351	\$ 271,772	\$ 553,781	\$ 470,120

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

With comparative figures for 2023

(Unaudited)

REVENUE	2024	2023
Registration and affiliation fees	\$ 344,630	\$ 307,440
Provincial championships (Note 5)	95,019	79,310
Coaches conference	-	3,637
Interest income	11,872	4,141
Grant revenue	19,577	19,608
Fundraising and sales	-	-
	471,098	414,136
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM OPERATIONS		
Provincial championships (Note 5)	102,729	103,438
Grants and club reimbursements (Note 6)	8,966	20,606
Coaches conference	35,617	12,060
Scholarships	2,023	2,500
	149,335	138,604
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Provincial office expense and salaries	90,368	90,060
Insurance	67,405	59,364
Occupancy costs and utilities	14,979	14,831
Marketing	- 761	5,345
Professional fees	-	20,263
Amortization	2,304	2,008
	174,295	191,871
	323,630	330,475
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 147,468	\$ 83,661

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
With comparative figures for 2023
(Unaudited)

	2024	2023
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN):		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 147,468	\$ 83,661
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization	2,304	2,008
Prepaid expenses & deposits	-	-
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	- 39,815	- 48,388
Prepaid expenses and deposits	- 9,669	- 139
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,977	1,866
Held for synchro - provincials	- 8,495	-
Held for waterpolo - provincials	- 7,208	880
Unearned revenue	-	513
	- 58,905	- 48,018
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of capital equipment	- 4,639	-
Reinvestment of interest income on term deposits	- 12,112	- 4,141
	- 16,751	- 4,141
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Changes in equity	1,130	-
	1,130	-
CHANGE IN CASH POSITION	72,941	31,502
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	124,572	93,070
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 197,514	\$ 124,572

BC SUMMER SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR-ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

With comparative figures for 2023

(Unaudited)

1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The B.C. Summer Swimming Association (the "Association") is incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia. The Association transitioned on October 6th, 2018 to the new Societies 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 as defined under the Income Tax Act and is exempt from income tax.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting. Financial statements prepared in accordance with ASNPO are also in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

These financial statements have, in management's opinion, been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality using the significant accounting policies noted below:

a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Association's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Bank balances and term deposits that the Association cannot use for current transactions, because they are pledged as security or otherwise restricted, are also excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

b) *Capital Assets*

Purchased fixed assets are capitalized at cost and donated fixed assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of gift. Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using a declining balance basis and the following rates:

Asset	Method	Rate
Buildings	Declining balance	4%
Computer Equipment	Straight-line	50%
Fixtures and Equipment	Straight-line	12.5%

In the year of acquisition, amortization is recorded at 50% of the amounts calculated using the above rates. Tangible capital assets exceeding \$1,000 are capitalized in the year of purchase.

c) *Impairment of Long-lived Assets*

A long-lived asset is tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of the asset is not recoverable and exceeds its fair market value. The impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. Impairment losses are not reversed if fair value subsequently increases. As of March 31st, 2024, no impairment of assets has been noted.

d) *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.

The Association uses the accrual method of accounting for interest income.

e) *Donated Services and 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.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

f) *Financial Instruments*

Measurement

The Association initially measures all financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The Association subsequently measures all equity investments that are quoted in an active market at fair value. All other financial instruments are measured at cost or amortized cost, unless management had elected to carry the financial instruments at fair value. All changes to financial instruments measured at fair market value are recognized in net income.

Free standing derivative instruments, such as forward exchange contracts, that are not in a qualified hedging relationship are subsequently measure at fair market value.

Financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost includes cash, restricted cash, and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at cost or amortized cost includes, accounts payable, long-term debt, and unearned revenues.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows from the financial asset. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Association expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. The impairment provision may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, not exceeding the initial carrying value of the financial asset. The amount of any write-down or reversal is recognized in net income.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognized when the contractual rights to its cash flows expire, or the economic rights to substantially all rights and rewards have been transferred.

Transaction costs

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair market value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the straight-line method or effective interest rate method.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

g) Fund Accounting

The funds of the Association consist of the following:

- I. Coaches conference fund is internally restricted for the coaches conference in the event that revenues and budget are not able to sustain a conference when one is scheduled to occur, these funds can offset the costs to ensure that the event can continue as planned.
- II. Insurance fund is internally restricted for the annual insurance payment. In the event that the organization suffers a significant loss or decrease in revenue, these funds can still be directed to cover the annual insurance payment for all clubs and the Association.
- III. Provincial championships fund is internally restricted to ensure that the Provincials could occur for a single year under circumstances where revenues are not enough to cover the event or where the budgeted loss is not planned for.
- IV. Building repairs fund is internally restricted to ensure that funds are available in the event of a significant strata assessment or special levy for the Association's office, which it owns.
- V. Strategic planning fund is internally restricted covering grants to clubs and regions for expenses which align with the Association's strategic plan.
- VI. Capital fund is internally restricted covering grants to clubs and regions for expenses which align with the expectation and allowable purchase outline for capital purchases to support the regions and clubs.
- VII. Unrestricted is the unrestricted net assets fund.
- VIII. Gaming fund is regulated by the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.
- IX. Invested in tangible capital assets fund agrees to the net book value of the tangible capital assets owned by the Association.

a. Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the current year. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to income as appropriate in the year they become known. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the useful lives of assets for amortization and the amounts recorded as accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2024 Net Book Value	2023 Net Book Value
Land	\$ 56,500	\$ -	\$ 56,500	\$ 56,500
Building	114,867	- 77,974	\$ 36,893	\$ 38,364
Computer equipment	9,576	- 5,686	\$ 3,891	\$ 85
Fixtures and equipment	12,490	- 12,490	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 193,433	-\$ 96,150	\$ 97,284	\$ 94,949

4. VANCOUVER FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Vancouver Foundation holds two endowment funds, the capital of which is not represented on these financial statements. Income from the endowment funds is disbursed at the discretion of the Vancouver Foundation upon the recommendations made by the Association and is designated, on an annual basis, to the Association's scholarships. The fund was established on March 29th, 2017 with an initial capital contribution of \$200,000.

The fair value as of March 31st, 2024 is \$214,325 (2023 - \$202,595). Income available for distribution as at March 31st, 2024 is \$19,597 (2023 - \$19,100). Total disbursements from the fund during the year ended March 31st, 2024 is \$9,750 (2023 - \$8,000).

5. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This data relates to the 2023 Provincial Championships held in Nanaimo, BC, on August 15-20, 2023. The financial results of the Championships are included in these financial statements.

5. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Held for Synchro / Water Polo	\$ 15,703	\$ -
Entry fees	62,373	56,916
Commissions	5,000	6,244
Program sales	6,444	7,300
Sponsorship	5,500	8,850
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 95,019	\$ 79,310
EXPENSES		
Facilities	\$ 27,561	\$ 18,629
Repairs & maintenance	1,297	-
Official apparel	9,105	8,920
Supplies	13,802	10,586
Meals	3,082	3,382
Deck food	3,341	2,648
Security	1,953	1,021
Accommodation & Travel	13,392	31,774
Production	8,015	5,513
Water polo/synchro judge expense	1,650	1,370
Awards	19,532	19,596
TOTAL EXPENSES	102,729	103,438
EVENT INCOME (LOSS)	-\$ 7,709	-\$ 24,129

6. GRANTS & CLUB REIMBURSEMENTS

The Association granted funds and reimbursed certain expenses of member clubs and regions as approved by the Board of Directors.

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 club fees for the 2023 summer swim season. Financial assistance was no more than 50% of the total fee charged by the member club. For the year ended March 31st, 2024 the total assistance provided was \$150 (2023 - \$2,207).

	2024	2023
CLUBS		
Dawson Creek Seals	\$ -	\$ 807
Hope River Monsters Swim Club	150	1,200
Nanaimo White Rapids Swim Club	-	200
	\$ 150	\$ 2,207

7. RESTRICTED CAPITAL FUNDING

Due to the success of BC Summer Swimming Associations' operations, the board of directors have approved a new Coaching Initiative Fund in order to assist the Regions and Sport Activities with certain expenditures. This requires the individual that oversees the Region and/or Sport Activity to submit a request for the board of directors' approval. For the year ended March 31st, 2024 the total amount allocated to the Coaching Initiative Fund was \$63,750.

	2024	2023
REGIONS & SPORTS		
Cariboo	\$ 7,000	\$ -
Fraser South	7,000	-
Fraser Valley	7,000	-
Kootenay	7,000	-
Okanagan	7,000	-
Simon Fraser	7,000	-
Vancouver & District	7,000	-
Vancouver Island	7,000	-
Artistic Swimming	2,750	-
Diving	2,000	-
Water Polo	3,000	-
	\$ 63,750	\$ -

8. FINANCIAL RISKS & CONCENTRATION OF RISKS

Financial instruments are subject to risk and uncertainties such as credit risk, currency risk, market risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, other price risk and concentration of any risks. In management's opinion the Association is exposed to the following risks:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial asset will cause a financial loss for the Association by failing to discharge an obligation. The Association's credit risk is mainly related to accounts receivable. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rate. The Association's interest rate risk is mainly on the term deposits. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Association's liquidity risk is mainly related to accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and unearned revenue. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

9. DIRECTOR REMUNERATION

The Association's directors do not receive remuneration.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Welcome back to UBC, we were last here in 2002!

UBC was at one point, way back in the 1960's, the only spot we would hold Provincials. The old Empire Pool was a 50 Metre outdoor pool with no bulkhead. There are a few old timers still involved with the BCSSA that swam Provincials there!

This has been an amazing year for the BCSSA, we have over 9000 athletes registered in our four sports. That is a record!

There was a complete overhaul of our rule books this year, many thanks to Sheila Coogan, our Vice President and the Rules committee for the long hours that they put in. The rules are constantly being fine-tuned and updated every year.

We were thrilled to return to RockRidge for our Coaches Conference this past spring. The turn out was very impressive and the feedback we received from the coaches that took part will help us put on an even better conference next year. We couldn't have done it without the hard work and knowledge of Danny Schild and Natalie Baxter. They spent a lot of time in lining up the presenters and events to keep the weekend moving and interesting.

We have a fantastic group of dedicated Board Members that have a wealth of knowledge and skills to keep everything and everybody going in the right direction. They keep our organization strong and have a good time while doing it.

Thank you all, the BCSSA is a big family and that is what makes us strong.

Here's to a great week of competition, having fun, making memories and friendships that last a lifetime!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Baxter
President, BCSSA

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

Last year I started my report talking about how time flies when you are having fun. I could just as easily begin that way again this year – honestly, where DOES the time go? This morning on the news they said it is exactly 6 months until Christmas – wait, what? And yes, for those of you doing the math, that means I am writing this report in June!

This year was a very busy one for me again, with a major overhaul of the Rule book. Thankfully we don't have to do such an in-depth one every year! Our Rules committee spent countless hours going through the book with a fine-tooth comb, looking to clarify and improve where such was needed. We had the able help of our Sport Directors for Artistic Swimming, Diving and Water Polo to take the lead on changes to those books, and the invaluable help of our Provincial Director of Officials and the group of Regional Directors of Officials. We took the decision to separate the four Sports back out into their own Rule books, all of which include the rules common to the whole organization. This enabled us to save some money on printing the new books, as some Regions do not, yet, have any sports other than Speed Swimming. We also went to a new ring binding format, which will enable us to make single page changes, when necessary, to avoid reprinting the entire book.

My well-known love of proof-reading and wordsmithing also got a good workout through my role as a member of the Policy committee. As well as developing the Athlete Eligibility Protest Policy, we took a good look at our Constitution and Bylaws, which was last updated 6 years ago. We tried to update language to make the Bylaws, which by necessity are very formally worded, a bit clearer and easier to understand, and we are hopeful that the membership will approve our suggested changes.

So many people across the world got very tired of online meetings through the pandemic, but the use of online platforms has really helped the BCSSA Board to get more done across the whole year, and it enables us to be more quickly responsive when any issues do arise. I can't count how many times I have received an email or text this past year saying, "Got time to jump on a quick Zoom tonight?". My husband jokes that sometimes my fellow Board members see more of me than he does! Joking aside, I am immensely proud of the work the BCSSA Board does, and immensely grateful to be able to contribute to an amazing organization alongside incredibly talented, dedicated and knowledgeable people.

This year we are excited to be hosting our Provincial Championship at UBC, where we would have been several years ago had it not been for the pandemic. This is a beautiful setting for another exciting week of competition. Last year I was excited to attend the whole week and get an opportunity to witness the competition in all four Sports. It was fun and educational as well – my involvement with BCSSA had always been through Speed Swimming, so I was eager to learn more about the other three sports. This year I will again be attending for the whole week and look forward to witnessing yet again the excellence of all of our athletes!

I want to thank my fellow Board members for another great year, and in particular I want to thank Natalie, our BCSSA Office Manager, for her hard work, dedication and patience with all of us. Natalie does an incredible job – often she has already done what is needed before we even ask her, and although I know that wrangling all of us can sometimes feel like herding cats, she does a phenomenal job! Thank you, Natalie, for making my job – all of our jobs – that much easier. And last of all I want to thank all of you - parents, coaches and volunteers - for all that you do to make this organization great.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Coogan
Provincial Vice-President

SECRETARY TREASURER REPORT

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to report that BCSSA remains financially stable and in a position to support our programs and strategic initiatives, providing opportunities for training, development and competition within British Columbia.

We continue to ensure prudent financial management practices are in place including the employment of a CPA-designated bookkeeper. We continue to monitor our internal control processes, allowing us to manage our financial resources appropriately and provide direct financial benefits to our regions and clubs.

This year saw an overhaul of our banking services. We switched our accounts from TD Bank to VanCity Credit Union. Our previous payments system was with Plooto, we now use e-transfer and an office credit card. All transactions except the credit card require 2 signers to be approved.

As in prior years, a financial peer review was conducted this July. This review has specific procedures conducted over revenues, expenses and balance sheet line items. I would like to thank Vivian Valancius and Grace Rebamontan for volunteering their time to perform this peer review. All recommendations have been taken into consideration and financial adjustments were made accordingly.

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

- Registration income increased by 12% over last year, is up 37% since before the pandemic and was almost \$100,000 over budget.
- The finance committee came up with a plan to redistribute \$63,000 of last year's surplus back to the regions and sports with the money targeted for coaching initiatives. This year, with the continued growth in registration, other increases in revenue and stable expenses, our results showed a significant surplus as well. As we already have contingency funds to cover a full season with no revenue, the finance committee will again meet and come up with a plan to redistribute excess surplus to the regions and sports.
- The staging of the 2023 Provincial Championships saw a loss of only \$7709. Part of this decrease in loss from previous years is that this year we charged the costs associated with the AGM to Meetings instead of including them in the costs of Provincials, as has been the practice in the past.

As a reminder, BCSSA established the BCSSA Endowment Fund with the Vancouver Foundation in 2017. With the initial contribution of \$200,000, we are now able to ensure that scholarships will be available to those graduating high school for years to come. To donate to the Fund, visit the website below. Tax receipts are provided.

<https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/bcsummerswimming>

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 with Financial Aid to members and Strategic Plan Initiatives. If you have any feedback or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Sheehan,
Treasurer

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION REPORT

I am very much looking forward to this year's Provincial Championship meet as it will be many athletes' (and parents') first chance to see the UBC Aquatic Centre in person. This is a world-class facility and should produce some amazing performances. Provincials were originally planned for UBC for 2020, but unfortunately certain world events got in the way, and 2024 was the next year that they could accommodate our meet. We think that it will be worth the wait!

We are also excited that so many families will be staying in residence on-campus. This will help foster an 'Olympic Village' type of atmosphere for the athletes.

We will be continuing with the Simplified Marshalling for the senior pool at Provincials - refined in 2023 to include prelims and finals for all swimmers from Div 5 and up. Response has been extremely positive to this process, as it makes things easier and simpler for athletes and officials alike.

The Mixed Regional Relays seemed to be a big hit last year, and we will be continuing with that same format for 2024.

At the time I write this, we are working on final details with the UBC facility staff. We were thrown some unexpected challenges, but we have managed to work through them. I think that you will all be pleased with what the organizing committee has put together for the Championship Meet. A reminder that spectator capacity will be limited, and we will once again be encouraging spectators to help each other out so that as many as possible can watch the races they came to see. We will be streaming all the speed swimming online, and great viewing will be available without being in the pool.

On a personal note, 2024 will be my final season as Director of Competition and as a member of the BCSSA board. The last 21 years have been an absolute pleasure and a whole lot of good times. I have progressed from newbie swim parent, to swim official, to club registrar, to club President, to Regional Director, and finally to Director of Competition. I have met so many wonderful people, and made so many friends, that I can't imagine what my life would be like right now if not for the BC Summer Swimming Association. I will be sticking around to continue mentoring some of the 'technical stuff', partly to keep the transition seamless, but mostly because I just want to stay in touch!

As they say on TV, "Thanks for the memories".

Sean Cauley
Director of Competition

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

This is my third year in this position. It seems like I'm always learning new things. Like anything, the more you do something, the better you become at it.

One of the key roles of my position is the Member Services table at Provincials. Answering questions, selling programs and getting people where they supposed to be. Our Office Manager, Natalie, did most of the heavy lifting with the help of her Team and various Provincial Board members.

As chair of the Awards committee, I got to review the applications for the various BCSSA scholarships. It was a pleasure to announce the names of the award winners at Provincials. It is very difficult to choose a winner for each category. It is clear after reviewing all the applications, that the BCSSA doesn't just develop good swimming skills but also amazing human beings. I'm happy to report that there is another scholarship that the BCSSA will be awarding starting this year – the Ethan Denum Scholarship will be presented to a multi-sport athlete. Last year we also inducted another name into the Pool of Fame - Nathan Stein got his start with the Haney Neptunes and went on to represent Canada at the 2012 Paralympics.

It's not an official position, but I am also the President of the Annoying Dad's club. Aside from doing what we can to embarrass our kids at swim meets, our most important role is to sing the National Anthems to kick off the Saturday morning races at Provincials. We had modest start back in 2017, but it has caught on and our numbers have grown each year. I would estimate we had 150 Dad's singing in Nanaimo. If you hear me or my Chief Dad Wrangler, Jim Baxter, looking for anthem singers that Saturday morning please join the event. 2023 was also the first year we had all the Coaches sing the Anthems on the Sunday morning. Instant tradition!

There were some challenges along the way. Part of my position involves fielding concerns or complaints. While the BCSSA is largely a positive, social community of like-minded folks, the occasional conflict does arise. I was involved in a protest appeal just after Provincials as well as a club level complaint in early winter.

I was also on a sub-committee to revisit the BCSSA Constitution and by-laws that will be presented at the 2024 AGM. There were no significant changes but the document had not been revised since 2018 so there were minor revisions made throughout to tighten up the wording.

Lastly, I was involved in setting up the Province wide 50/50 on-line raffle (<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/bcssa>). The winners will be announced on Sunday, August 18 just before finals. We anticipate that this prize will grow as we get closer to Provincials week, so it was set up with three prize winners: 25%, 15% and 10% of total ticket sales. The winner does not need to be in attendance to win!

I look forward to seeing so many smiling faces at the Member Services table at Provincials at UBC. Swing by and say hi in between the racing action.

I continue to be very impressed with the experience and dedication of the members of this Provincial Board and would like to thank them for their tremendous support.

Respectfully submitted,
Brendan Connelly
Director of Member Services

DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS REPORT

Summer 2024 has been another amazing competitive season! Parents in all eight regions stepped up to become officials and we saw growth in the number of officials progressing to the next pin level. At the time of submission of this report, six (6) officials have attained their Masters level (Navy Blue pin). These promotions are important as it is often Senior (Light Blue pin), Master and Specialist (Orange pin) officials who have the expertise to run the swim meets. Having said that, I know there are many Junior (Green pin) and Intermediate (Red pin) officials who have a lot of knowledge to contribute. I encourage all officials to continue to move out of their comfort zones and work towards higher pin levels so our meets can continue to run efficiently.

This has been a busy year for the Regional Directors of Officials (RDOs) and I! Aside from recruiting and mentoring new and existing officials, we have also been developing and revising the training tools for the various levels of officiating. Our goals for this year were to develop a Clerk of the Course/Marshaller clinic and quiz, as well as to revise the Ref/Starter/DDO and Chief Meet Recorder clinics and quizzes. We achieved this goal!

While I was not able to personally go to a meet in each region this year, I was able to visit meets in the Simon Fraser, Fraser Valley, and Vancouver Island regions. At each meet, I enjoyed watching our officials work as a team to provide feedback to the athletes who required it. Thank you to all the officials I was able to connect with and help mentor. It's an intimidating thought – being put out on deck, trying to remember everything you recently learned in a clinic, and questioning if what you just saw was what was mentioned in the clinic, and – wait! Which Suggested Wording do I use on the DQ slip? Nobody is 100% comfortable the first few times they do any type of officiating. It takes patience and time, but you get to watch some amazing races in between the learning! Due to the nature of Provincials, the minimum pin level required to officiate at the meet is a Red Pin (Intermediate Level Official).

This next year will undoubtedly bring some challenges, but we learn and grow from them. For example, protests and appeals allow us an opportunity to dig deeper into how the rules are written and what the intent is behind that. Many of our rule and policy changes this year were based upon prior incidents over the past few years. The RDOs and I spend hours behind the scenes breaking down the rules and figuring out how to be consistent in how we apply them. If this is something you like to do, then maybe it is time for you to think about the next step in officiating!

In terms of next year's goals, developing and revising training materials continues to be a priority. Next year we will be revising both the Harassment & Conflict Resolution and the Meet Manager clinics and quizzes. I also think it would be a good idea to develop a short Timers presentation, in which we would outline the job descriptions and best practices for Lane Timers, Lane Recorders, and the Head Timer. Timers represent the first step in officiating and their jobs contribute to the overall flow and feel of the swim meet.

Another goal I have for next year is for the Provincial Director of Officials to work more closely with the other BCSSA sports directors and learn more about the rules of each sport so they can be more fully supported in their endeavours. This would also include visits to at least one competition in each sport. I look forward to learning more about Diving, Water Polo, and Artistic Swimming!

I wish all the Provincial Qualifiers the best of luck and, when you see me on the pool deck, feel free to ask me questions about officiating. To the parents and guardians of these amazing athletes – thank you for all you do in supporting your children!

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Esplen

REGISTRAR REPORT

I am pleased to present the BC Summer Swimming Registrar Report for 2024. As of July 11th, we have 7198 athletes spread across 59 clubs in 8 regions this season. This represents continued steady growth over the past four years - from a low of 3312 in the summer of 2020. Last year, we had 6709 summer members.

We are delighted to welcome all the new athletes who have joined us this season. We are especially pleased to hear the sound of swimming competition for the Mackenzie Rainbows—they are back in the water!

Our growth also occurred in the non-competitive season (Sept 1-April 30), giving BCSSA a total of 9432 members for the year 2023/2024. This includes all coaches, part-time athletes, and anybody who dipped their toes in the water at some point in the year.

Small but mighty are the Gordon Head Gee-Gees coming in this year with 11 athletes and brand new Artistic Club - Aquasonics with 14. The average club size is 120 members. Half of the 59 clubs have fewer than 80 members, and the other half have 104-238. One club has 438 members.

The gender distribution moved in favour of females, with approximately a 54:45 ratio of boys to girls.. The largest age category comprises 6 to 12-year-olds, constituting 4,512 athletes, which accounts for 75% of our total participant count. Clubs are clearly welcoming spaces for the littles as we have ~600 participants aged 6 and under.

Big changes occurred this year with S and O category. We instituted the following:

1. BCSSA's vision statement was changed to include fairness "*To be a competitive sport organization, fostering a culture of fair play, inclusivity, fun and achievement.*"
2. Rule 2.2.1c was changed to ensure the club registrar records the specific aquatic activities (not the athlete) "*c) At the time of registration, the specific aquatic activities of each Athlete shall be correctly recorded by the Club registrar or delegate.*"
3. Eligibility rules were discussed; we ensured the penalty for misrepresentation was clear with the following rules:
 1. 2.2.2C Any athlete determined to have been competing in the wrong category shall be disqualified from all incorrectly entered events. Said disqualification shall occur at the time of determination in the current season.
 2. 4.2.1c Athletes who misrepresent their aquatic participation may be disqualified from all BCSSA competition. Such a disqualification may take effect immediately and be in effect for twelve months from the date of the disqualification.
4. Finally, a new rule takes effect this September: ***f) An 'O' Athlete is (i) Any athlete who has competed in any non-BCSSA sanctioned swim meet between September 1st and April 30th (inclusive). This rule shall come into effect as of September 1, 2024.***

I want to thank all club and regional registrars for their tireless dedication and support. Your prompt responses, thoughtful inquiries, and commitment to ensuring a level playing field for every athlete are commendable. Together, we create an environment where every swimmer can confidently participate, knowing they are competing against peers in their category with fairness and integrity.

Catherine Schwichtenberg
Provincial Registrar

Registration Data

Club Affiliation

	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022
Cariboo	4	4	4	4
Fraser South	9	8	8	8
Fraser Valley	8	8	9	9
Kootenay	7	7	7	7
Okanagan	10	10	10	10
Simon Fraser	5	5	5	5
Vancouver & Districts	5	5	5	5
Vancouver Island	11	11	11	11
Totals	59	58	59	59

Registration Data

	2024/2025 *	2023/2024 **	2022/2023 **	2021/2022 **
Cariboo	591	870	469	537
Fraser South	1312	1642	1155	1140
Fraser Valley	984	1881	1360	1129
Kootenay	388	495	339	348
Okanagan	863	943	665	608
Simon Fraser	1312	1473	1097	1245
Vancouver & Districts	650	875	568	650
Vancouver Island	1098	1499	1012	1195
Totals	7198	9678	6665	6852

* Summer Registrations only

** Full Year Registrations

2024 Registration Breakdown by Sport

	Artistic	Diving	Swimming	Water Polo
Cariboo	0	0	591	0
Fraser South	17	2	1284	213
Fraser Valley	1	0	975	48
Kootenay	0	0	386	0
Okanagan	0	0	863	0
Simon Fraser	19	30	1178	113
Vancouver & Districts	15	30	640	62
Vancouver Island	0	0	1109	80
Totals	35	62	7026	516

2024 Multi Sport Athletes

	# of Athletes
1 Sport	6499
2 Sports	475
3 Sports	32
4 Sports	4

2024 Athletes by Gender

	# of Athletes
Female	3921
Male	3306

DIRECTOR OF ARTISTIC SWIMMING REPORT

This was my first year as Director and will (sadly) be my last. It was a pleasure getting to fulfill this role and help bring some great changes to artistic swimming this past year. For the summer, I have shared this position with Joanna Zander.

This year we moved away from figures and routines and only did tech and free routines. In a large part of the artistic swimming world and levels outside of BCSSA, there has been a new scoring and judging system implemented. This change has not yet reached BC Artistic Swimming nor BCSSA. However, one change that has transcended the majority of levels is no more competing figures - it has been changed to tech and free routine. The feedback we have gotten from our coaches is that with a short season and minimal pool time, it is difficult to choreograph multiple routines for a team. In order to help clubs and encourage them to compete both tech and free, I pre-choreographed tech routines for all 4 levels. Videos, count sheets and details were shared with all of the clubs at the beginning of the season. As we have only had 1 invitational meet to date, we will still need the rest of the season to evaluate and get feedback on it. From what I have heard, this was really helpful for both the athletes and coaches.

The other change that was implemented for the athletes was how their competitive level is determined. For OCAT athletes, it is the same rules we follow in the other disciplines. For the S swimmers, it had been essentially left up to coaches to place their athletes in beginner, intermediate or advanced. There is no age division like the other sports have. It was voted on at the end of last season to use tech routine scores to place swimmers in their level for the next season. For new swimmers, coaches will have to best determine, however now they have a score in mind to evaluate against. I think this is an aspect we can look at refining better after this season.

I worked a lot this past year to have more processes in place, utilizing our Google platform for sharing resources and submitting music/entries, templates for meet entries and clear guidelines/deadlines for the clubs for competitions. As artistic is a smaller community, it takes a village to put on each meet. In years' past it always felt like we were scrambling to get volunteers together and there were a lot of gaps in information. My goal in this position was to help streamline organization and communications. I think this has been a great improvement this summer.

For the next season (2024/2025) the goals and focus should be to continue to grow the artistic participation. I think there is a great opportunity to work with BC Artistic Swimming to help promote BCSSA and help feed athletes into their programs/clubs as well. There will also need to be further discussion and review of how the athletes were divided into their levels and how the standardized tech routines worked out.

Respectfully,
Carol Ross
Director of Artistic Swimming

DIRECTOR OF DIVING REPORT

Program:

In 2024 we had two clubs with diving programs, representing two regions. We lost Abbotsford last year due to lack of coaching. As well Burnaby and Port Moody were looking re activate their diving program and again lack of coaching prevented this. Tsawwassen expressed interest in starting a program which once again we could not find coaches that could get this kick started. We are still actively trying to get more clubs with diving though the biggest issue as noted is coaching.

- Coquitlam Sharks (Simon Fraser Region) – 30 divers – an increase of 5 from last year
- North Vancouver Cruisers (Vancouver & District) – 59 divers started the season an increase of 3 from last year

Overall, there has been great competition. We have had two meets and next up are the regional competitions.

Overall registration numbers are doing quite well for diving.

Coaches:

Both clubs have coaches returning from last year with a few new ones in the mix. Burnaby, Port Moody and Abbotsford did not run dive programs again this year due to not being able to secure coaches. We are continuing to work with BC Diving to have training seminars available to train more coaches as well as judges. Swimming coaches who are interested could take the two-day Intro to Dive Coaching Clinic offered by BC Diving. Dates for this not yet known and anyone interested please email diving@bcsummerswimming.com.

Coach Development:

We would like to further develop coaches' skills and should there be interest I will work with BC diving to hold coaching sessions.

Judges/Officials:

Last provincials we ran a judge's clinic for parents and that was fantastic. While we still require help from BC dive and previous BCSSA member for having experienced judges on our panels these parents really stepped up this year. There will not be one this year as we only are one day for Provincials so the time for this is not available though the two clubs worked together to put on a judging seminar recently.

Volunteers:

We are a small sport and would like to reaffirm to parents that we cannot hold the meets without participation. Please consider helping out at future meets. Any volunteer participation is greatly appreciated. Table worker get a front row view of the divers as well as judging... hint hint!

Equipment:

Dive meets require the use of a sound system to announce dives and results. A small system was purchased this year to use for meets. Other sports will also be using this as well as needed.

Rules:

This past year there were no rule changes as we are in the second year of the previous changes. Any amendments to rules that were changed can be looked at after this season is over. The age locator was updated.

Focus for next season:

- Work with BC Diving to train more coaches and judges
- Improve coaches development, including possibly offering one-on-one sessions at club practices or before meets.

Respectfully submitted

Drea Beye

DIRECTOR OF WATER POLO REPORT

Hello everyone!

I have only been the Acting Director of Water Polo since July 18th, 2024, so I appreciate your patience as I work to get a handle on what has happened over the past year. The great news is water polo in BC is growing! This summer we have five regions with twelve water polo clubs. While Vancouver Island (VI) has two clubs playing water polo, they will combine to participate at Provincials this year as their athlete numbers across categories are insufficient to enter teams separately. This is the same for Fraser Valley (FV) region. Vancouver & District (V&D) only has one club with water polo this year. VI, V&D, and FV will automatically qualify their teams for Provincials. Simon Fraser has two clubs and Fraser South has five clubs playing water polo. Surrey Sea Lions is our newest club offering water polo this summer. Both Simon Fraser and Fraser South will host Regional Qualifier Events with Fraser South hosting a record number of 20 teams seeking a spot at Provincials this year. Burnaby, Haney, CBSC, and Coquitlam clubs all hosted tournaments this summer.

Total Enrolment in Water Polo is as follows:

Regions	Total Athletes	Age Range	
Vancouver Island	81	0-5	1
Nanaimo White Rapids	70	6-8	57
Gordon Head Gee Gees	11	9-10	106
Vancouver & District	63	11-12	147
North Van Cruisers	63	13-14	94
Simon Fraser	115	15-17	88
Burnaby Barracudas	44	18-99	23
Coquitlam Sharks	71	Total WP Athletes	517
Fraser Valley	48	Coaches	48
Haney Neptunes	42	WP No Coaches	469
Mission Marlins	6		
Fraser South	216	Gender	
Surrey Sea Lions*NEW	27	Females	187
Cloverdale Tritons	30	Males	330
North Delta Sunfish	56		
WRASA Killer Guppies	21		
CBSC Seahorses	82		

This will be the third summer using the new beach polo format and various rules that went into effect on August 31st, 2021. This year we have made a few significant changes to the game play including:

- increasing the number of players in the water to 5 (from 4) for 12U and 14U. We will also stop the game and reset at centre this summer. Running time last summer made it difficult for younger players to substitute on the fly which resulted in the same four players playing an entire half while the other players watched from the bench.

- We also amended the O-Cat rules to only include 16U athletes that were rostered on Western or National finals rosters for NCL games with Water Polo Canada.
- We also added a trial rule to have two referees per game. Referee development continues to be a top priority to ensure fair play and athlete safety.

I do not have any past data to compare our registration numbers, but it looks to me that water polo is growing in all participating regions, especially Fraser South. One goal for BCSSA would be to work to develop water polo in other regions across the province.

Kind regards,
Cynthia Springate
Acting Director, Water Polo

COACHES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

This season, BCSSA held its first in-person coaches conference since 2019. All four disciplines had coaches attend the in-person conference at Rock Ridge Canyon. Increasing educational opportunities for coaches and board members continues to be a recurring theme.

Ensuring a positive and fair sports environment has been a large focus. Our Safe Sport committee has implemented a structured BCSSA coaching certification programme, aligning with the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP). This supports the development of volunteer and junior coaches while setting a standard for lifelong learning. The Junior Coach Program can now be accessed through the BCSSA website.

A province-wide coaching resource drive is underway. This drive will include helpful media and frameworks for coaches, additional seasonal plan templates, and suggested drills for athletes. As more resources are compiled, clubs will be notified. A framework for coaching mental health resources is currently being developed.

I hope to see greater development of our Coaching Girls and Women in Sport program and resource pool for coaching LGBTQ+ youth.

Several rule changes came out this season regarding the clarification of wording, athlete eligibility, swimwear, and false starts.

In the future, I recommend that BCSSA continue connecting with universities and winter clubs. While not affiliated with SwimBC, we can further develop a positive sport environment between both summer and year-round athletes.

I express my gratitude toward the provincial board and all coaches for your unwavering dedication and support. Looking ahead, I am confident that our organization will continue to thrive. Thank you all for a wonderful season.

See you at the pool!

Olivia Roschat
Coach Representative

CARIBOO REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Introduction

As I conclude my first term as the Cariboo Region, Regional Director, I am pleased to reflect on the accomplishments and growth we have experienced over the past year.

Mackenzie Rainbows Swim Club Rejoins BCSSA

One of the highlights of this term was successfully bringing the Mackenzie Rainbows Swim Club back into the BC Summer Swimming Association. Their reintroduction has not only increased our membership but has also enriched their local community with enthusiasm and dedication to the sport and tied our region back together geographically, sitting approximately 250 km from Dawson Creek and 200 km from Prince George.

Growth in Membership

Our region has seen more growth, now boasting 600 swimmers. This increase in participation is a testament to the hard work of our coaches, volunteers, and the supportive environment we have cultivated. The enthusiasm and commitment of our swimmers is truly inspiring, all our clubs have experienced growth with our pup programs, ensuring the future is looking bright for the Cariboo.

Development of Masters Swim Division

One of the most exciting initiatives the Cariboo regions is supporting is the development of a Masters Swim Division within the BCSSA. This new division will provide an opportunity for swimmers aged 35 and over to compete with others of similar age, just as other divisions do. I am particularly looking forward to seeing this initiative come to fruition for the 2025 provincials. It promises to be a wonderful addition to our competition structure and a source of inspiration for swimmers of all ages, feeding the inclusive nature and family feel of the BCSSA.

Provincial Bid for 2025 in Prince George

We are thrilled to have put forward a bid to host the 2025 provincial championships in Prince George. This bid represents a significant opportunity for our region to showcase our hospitality and unique ability to host a provincial stage. I am confident that, if successful, this event will be a highlight for all BCSSA swimmers to experience the hospitality of the North.

Conclusion

In closing, this year has been a period of growth and new beginnings for the Cariboo region. Welcoming back, the Mackenzie Rainbows Swim Club, seeing our membership swell to 600 swimmers, bidding for the 2025 provincials and supporting the development of a Masters Swim Division, we have much to be proud of. I'm grateful for the support of our swimming community and excited for what the future holds.

The Cariboo region is setting itself up for continued success and growth as part of the BC Summer Swimming Association.

Sincerely,
Rory Boyle
Cariboo Regional Director

FRASER SOUTH REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

The Fraser South Region has had a fantastic year of strong maintenance programs resulting in a fantastic summer season. I am seeing many returning and new families coming in with great energy and high participation rates particularly for our swimming and water polo competitions.

As many of our Clubs are intertwined in various non-BCSSA activities and share indoor pools for maintenance, I am in awe of how we all keep together throughout the year that the transition to summer programming seems seamless.

Each year I see growth in our members, both numbers and skillset, and more so in the expertise of running swim meets as the importance of collaborating with each Club to run these meets has become natural.

The path to Regionals for our three programs of swimming, water polo and artistic swimming is so full of energy, and I recognize it can also be draining in hours and emotions for coaches, athletes and families. However, the participation rate in the last few weeks is simply amazing and the family time resulting from these summer programs is the reason many of us are in BCSSA.

To break this down even more:

Swim Meets - Our Clubs are pushing through the covid downturns where I am seeing high numbers in swim meets, high meet mobile team scores and a great number of volunteer experts on deck.

Water Polo - We now have 5 clubs in our region running water polo with a few having to enter multiple teams in several age groups in tournaments and expecting the same for Regionals.

Artistic Swimming - Fraser South Region has grown with the welcome addition of Aquasonics, a winter artistic swimming club of whom our Region has turned to for guidance and support in building artistic swimming in our region. We are excited to have their enthusiasm and look forward to their collaboration in the sport.

Now..with this growth in our Region, comes attrition in our respective Clubs but more so on the Fraser South Regional Board. Clubs are taking great efforts to build their inner expertise and I am also having several Fraser South board members looking to pass their baton. Collectively, we have been actively seeking new persons throughout the year to fill key roles and are hopeful to see new eyes and energy at our AGM.

Lastly, with the expected high energy and emotions at Regionals and Provincials, a Parent Notice was sent out to inform our membership to be kind to all and to inform them of the various policies that must be followed and the resources available to them to help mitigate confusion. In addition, Clubs were suggested to run information meetings with their athletes and parents to set expectations and again minimize unnecessary stress.

Looking forward to Regionals and Provincials!

thanks

Jane Rashed
Fraser South Regional Director

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

The 2024 season has brought a lot of change for the Fraser Valley Region. We have had a significant change in leadership positions both at the Club and Regional levels. Learning new roles without the mentorship of some long-time members has presented new challenges, but as a team we have overcome them. We were able to fill our Regional Treasurer position and have managed to get all our finances back in order. This position has been vacant for too long, but we are very happy with the direction moving forward. We are still looking for Director positions for all the other aquatic disciplines, as well as a Vice-Director. The Abbotsford Whalers, Aldergrove Sea Monkeys, Hope River Monsters, Haney Neptunes and Mission Marlins have all seen new Club Presidents this past year. Along with many other board positions.

The 2024 season did not see more swim meets in the Valley. The 2024 season had a total of 6 swim meets not including Regional Championships. Mission, Haney, Langley, Chilliwack, Agassiz, and Abbotsford, all hosted successful swim meets this year. The Hope River Monsters did not host a meet this year as originally planned. They do, however, plan on hosting a swim meet in 2025, we remain optimistic that this will come to fruition. The Aldergrove Sea Monkeys opted not to host a swim meet this year, volunteer numbers have made it difficult to host a meet. Regardless, they remain a critical cog in the wheel in the weekend to weekend meet logistics, they again hosted the Fraser Valley Regional Spirit Event on July 10th and the Fraser Valley Provincial Team Practice on August 7th. The Agassiz-Harrison Aquanauts have received some exciting news this year. The District of Kent has approved the construction of a new 8 lane indoor pool. This is huge for their community and their swim club. Construction is scheduled to start in the fall of 2024. It will be very sad to say goodbye to the old outdoor Fernie Coombe Pool, but the Fraser Valley Region looks forward to hosting Regional Championships in Agassiz at the first possible opportunity. Abbotsford was again the host city of the 2024 Fraser Valley Regional Championships. Centennial Pool is an 8-lane outdoor facility that is the most central of all clubs in the Valley, and year over year makes the most sense for our Region.

The growing costs of operations continue to be a problem for all our clubs and the region. Many clubs have increased their registration fees this year and the region has increased our regional fees by \$25.00/swimmers to offset the rising costs we are faced with. It has been an unfortunate necessity that we did not take lightly.

Overall, our clubs are in good shape! Total aquatic participants registered are over 900 in the Region Abbotsford - 166, Agassiz - 81, Aldergrove - 119, Chilliwack - 166, Haney - 189, Hope - 36, Langley - 145, Mission - 110.

It was an extremely fun and competitive season. We are happy with the direction our Region is headed. Best of luck to all the swimmers this weekend at UBC,

Mitch McCormick
Fraser Valley Regional Director

KOOTENAY REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

This year, the Kootenay Region took significant efforts to build membership in smaller clubs, increase participation at swim meets, build regional spirit and cohesiveness, expand the number of officials in the region, and start to replace and update some of our aging timing and scoring equipment.

Building membership

Following the pandemic, many of our clubs were struggling with recruiting and retaining swimmers. As a region, we have been working on rebuilding membership in all our clubs and are very excited to see some growth and resurgence with some of our smaller clubs, particularly Kimberley and Creston.

Increased participation at swim meets

As a region, we did set our meet schedule strategically, with the first meets of the season being held in Creston and Kimberley. Our hope was that having their home meets close to the beginning of the season would encourage new families and swimmers to get involved. In Kimberley, there was a record turn-out of new novice swimmers, and many of these families have since travelled to other meets across the region. The one challenging variable that we run in to is travel distance, time and expenses strongly impact the number of swimmers that we have attending meets.

Regional Spirit and Cohesiveness

Have you seen the Yeti? The Kootenay Yeti, is our new mascot. The jury is still out on whether we will keep the Yeti for next year, or if we will try out something new. We have been selling our new regional shirts and caps throughout the season to any family/swimmer that are interested – not just those planning to attend regionals/provincials. So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, and we have seen a lot of the Kootenay Yeti gear popping up at meets. The Colville outdoor meet is our region's best kept secret for building regional spirit and cohesiveness. There is something so special about families from across the region camping together in a beautiful outdoor park, eating pancakes on Saturday morning, being able to walk from your tent to the pool, hearing the cheers from anywhere in the park, Saturday evening water gun fights, and endless laughter that is so energizing and uplifting. We are incredibly excited to have our Regional Meet happen in Colville as well this year. Two times in one summer = the best!

Building our team

Our Regional Director of Officials has been working very hard to build the team of both junior and senior officials in the Region. To date, he has hosted 3 Stroke and Turn Clinics, a Starter/Ref Clinic and a Clerk of the Course Clinic throughout the region, so our team is slowly starting to grow.

Regional Timing and Scoring Equipment

We have an amazing computer guru (Alan LeRoy) in our region that had been working tirelessly to develop new software, build equipment, and modernize and improve the way that times/scores are updated during the meets. We feel so grateful to have Alan helping out behind the scenes. Every meet we attend, it seems that Alan has created "a new program" that is allowing things to run more efficiently.

Challenges

- Recruitment Difficulties: Building membership in regional clubs continues to be challenging due to competition with other sports and activities.

- **Volunteer Shortages:** Recruiting volunteers to help at home meets was more difficult than anticipated, and we really relied on help from other clubs to run home swim meets, and step in to help with pool set-ups, running the office, marshalling, timing, etc...
- **Funding Limitations:** Financial constraints slowed the replacement of aging equipment, limiting our ability to update all necessary items – however, we have been putting any profits from regional cap and shirt sales directly into our regional equipment fund.
- **Pool Rentals:** Costs of renting our facilities for meets have been a challenge for most clubs. Often, the cost of renting the pool is much greater than the money that is brought in through entry fees, silent auction and concession sales.
- **Geographical Barriers:** The region’s vast area made it difficult for many families to organize and attend all meets during the season. As well, the distance does limit the number of regional events that we are able to plan and execute.

The 2023-2024 year was one of growth and development for the Kootenay Region. Despite challenges, significant progress was made towards our goals, setting a strong foundation for future success. Our commitment to building a vibrant, cohesive, and competitive swimming community remains steadfast as we look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Douglas
Kootenay Regional Director



OKANAGAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

The Okanagan Region has had a very successful year in 2024. Our regional membership has increased slightly over our 2023 numbers meaning that we are on the positive side of our historical numbers.

This year the region hosted 10 swim meets with all clubs now hosting a meet of their own. Across the region we had meet attendance increase by approximately 12% over 2023, the continued increase in meet attendance across the region is positive sign looking ahead to 2025. We would like to thank the out of region teams that made their way to the Okanagan this year and we would like to welcome you again in 2025.

2025 Okanagan Region Meet Schedule:

May 31 1	Princeton Fun Meet	July 5/6	Penticton
June 7/8	Merrit	July 12/13	Golden
June 14/15	Lumby (TBD)	July 19/20	Kelowna
June 21/22	Salmon Arm	July 26	Similkameen Fun Meet
June 28/29	Revelstoke		

We have had a significant number of new officials come out for the meets this year. We are hoping that this continues in a positive direction and we believe this due to the hard work of our club directors as well as our Regional Director of Officials in creating an inviting environment of inclusion, sharing, and fun for all parents at the meets.

We had another great compliment of coaches in our region this year, with many starting their swimming lives right here in the Okanagan. Our region is proud of the mutual respect that the coaches and officials have for one another, without the willingness to work together and learn from one another our season would not have been the success that it was so thank you for all that you do.

Thank you to all the parents in our region who continue to step up and help with club executives, regional executives and running successful swim meets. Your efforts have made for a successful season and I look forward to another great year in 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Holland
Okanagan Regional Director

SIMON FRASER REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Hey Everybody Get Your Bathing Suit On. Oh, Never Mind the Pool is Still Closed

Add one more year to the tally of those gone by with significant pool closures. There is some light at the end of the tunnel as New West has opened its new pool although it has delayed taking bookings while it sorts out bulkhead issues.

It is rare for construction projects to fall behind schedule and even more rare when some level of government is involved but lightning struck in Coquitlam as Spani Pool, soon to be renamed Mundy Park Pool, inexplicably fell behind its scheduled opening of June 1, sorry June 15, umm July 1, definitely July 15, absolutely this summer, OK we promise sometime in 2025. Meanwhile over in Burnaby folks are staring at the large crater formerly known as GCG Brown Pool and thinking it would be a good idea paint some lines in the dirt so people can jump in and swim the next time it fills with water during a heavy rain. The city is contemplating some extensive work to all of its outdoor pools over the next few years so stay tuned as more swimming holes become just plain holes. SFU? Yeah, don't go there. I mean it. There's nothing there.

Somehow in all this the region managed to grow by just under 20% coming in at 1,313 (lucky number twice!!) registrants for the summer. Watch out world when we get our pools back. Once again events in all 4 aquatic disciplines were held as clubs shared facilities and equipment. Our clubs ventured out to Vancouver Island, the Okanagan, the Valley and the South and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One can only marvel at how wonderful it is to be a part of this organization as its member clubs welcome all comers to their home pools.

Looking forward to Fall I see ... more swimmers. Bring it on. The forecast is for heavy rain which should provide enough puddles to let everyone get some laps in.

Carl Trepanier
Regional Director
Simon Fraser Region

VANCOUVER & DISTRICT REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

When the Summer Swim Season ends in August the next year always seems so far away, however, without fail we are standing on the pool deck in May claiming we can't believe the season has started again. And now we are preparing for the AGM and Provincials.

Last year at Provincials we were given a new provincial task of Volunteer Management. As this was a new position we did not know exactly what to expect. We quickly realized that having each region schedule their own shifts for timing was inefficient and quite frankly very confusing. This year all regions will be on the same schedule for shift changes which will help streamline the process. We will also be handling all other volunteer shifts so everyone will check in at the same location reducing confusion.

As a region this year we have seen an increase in participants across our region. While the increase in swimmers is positive it has posed some challenges including Staffing, and pool space. It is getting harder each year for most of our region to secure pool time, it seems we are competing with more user groups every year.

The foundation of teamwork and shared goals has been instrumental in the success of the Vancouver and District Region. When one club is running a swim meet the entire region is there supporting them as if it is their own meet. We have had many new volunteers step up to learn electronics and officiating although we are still very light in some key roles.

I am so grateful to work on both the regional board and provincial board, they are both filled with incredibly talented and passionate individuals. This will be my last year on the regional board as I move on to different challenges but I will continue to support all clubs during the summer season.

Sincerely
Tamara Guerin

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

The Vancouver Island Region enjoyed another successful season with approximately 1098 registered swimmers. VI Gators know how to have fun and swim well. Along with the regular fun events like air band and parent relays, teams showed their Olympic spirit by challenging each other to Olympic themed activities. Cheers and high fives are a common site on our pool decks.

As we have a lot of new coaches, swimmers and parents this year, education has been key. We hosted a workshop for coaches that served to improve technique and to build connections. Our Director of Officials organized clinics for both experienced and new white shirts. Seasoned individuals never failed to lend a hand to run meets at home or away. There is a concerted effort to pass on knowledge to the next generation of swim families. It is a beautiful thing to witness.

Many clubs within our Region have the same challenges of many other regions: securing pool time, finding enough volunteers, hiring coaches. However, what is never a hurdle is the endless dedication to kids and spirit of cooperation among our members. I am proud to be part of this Region.

Go Gators!

Shelly Johnson,
VI Regional Director



NOTICES OF MOTION

The bylaws of BCSSA do not enforce a requirement to have Notices of Motion included in this report. At the time of printing, there have been no 'Notice of Motion' received. There is a chance of a Motion 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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