

Vancouver Island Secondary Schools Athletic Association

2025 - Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 23, 2024

VISSAA AGM 9:30 AM

Being held at Brentwood College School

2024 VISSAA AGM AGENDA

1. Roll Call

NVISSAA		LVISSAA	
Daryl Britz (Ballenas)	Luke Holmes (Aspengrove)	Chris Ball (Mt. Doug)	Johann Cherry (Spectrum)
Shayne Pfeifer (Dover Bay)	Travis Gorski (Vanier)	Phil Ohl (Spectrum)	Jenny Brown (Stelly's)
Dillon McRae (Highland)	Nicole McRae (Wellington)	Tim Murdy (Shawnigan)	Gary Baker (Lambrick Park)
Scott Robertson (Wellington)	Bre Quist (NCS)	Todd Turkington (Brookes)	Rich Fast (Oak Bay)
Jill Hutchinson (Aspengrove)	Adrian Achurch (Frances Kelsey)	Kris Walushka (Belmont)	Chelsea Minter (Vic High)
Lucy Smith (QMS)	Heidi McWhinnie (Dover Bay)	Kayla Natarelli (EMCS)	Lindsay Brooke (SMUS)
Bill McWhinnie (Dover Bay)	Mike Roberts (ADSS)	Dawn Ranns (SMS)	John Stewart (PCS)
Barry Bevilacqua (Kwalikum)	Colin Cunningham (Mark Isfeld)	Chris Dahl (Esquimalt)	Istvan Silva (Reynolds)
Rory Henderson (Ucluelet)	Daryl Rodgers (Ladysmith)	Bryan Sutton (Parkland)	Darren Reisig (Claremont)
Wendy Charles (Quw'utsun)	Blake Gage (Brentwood)		Tina Lum (Athletic Assistant)
Travis Visscher (St. Johns Prep)			

Regrets: Jackie Snell, Matt Phillips (Vic High), Alfredo LaRizza (Cumberland), Ali Doerksen (GNS), Brian Hobson (Royal Bay), Connie Chan (Gold River), Dave Hrysio (Timberline), Erik Oinonen (SIDES), Marc-André Gosselin (Port Hardy), Tom Veenstra (DCS), Tracey Hoff (Cedar).

2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes from the 2025 VISSAA Spring Meeting
4. Business Arising from the 2025 VISSAA Spring Meeting **N/A**
5. Adoption of Executive Meeting Minutes **N/A**
6. Business Arising from Executive Meeting Minutes **N/A**
7. Treasurer's Statement and Budget - Adrian Achurch (Frances Kelsey)

We are in the black for \$11K but we are waiting on schools to pay for the rugby referees. The rugby treasurer knows that we will pay the invoice when we have the funds to do so. Lindsay reminded everyone to get their money in ASAP. As of June 20th we only had 4 cheques. Questions came up on why we have to do it this way - It's a combination between being an Island Wide league and the current relationship with the referee association.

- To approve a 2025/26 VISSAA Membership Fee of \$125.00 for all schools. **FIRST: Adrian Achurch SECOND: Nicole McRae** Motion Passes.
- To approve an honorarium of \$4000.00 for the funding of the Island Assistant in 2025/26. **FIRST: Adrian Achurch SECOND: Nicole McRae** Motion Passes.
- To approve an honorarium of \$1500.00 for the VISSAA President in 2025/26. **FIRST: Adrian Achurch SECOND: Nicole McRae** Motion Passes.

8. Vice-Presidents' Reports

South - Darren Reisig (Claremont) - thanks for everyone's efforts this year. The island should be proud of how we did provincially this year.

Central - Tom Veenstra (Duncan Christian) - N/A

North - Nicole McRae (Wellington) - great job everyone!

9. President's Report - Lindsay Brooke (SMUS) - big thank you to everyone. Congratulations to everyone on a successful year. Happy to announce Darren has joined the BCSS board.

10. Island Assistant's Report - Tina Lum - Thanks to everyone who hosted and handed in their reports.

ALL REPORTS: FIRST: Darren Reisig SECOND: Barry Bevilacqua

11. 2025 VISSAA AGM Proposed Resolutions - see notes

Motion 1:	In Favor: 39	Opposed:0	Abstain:0	Passed
Motion 2:	In Favor: 38	Opposed:1	Abstain:1	Passed
Motion 3:	In Favor:	Opposed:	Abstain:	Tabled
Motion 3 (Amended):	In Favor: 34	Opposed:0	Abstain:0	Passed
Motion 4: In	Favor: 38	Opposed:0	Abstain:1	Passed
Motion 5 :	In Favor:	Opposed:	Abstain:	Tabled
Motion 5 (Amended):	In Favor: 35	Opposed:0	Abstain: 1	Passed
Motion 6:	In Favor: 38	Opposed:0	Abstain:1	Passed
Motion 7:	In Favor: 29	Opposed:9	Abstain:1	Passed
Motion 8:	In Favor: 36	Opposed:2	Abstain:1	Passed
Motion 9:	In Favor: 39	Opposed:0	Abstain:0	Passed

Discussion:

12. 2025/26 Island Championship Calendar - Dates and host schools to be approved - see the championship calendar linked on the VISSAA site.

Lindsay spoke about the new tiering structure from BCSS. Single A has become small and AA and AAA have ballooned. AAAA has remained status quo. For example Single A girls volleyball only has 8 teams. This will have big implications for how and where we run our championships. Regions now need to ensure that they have a plan to qualify for playoffs. Lindsay encouraged everyone to take a close look at the document if you haven't already done so.

13. Election of the 2025/26 VISSAA Executive:

President - Lindsay Brooke, VP-North - Nicole McRae, VP-Centra - Travis Visser, VP-South - Darren Reisig, Treasurer - Adrian Achurch, Secretary - Blake Gage

15. Election of the Sport Advisory Committee representatives - see website

16. Weightlifting competition (Travis Gorski - GP Vanier) - will happen 2 - 3 times a year one of his coaches wants to host a mail in competition. The coach will tally results. Coaches will assess kids and mail in results. It will be unsanctioned and just for fun. Please email Travis if you have any questions.

17. Island Independent Schools - Sport Academies (Lindsay)

A couple of schools on the island are starting new sport academies. They are independent schools. Our current rules are a bit tricky in terms of how they are applied to independent schools. SMS is starting a soccer academy and Aspengrove is starting a basketball and volleyball academy. From a rules perspective - the island put forth a motion with BCSS to say that if a student is out of catchment and is in a sport academy that student is not eligible to play for that school team (i.e, soccer for Reynolds). Independent schools don't have catchment areas like public schools do.

Dawn - they have 60 boarding beds at their school. Last year they did a partnership with ballet. This year they are partnering with pacific sport soccer and hope to bring in about 20 kids internationally and any local students who want to participate. They want to play for the school team.

Rich - spoke about the history of academies and BCSS and feels that we just got a handle on academies. This new move could change everything and we need to figure it out early.

Dover has spoken about the open recruitment of their athletes to the Aspengrove academy.

Jill (Aspengrove) introduced Luke, the new AD. Aspengrove is trying to increase numbers at the school She has limited information. Basketball is grades 5-7 or 8 (unconfirmed).. Volleyball is grades 8-11. Hockey is grades 5-7. Basketball is only for boys. Volleyball is only for girls.

Lindsay added that DRIVE basketball is also advertising an academy that you can also play for your school. Lindsay thinks there may be an emergency motion coming soon. The current rules have no way of dealing with this. She suggested Dawn and Luke go back to their admin and share some of VISSAA's concerns and that the precedent is that VISSAA has been known to put in more strict rules than BCSS has had.

Ray - offering scholarships to catchment athletes is happening.

Rich - Spectrum is a great example of catchment kids staying in catchment school (basketball) and having success.

Barry -The recruitment is going beyond local catchment.

Lindsay - You cannot recruit. You cannot offer money for school. Reiterated to please talk to your admin about the BCSS rules and what is happening.

Nicole contacted the senior school principal at Aspengrove. She called them out on what they were doing and the conversation they had. It didn't go well.

Jill Hutchinson is happy to pass on any information to the admin but she is only there for 4 more days.

18. Track & Field - Island hosting rotation (Lindsay)

Lindsay recognizes that it is a major event to host. Anna in the north and Ange in the south are usually the ones doing it. The island doesn't do a great job of rotating track and field hosts. It goes between the two. Lindsay feels there are more people in the south who can support her in the South. Would adjusting the rotation help this?

Nicole knows that there is not a track everywhere. She said other schools can host the meet in Nanaimo. We either need to get creative in how we host in the north OR we need to travel to Victoria more.

Rich is wondering about paying a meet director (Keith). He will ask and get back to us.

Nicole is going to inquire about track being in Nanaimo and get an answer by the end of this week.

Lindsay mentioned an island entry fee cap. Right now we pay \$25/athlete and its capped at \$800. We may see that motion in September. Barry - removing the cap would open up money for a meet director.

17. New Business:

- BCSS Motions update
- Set 2025-26 Meeting dates for VISSAA
 - Fall Meeting, virtual: Oct. 24, 2025 - 1:00 pm
 - Spring Meeting, virtual: April 30, 2026 - 1:00 pm
 - June AGM, in person: June 22, 2026 - 9:30 am

18. Adjournment **FIRST: John Stewart SECOND:Nicole McRae**