

**Vancouver Island Secondary Schools Athletic Association**

**2020 Virtual - Annual General Meeting**

**Monday, June 22, 2020**

**VISSAA AGM** 9:30 AM

**Being held virtually through google meet**

**Lunch** TBA

**2020 VISSAA AGM Minutes**

1. Roll Call

NVISSAA		LVISSAA	
Breanne Quist	Nanaimo Christian	Lindsay Brooke	SMUS - President
Ruth Stefanek	Kwalikum	Chris Linn	Athletic Assistant
Dillon McRae	Highland	Jackie Snell	LVISSAA A/C
Cedar Welchen	Maaqtusiis	Emma Glasgow	St. Margarets
Blake Gage	Brentwood	Ryan Braun	Stelly's
Larry Stefanek	Ballenas	Darren Reisig	Claremont
Heidi McWinnie	Dover Bay	Todd Turkington	Brookes Westshore
Colin Cunningham	Mark Isfeld	Brian Sutton	Parklands
Tom Veenstra	Dunan Christian		
Todd Barnes	Carihi		
Nicole McRae	Wellington		
Brittany Allen	GISS		
Dave Mayert	GP Vanier		
Jeff Falk	CRCS		
Rick Cicchine	Aspengrove		
Adam Johnson	Francis Kelsey		
Sandeep Heer	Cowichan		

2. Adoption of the Agenda  
First: Nicole McRae (Wellington)  
Second: Emma Glasgow (St. Margarets)  
CARRIED
3. Adoption of the Minutes from the 2019 VISSAA AGM  
First: Darren Reisig (Claremont)  
Second: Ryan Braun (Stellys)  
CARRIED
4. Business Arising from the 2019 VISSAA AGM Minutes - None.
5. Adoption of Executive Meeting Minutes - no meeting held this year. N/A
6. Business Arising from Executive Meeting Minutes - no meeting held this year. N/A
7. Treasurer's Statement and Budget - Adam Johnston (Francis Kelsey)
  - To approve a 2019/20 VISSAA Membership Fee of \$ 100.00 for all schools. The 2019/20 VISSAA Membership Fee was \$100 for all schools.  
First: Darren Reisig (Claremont)  
Second: Emma Glasgow (St. Margarets)  
CARRIED
  - To approve a payment of \$ 4000.00 for the funding of the Island Assistant in 2019/20. \$4000 was approved by VISSAA for the Island Assistant in 2018/19 for 200 hours.  
- there will be an addition \$2000.00 to be added to the balance from LVISSAA fees  
- thanks to Nicole for tracking down schools who have not paid previously.  
First: Lindsay Brooke (SMUS)  
Second: Adam Johnson (Francis Kelsey)  
CARRIED
8. Vice-Presidents' Reports
  - South - Darren Reisig (Claremont) - None
  - Central - Nick Zuback (Queen of Angels) - None
  - North - Glenn Johnson (NDSS) - None
9. President's Report - Lindsay Brooke (SMUS)

It has been a school year that none of us could have anticipated. The fall and winter sport seasons featured some terrific individual and team performances at the local, zone and B.C. championship levels. Then, in mid-March, the world lockdown and school closure in B.C. brought the spring sport season to a crashing halt. This was a sad situation for all athletes, particularly the grads, coaches and teams hoping

for what would have been an exciting spring term of competition.

I would like to acknowledge all of the Athletic Director's at the VISSAA member schools for their continued commitment to school sports and ongoing leadership in providing athletic opportunities for students.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Nicole McRae and Glenn Johnson (North), Nick Zuback, Tom Veenstra and Blake Gage (Central) and Darren Reisig and Jackie Snell (South) for their help with all things

related to VISSAA this year. It is particularly reassuring to know that when the call goes out for help, these AD's are there to answer the call.

I would like to acknowledge Adam Johnston, our treasurer, for keeping track of the books, chasing up fees and making sure that we operating above board.

Finally, I would like to thank Chris Linn for his work as the VISSAA athletic assistant. Lots of strides have been made this year in terms of updating the website and resources that we rely upon to keep us organized. He has also been instrumental in setting up our first advanced vote and virtual AGM. The communication piece and information gathering part of this job is challenging and I think he did a great job in his first year.

While hopeful for a "normal" 2020-21 school year, I am realistic about the possibility that school sports will not be what we are used to. The pandemic has clarified many things that matter in life, one of which is the value of athletics for young people and the importance of those experiences as part of school life. As we make preparations for next year, I would encourage you all to continue with your work and effort in support of school sports.

10. Island Assistant's Report - Chris Linn- None

11. 2020 VISSAA AGM Proposed Resolutions  
See Attached for full description of the motions

1. Resolution: To align VISSAA Rules with the 2020/21 BCSS Rules.  
Moved by Lindsay Brooke (SMUS) and seconded by Darren Reisig (Claremont).  
Discussion: none - housekeeping motion  
Motion: CARRIED (100%)
2. Resolution: To update the VISSAA Constitution  
Moved by Lindsay Brooke (SMUS) and seconded by Darren Reisig (Claremont)  
Discussion: Ongoing project for Linday. The written constitution has not been updated since 2012-13. This motion just makes the information current from previous years.  
Motion: CARRIED (100%)
3. Resolution: To amend: Article X - Island Championships - 10.1 Junior Island Championship  
Moved by Lindsay Brooke (SMUS) and seconded by Darren Reisig (Claremont)  
Discussion: Housekeeping - updates info regarding the format of Jr Island Championships  
Motion: CARRIED (93%)
4. Resolution: To amend: Article II - Membership - 2.7 b) The minimum charge per school is updated to \$100.00 in June 2019.  
Moved by Nicole McRae (Wellington) and seconded by Adam Johnston (Francis Kelsey)  
Discussion: - Over the past year in trying to collect fees from smaller schools (especially middle schools in the north). For these schools most only participate in only 1 or 2 sports the \$100 fee is high.  
This is just an amendment to the school sport fees for small schools to only pay \$25.  
Motion: CARRIED (97%)
5. Resolution: To add: Article X - Island Championships. 10.3 Entry fees for Islands  
Discussion: Problem in single A championships where teams don't show up late or drop out part way through. Intent of the motion is to discourage teams from doing this.  
Concern - Weather can be an issue for some teams ability to travel and thus cause the last minute drop out.  
Who would follow up with making sure the fine is paid?  
**Make an amendment to add:**  
**Will not apply to unforeseeable circumstances for unsafe travel. The tournament director is also responsible to notify the school and cc the area president and the treasurer to collect the fees.**  
Moved By: Breanne Quist (Nanaimo Christian School)

Seconded: Nicole McRae (Wellington)

Motion: CARRIED (88%)

6. Resolution: To add: Article X - Island Championships. 10.3 Entry fees for Islands

Moved by Shon Ryan (Claremont) and seconded by Ryan Braun (Stellys)

Discussion: Cost for visiting teams and families are high and to add to have to pay for admission to games.

original intent was for city championships and challenge games but now have included islands as well.

In the constitution, revenues generated at the Jr championships must be prorated and returned to VISSAA.

No language specifically outlines about gate fees for Sr Championships

There is still an opportunity for a donation box to be set up. Some feel that you might actually make more money this way.

Motion: CARRIED (76%)

7. Resolution: To make Senior Boys Rugby 7s a VISSAA sport.

Moved by David Moonlight (Esquimalt) and seconded by Darren Reisig (Claremont)

Discussion: None

Motion: CARRIED (95%)

8. Resolution: To make Senior Ultimate frisbee a VISSAA sport

Moved by Dom Butcher (Spectrum) and seconded by Ali Doerksen (GNS)

Discussion: None

Motion: CARRIED (93%)

9. Resolution: Junior Island Championships: Girls Volleyball Rules and Regs

Discussion: There currently is no official first or seconder.

Heidi - NDSS did not like that the top seeded team have to play back to back.

**Motion removed as there were no mover or seconder.**

10. Resolution: Junior Island Championships: Girls Basketball Rules and Regs

Moved by Jill Napier (Brentwood) and seconded by Lindsay Brooke (SMUS)

Discussion: This was supported by the teams attending the Islands this year. There is a simple way to amend the draw to eliminate 6 games and have a max of 5.

This was the first year the girls followed the 10 team draw that the boys play. The berthing is the same. The boys haven't ever had an issue with it. The draw is included in the AGM package in the appendix.

Motion: CARRIED (81%)

11. Resolution: Junior Island Championships: Boys Volleyball Rules and Regs

Moved by Tom Veenstra (DCS) and seconded by Kellie Booth (GISS)

Discussion: This was initially brought forward due to issues with berthing in an 8 team format when central hosts. This motion is the same format as the girls use (12 team). Gives opportunity for more teams to participate and schools to grow a program, especially in the central region.

This also then streamlines the jr championships as we have been trying to do with all sports

Motion: CARRIED (90%)

12. Resolution: To amend: Senior Boys Volleyball Rules and Regs

Moved by Al Carmichael (Oak Bay) and seconded by Brian McAskill (Highland)

Discussion: Only applies to Sr boys 2A and 3A V-ball.

The significance of this motion would have a host berth - where there is no host berth at the Sr Island Championships in any sport. The area presidents have done the work to streamline the templates for all sports to be consistent and fair- this goes against.

There is no mention of the north/south rotation.

Motion: DEFEATED (43% against)

13. Resolution: To add: Senior Soccer, Rules and Regs

Moved by Rachel Yager (Claremont) and seconded by Ryan Braun (Stellys)

Discussion: Grounds for supporting this motion was b/c south island is a tier 1/tier 2 league with mixed AAA/AA/A teams in each tier. This can affect the seeding of the south teams. At the islands only the teams that win their pools advance to the BCs. This format already exists in basketball.

Two important notes to understand - there is concern that students are already playing too many games in the post season. Adding an additional game is detrimental to the health of the players.

This challenge game occurs after the tournament.

Does this affect the dates needed to play for Islands? No, there should be enough time with the BCSS zone declaration deadline.

Motion: CARRIED (59%)

14. Resolution: To add: 4A Girls Basketball, Rules and Regs

Moved by Lindsay Brooke (SMUS) and seconded by Darren Reisig (Claremont)

Discussion: This is housekeeping - just mimicking what occurs in 3A and 2A. Now that BCSS has added a 4A tier - this document is needed.

Motion: CARRIED (97%)

15. Resolution: To amend: The rotation for the hosting duties for the 2021 spring sports remain as scheduled for the 2020 spring season.

Moved by Lindsay Brooke and seconded by Darren Reisig (Claremont)

Discussion: None

Motion: CARRIED (95%)

## Discussion:

12. Sport Final Reports (19) - To be discussed in conjunction with the 2020/21 Island Championship Calendar.

Fall Sports (18) - **Aquatics**, Cross Country, Field Hockey (SG AA, SG AAA, Tier 2), Soccer (SB A, SB AA, SB AAA, JB), Volleyball (SG A, SG AA, SG AAA, SG 4A, JG, SB A, SB AA, SB AAA, JB).

Winter Sports (14) - Basketball (SG A, SG AA, SG AAA, SG 4A, JG, SB A, SB AA, SB AAA, SB 4A, JB, Grade 9B), Curling, Gymnastics, Wrestling.

Spring Sports (15) - Badminton, Golf (AA, AAA), Rugby (SB AA, SB AAA, SB 4A, JB), Soccer (SG A, SG AA, SG AAA, JG), Tennis (AA, AAA), Track & Field, Ultimate

13. 2020/21 Island Championship Calendar - Dates and host schools to be determined.  
See attached

14. Election of 2020/21 VISSAA Executive:

President - Lindsay Brooke

Vice-President - North - Nicole McRae (Wellington)

Vice-President - Central - Nick Zuback (Queen of Angels)

Vice-President - South - Darren Reisig (Claremont)

Treasurer - Adam Johnson (Francis Kelsey)

Secretary - Not filled

15. New Business:

1. BCSS AGM Update

- a. BCSS new policies and motions

- Concussion Protocols - Starting this fall ALL COACHES for ALL sports are required to complete free concussion training. This includes teacher sponsors and team managers. Strongly recommend that each AD create a file folder for completion certificates. We also need to consider return to learn, how are we supporting our students as they transition back to classes. More information about concussion training can be found at:

<https://www.schoolcoach.ca/courses.aspx>

<https://www.coach.ca/concussion-awareness-s16361>

<https://cattonline.com/coach-course/>

- Coaches & Athlete code of conduct updated (now Code of Ethics). Also added a spectator code of ethics. Now included is an outline for reporting/responsibility process for violations between local athletic associations, zones and BCSS.

- Social Media policy - added a policy outlining the accepted use of all forms of social media as it relates to BCSS.

- Tier classification for Boys Rugby (15's) changed to AA 275 boys or fewer (used to be 250). This should not change any LVISSAA schools tier based on 2020-21 BCSS tiering numbers.

- Covid-19 Eligibility Exemption for Spring Sports was approved.

- Governance & Structure

2. COVID-19 Update
  - a. COVID-19 Response team - Executive to meet in August  
Requesting to meet in Mid-Late August - to set a plan for the fall as it relates to VISSAA.
  - b. LVISSAA Return to Play Policy, Outbreak Procedures and waiver - VISSAA will make a modified version as necessary.
  
16. Adjournment  
First: Nicole McRae (Wellington)  
Second: Darren (Claremont)  
CARRIED