

**Fraser Valley Secondary Schools' Athletic Association
Basketball Commission
Annual Fall General Meeting
Thomas Haney Secondary School
Thursday October 25, 2007**

In attendance:

Jason Fisher (Hope); Sue Beyer (Garibaldi); Bill Mueller, Collin Crowie (Aldergrove Community Sec); Glenn Whittington, Scott Tomlin, Lesley McPherson (Samuel Robertson Technical); Angus MacKay, Fred Andrews (Robert Bateman); Matt McKay (North Delta); Taylor Kitteringham (St John Brebeuf); Dave Martens, Jim Williams, Arnie Dick (MEI); Jennifer Hovanes (Frank Hurt); Phil Deeks (Enver Creek); John Dykstra (Kwantlen Park); Clyde Johnson (Westview); Don Herman, Jason Schonton, Ken Dockendorf (Maple Ridge); Mike Shannon (Highroad Academy); James Johnston (Seaquam); Greg Leino, Larry Goldsack, Sandi Begin (DW Poppy); Lance Milligan (FVBOA); Frank Chan, Bryn Williams (Heritage Park); Doug Bell (Pinetree); Ivan Adrian (Brookwood); Doug Binns (Gleneagle); Arne Anderson (Port Moody); Kerry Rokosh, Bill McKenna, Paul von Matt, Steve Kater (Thomas Haney); Rich Ralston (WJ Mouat); Dave Loewen, Scott Allen, Dale Shury (WRCA); David Fernandes, Viao Nikic (Delview); Bill Ruby (Clayton Heights); Matt Van Mnyen (Langley Christian); Rob Erickson (RE Mountain); Gary Pawluk (Lord Tweedsmuir); Ken Strain (Guildford Park); Bryan Fischer (Burnsview); Kevin Severinski, Rich Goulet (Pitt Meadows); Trace Fairley (Centennial); Steve Anderson, Dale Kuryluk (Southridge); Gianni Bittante (Holy Cross); Kerry Taylor (Fleetwood Park); Len De Julius (Archbishop Carney); Chris Martin, Lauren Nelson (Heritage Woods), Lynn & Fred Haywood.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm

1. Introductions –Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Acceptance of Agenda –Moved by Sue Beyer (Garibaldi); Seconded by Frank Chan (Heritage Park) to accept the agenda. Passed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the April 5, 2007 AGM –Moved by Matt McKay (North Delta); Seconded by Jim Williams (MEI). Passed.

4. Business Arising from the April 5, 2007 Minutes –none.

5. President's Report–Rich reported that the association is in good health and he is looking forward to the upcoming year. Had a quiet off season –except for transfer situations. Good news –last year we did not elect a VP for Girls –this year we have one.

6. Vice President –Girls Report –Arne Anderson is the new Vice President. He thanked Frank Chan for his assistance while taking over. The Central league still needs a Coordinator; Rick Thiessen stepped up to be Coordinator for East. He would like to see more efficient reporting of scores. Talked about a motion coming up later in the meeting. If you would like to contact me my new email will be on the Executive List.

A site for AAA FV Championships is still needed. If you can help let me know ASAP please. Maybe AAA Girls will have a meeting.

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7. Secretary's Report—Lynn reported that there are 92 schools registered, comprising 543 teams. Senior teams, please get your photos & rosters in by the deadline of Jan 11. Rich elaborated on the importance of getting info in by the deadline because of escalating fines. Interactive Roster Form for Senior teams will go out to all the Boys & Girls Coaches/Contacts. Form is also on the website fvbasketball.ca. Interactive reporting forms will go out to applicable contacts after the meetings in January.

9. Referees –FIBA Rules - Lance Milligan, President of Fraser Valley Basketball Officials Association, spoke to the group about refs in general, and changes to FIBA rules. Rich commented on the increase in fees and how coaches feel about it. Lance said that the price increase puts FV Basketball Officials at same rate as others. Rate is \$100.00 for Senior game (double header) There will be major changes to the FIBA rules; he explained the differences. **Q:** Modified 30 sec shot clock; back court count. There are 10 min 1/4s and 8 min 1/4s. OT for 8 min 1/4s will be 3 min; 10 min will be 5 min. The no noise-maker rule has been removed. **Q:** Ken Dockendorf asked if that means that air horns are legal. Lance will check. Banging garbage can lids, etc is allowed. **Q:** Timeout situation –reset of fouls –important with timers and scorers. He will forward updated information to Rich and it can be put on website. **Q:** Key –narrow straight key; international key, if no other choice. **Q:** Shot clock –starts on possession. If team shoots ball and horn goes, keep playing. There was discussion on any disagreement regarding the International Key. Recommendation was to put tape down and use small key. Boys were adamant that tape go down. Lance will let Rich know. **Q:** Penalties –explained. Over and back –back to old style. 30 sec reset on rim or in. Timeouts are through the scorekeeper. It is your responsibility to go to scorekeeper re time out. No time outs from live balls. Keith Stewart told of his experience with timeouts – refs need to be accommodating and make sure if the scorekeepers make a mistake. Ken asked if the refs would have a problem if we walk up and stay there to ask for timeout. No problem if for a timeout. Last 2 minutes is stop time, not last minute as is now. You can sub then. You can inbound ball from front court or straddling the line. Don't stop clock for scoring team (time out for team that got scored on). Two shots plus possession for fouls discussed (this is new). There are 2 timeouts in the first half, 3 timeouts in the second half and 1 in OT. Players must stay at bench for duration. 75 seconds. **Q:** Clarification re length of timeout. Subbing during foul shots –only before person shoots first shot or after last shot. Throw from center to back court – never. Technicals –straddling the center line. When straddle center –several times. Over and back situation –you have to stay in front court. Before shooter releases the ball –anyone can sub. **Q:** Any chance you could be refereeing Gr 8 & 9? Not our intention to ref 8 & 9 –maybe in finals. Not enough refs to go round for 8 & 9. Lance then indicated that this Saturday there would be a session for coaches on new rules at Byrne Creek Secondary in Burnaby, cost \$20.00 from 8:30 am to noon. All Coaches throughout the Lower Mainland are invited. Rich thanked Lance for coming.

8. Treasurer's Report—Ross is on holidays but submitted his report. It showed income and expenses for last year. Finished with money in the bank. The major expenditure is for referees. We are still missing revenue from regional and Fraser Valley games at South Delta –we received nothing from them from the gate for any of their games. Ross has asked all Coordinators to pay attention to who hosts and make sure they are responsible. Junior teams –there will be a meeting ahead of time to go over how to do the job in an orderly and responsible manner. There's always someone who doesn't get their money in. The information and instructions are posted on website and are in the handbook. Rich talked about revenue. Ross is trying to clean up the situation regarding scholarships. He has received phone calls for students that are saying they had been

awarded scholarships and hadn't received them. Changes will see the winners getting their cheques at graduation. It is recommended that we change the award from Scholarship to Bursary because this would ease the paperwork, and, hopefully, encourage more applications. Problem is that we don't have enough applicants. The numbers have gone down dramatically; we used to get 24-30 forms back, where now there are hardly more than a dozen. Has to be an application that is worthy. Form is on the website and in Basketball Handbook. There is a deadline, and the applicant has to be outstanding in Basketball in some form. Junior Girls new fee was explained. Each registered team paid an additional \$15.00 this year when registering. This money will be sent to the President of the Provincial Junior Girls Tournament along with the list of schools to pay the fee. Ross indicated that, so far, he has not found the person to send the funds to. Registration information on this tournament will be sent to all schools as soon as received. **Moved** by Ross Dunning to adopt Treasurer's Report; **Seconded** by Bill Ruby (Fraser Heights).

Passed.

10. Fraser Valley Calendar –season ends February 16, with a few exceptions. Rich went over the dates on the list which was in the handout. He pointed out that AAA Girls are a week earlier this year. Talked about Seeding Meetings –Walnut Grove; Regional Dates (listed in handout) –these are huge events to put together. Need the scores sent to Ross Dunning immediately after each game. The AAA Girls are different than last year. FV Championships –Grade 8 Boys & Girls are from Fri –Mon; Grade 9 Boys & Girls dates were wrong and the correction noted on the FV Dates page. Junior Girls dates are the same as Junior Boys.

11. Seeding Meetings –covered already.

12. Coordinator for Grade 8, 9 & Junior Championships –Work starts in late January and goes to completion of FV Championships. Must come to Rich's meeting, and is about 5-6 weeks of intensive work. Rules are that if a Host zone doesn't come forward by November 30, they are removed from playoffs. Host Associations this year are Grade 8 Boys –Surrey; Grade 8 Girls –Pitt-Ridge; Grade 9 Girls - Delta; Grade 9 Boys - Langley; Junior Girls –Abby-Mission; Junior Boys –FV East. Rich asked if anyone wanted to volunteer; no one stepped up. Fred & Lynn will send emails out leave it up to the coaches and associations to appoint people.

13. Junior Coordinators' Meeting–Sunday January 27 at 10:00 AM at the ABC in Maple Ridge. Rich emphasized that this is an extremely important meeting.

14. Senior Coordinators' Meeting–

a. Review of Playoff Sites for AAA Girls - not organized yet. They will be meeting in their leagues to do these things.

b. Motions to change rules for Senior AAA Competition –all Moved by Arne Anderson; Seconded by Kerry Rokosh.

Motion #1 –Section #3 Senior Basketball, Page 44 of the on line Policy Manual dated 12/11/2006 Seeding Guidelines for AAA Boys and Girls.

Move to change sentence #3 From “They will then rank the leagues #1-#4 in order of strength by a show of hands with the coordinator breaking any ties.” To: They will then rank the #1 League with the VP girls (or his representative) breaking any tie, at which time the League Coordinator of the identified #1 League will be permitted to select the #4 League. The four Leagues will then match up as indicated for Regional sudden death playoffs as shown below.

Amendment –Rich. Explained that the 4 coordinators meet with VP to rank leagues for regional playoffs. Up until now they ranked all 4 leagues. Motion implying that there are politics played after #1 has been ranked. Could be removed if #1 picks #4. They would be more honest picking weakest league. Discussion. Ken Dockendorf stated -#1 picks #4 which they would play, this is total politics and is against the motion. Kerry Taylor expressed his opinion on league strength. He polled his coaches in the central zone. They want same as last year and were against. Kerry Rokosh was for the motion. If we leave it there should be clearer definition. Matt McKay stated that it will come down to who is the best matchup. He is against. Arne Anderson is for the motion. He spoke about last year's situation and was trying to improve the process over last year. Ken Dockendorf asked if they don't rank 1-4. 3, 4, 5 6 (only 3-6, not 1 & 2).
Question. Defeated.

Motion #2 – Section #3 Senior Basketball, “Step Two, Identifying the 24 teams” Move to add: “Once identified, as per policy, the host sites for the Regional Elimination games shall be the third place finishers from each League. Consequences –asked for neutral site and last year the games had zero atmosphere. More atmosphere –strongest team be allowed to host. Rich opened the floor for discussion. Doug Binns stated this would be the advantage of finishing #3. Arne stated that they haven't been able to get sites.
Question. Passed.

Motion #3 – Section #3 Senior Basketball “Step Three, Seeding the 16 teams 1-16” Move to add: “Once seeded by the coaches as per policy, the host sites for the first two rounds of the Championship shall be the top four teams as determined at this seeding meeting.

It was explained that this could be any combination of schools. The availability of host sites & atmosphere in someone's gym rather than neutral site. Kerry Rokosh stated that this might lead to a bit more revenue. Frank Chan stated he was for the motion. Matt McKay said you look at who is best prepared to host, not how many people show up. Ken Dockendorf was for the motion. Arnie Dick was for motion. He said last year his impression was that the school was totally disinterested and person in charge not interested. Doug Binns said that if #1 can't host, option passes down to #2 –for motion. Kerry Taylor was against the motion. He is not in favour going to WRC (flooring and lighting) unacceptable, James Johnston was for the motion. This will create more interest and potentially packed gyms; Rich Goulet said that if motion fails the motion would be resubmitted for the Girls only
Question. Votes In favour - 26; Votes opposed –8. Passed.

After the vote, Rich gave his point of view. The AAA Boys level - giving #1 team home court is a terrific advantage. If Boys don't like it this year, come back next year with changes. This format is a breeze. Regionals should be in this format. This could change if AAA Boys feel advantage is too much.

15. New Business –none.

Reminder - Group meetings for AA Boys & Girls following this meeting.

16. Adjournment –Moved by Don Herman (Maple Ridge). Adjourned at 6:10 pm.