

B.C. SENIORS GAMES – ZONE 9
Annual General Meeting
September 30, 2018
Quesnel & District Seniors Centre 461 Carson Avenue

Meeting agenda and minutes from Zone 9 2017 AGM were distributed.

Meeting called to order: 1:05 pm

Motion by Rudy Wortman, seconded by Dave McGraw that Agenda be adopted, carried. No additions.

ATTENDANCE:	100 Mile House	1	Prince George	9
	Quesnel	8	Williams Lake	11

Total Attendance 29 (26 members 3 guests)

Motion by Dave McGraw, seconded by Dick Voneugen that 2017 zone 9 AGM minutes be adopted as presented, carried. No errors or omissions.

Treasurer's reports for general and gaming accounts for the periods ending December 31, 2017 and August 31, 2018, were distributed by Bob Hesketh. Discussion followed. We will try to keep a certain level of funds in the general account in case of a decrease or elimination of our gaming grant. The grant was applied for in May of this year & has been completed but no letter has been received indicating the amount approved and funds have not been deposited in bank account yet. Travel expenses will be paid out of the general account.

Motion by Judy Schinkel, seconded by Joan Foster, that the Treasurer's reports be adopted as presented, carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Isolation Zone: There has been no decision regarding the question of participants from Bella Coola playing for zone 9. The question was asked last year because residents from that area generally partake in events in Williams Lake which is their closest service centre. Linda will try to bring this to the Board meeting again.

Reports:

Zone 9 participation: 100 members registered (30 new), with participants ranging in age from 55 to 88. Two cross zone players from other zones played for our zone and one of our members cross zoned to another. We started with 97 participants plus 3 supporters, but unfortunately 6 participants had to withdraw due to various circumstances, mostly medical. Our new members included a 5 pin bowling team which we have not had for many years, and new participants in archery, cribbage, darts, equestrian, golf, mountain biking, pickleball (interest growing quickly) and track & field. There were no hockey or slo pitch teams entered from our zone this year which greatly diminished our numbers.

Prince George Sport Coordinator Dick Voneugen reported that out of the 93 participants, 104 medals were won, 44 gold, 28 silver & 32 bronze. Zone 9 placed 9th out of the 12 zones participating. These numbers may change as there were many errors on the results page on the web site. Congratulations go to all the medal winners including Dave McGraw who broke a record in the 75-79 50 metre sprint and Marlene Johnston who took home 5 gold medals & 1 silver in individual events, plus a gold in the 4x400 m powerwalk relay. Most of the participants attending the meeting earned at least one medal in their respective sport. Well done!

Williams Lake Coordinator Ellen Wiege reported on the fundraising done in Williams Lake as well as reporting done on the local radio stations.

Quesnel Coordinator Bob Hesketh reported on the participation from Quesnel.

Give It a Try Grant:

Linda reported on a grant which was offered to one community in each zone to try a new sport there. McBride was chosen from our zone and received a grant to put on an event, plus zone 9 received \$1000. The McBride group hosted an event at their beautiful recreation centre where they set up a pickleball court and card tables. Syl & Linda attended and helped them set up a floor curling rink in the centre also, as none of them had tried floor curling, so this was the "Give it a Try" event. About 25 people attended and most of them tried the floor curling. All were very enthusiastic once they tried it, so the curling rocks and wax were left with them to continue it on regular basis. That equipment was then replaced with funds from the zone 9 portion of the grant. Delicious snacks & a wonderful lunch were supplied by the McBride group who were made us feel very welcome. As well, information on the 55+ BC Games was distributed and Penny Rivard from the group volunteered to be our McBride area coordinator.

Information Session:

Topic: Report on BCSGS Bid Process

Presentation by: Bob Hesketh

Bob explained how bid documents are sent out to communities across the province. This year there were invitations sent to 40 communities but only 3 bids were received back to host the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Games. As a result each community that submitted a bid were awarded. Richmond will be hosting the 2020 55+ BC Games, while the other two communities will be announced this week.

New Business:

2018 Games : Overall the Games were enjoyed by all and well delivered, except for a scarcity of signage. It was noted that this is a common complaint every year. Linda will forward this concern to the November Board meeting. There were many errors on the results page and these are gradually being resolved. One other major concern was regarding hotel rooms being blocked by zones, but not released until just before the games. It was suggested that when rooms are block booked, that notice of any availability of these rooms due to cancellations be sent out immediately after the registration deadline. By this date it should be known how many of those rooms will actually be needed. Bob will bring these concerns & suggestions to the November Board meeting, as well as a suggestion that BCSGS block book the rooms. On a positive note, Terry Burgess reported that the ice curlers found the officiating to be excellent.

55+ Canada Games: The next 55+ Canada Games will be held in Kamloops August 25-28, 2020. Those who medal in the 2019 55+ BC Games in Kelowna will have first option to register; following them, registration will be open on a first come, first served basis. Linda is now the BC Provincial Director, following the resignation of Gordon Oates who moved into the position of President of the 55+ Canada Games. Gordon is also the treasurer of the BC Seniors Games Society. Linda will be sending out info on the Games and will also be taking registrations in 2020. Information can also be found at <https://canada55plus.ca>.

Elections:

Director/ Chair: Linda Meise - elected by acclamation for 2 year term
Treasurer: Bob Hesketh - elected by acclamation for 2 year term
Secretary: Lori Tresierra-Durocher - elected by acclamation for 2 year term
Marketing Chair: Sharon McDonald - elected by acclamation for 2 year term

Syl Meise and Jim Dyer have one year remaining on their two year terms as Vice-Chair & 2nd Vice-Chair respectively.

Unelected Positions: Anna Sorban has volunteered to help with Uniforms, Linda Dutour has agreed to help with registering, Dick Voneugen (Prince George), Ellen Wiege (Williams Lake), Bob Hesketh (Quesnel) & Sue Pinkerton (South Cariboo) have agreed to stay on as area coordinators, along with our new McBride coordinator, Penny Rivard. We are still looking for a coordinator for Mackenzie & area.

Congratulations to all participants & a big thank you to the volunteers.

Future Games:

2019 – Kelowna Sept 10-14
2020 - Richmond Sept 15-19

Next AGM Sunday October 6, 2019 in Quesnel

Motion by Judy Schinkel, seconded by Joan Foster to adjourn meeting – 3:00 pm