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To provide experiences that inspire inclusion, participation and excellence through wheelchair basketball

Everyone has the opportunity to be included in wheelchair basketball

# Bo Hedges - Chair Bryan Shore - Vice Chair

Brad Hagkull-Secretary Riley Martin - Treasurer Ewa Holender - Director at Large Jan Hawkins - Director at Large

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

Bryna Kopelow - Director at Large

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Hello to all members,

Having not lived in British Columbia for the past six years, upon assuming the role as chair of the board of directors, I felt I needed to connect with the clubs, regions and people. In order to do this, I reached out to the club representatives, connecting with almost everyone. Through these conversations I was able to begin to understand how BCWBS has changed, grown and see the places where we need to continue to work together to build a stronger organization.

Throughout 2016, with finalization in the fall, the board worked with Sian to update BCWBS's vision, mission and develop our strategic plan for the coming years. Four key areas have been identified as priorities for us to move forward with:

- 1. Fund development, with an emphasis on increasing our capacity outside of government funding.
- 2. Education for our coaches and club development throughout the province.
- 3. Increasing opportunities to play wheelchair basketball
- 4. High Performance program support with a result focused on achieving success at all levels.

Using these four priorities to guide our organization I think BCWBS can grow services, meeting our goals and support our members.

This year marks some departures from our family, staff who have worked tirelessly for BCWBS over the past few years. I would like to thank Arley Cruthers and Debbie Carnaby for everything they have done to help make BCWBS what it is today. Congratulations are also in order for Makiko Harada who recently had a baby and will be away on maternity leave this year.

I am always only an email or call away and I encourage many of you to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

# A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2016-2017 was a great season to recognize and celebrate parasport and to be proud of our athletes along with the coaches, officials, family, volunteers and staff that support them.

BCWBS was thrilled to have four BC athletes; Amanda Yan, Janet McLachlan, Deion Green and Bo Hedges, represent Team Canada at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio and to also have two of our young BC men, Tanner Jung and Ben Hagkull play for Team Canada at the U 23 World Championships in Toronto.

As we celebrated our athletes we equally celebrated our partners and supporters. In February, we announced a funding agreement for the BC-SCI Community Services Network provided by the Province of British Columbia. The BC-SCI Community Services Network is made up of BC Wheelchair Sports Association, BC Wheelchair Basketball Society, Spinal Cord Injury BC, The Neil Squire Society and the

Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation. BCWBS also secured increased funding through viaSport for our core services and high-performance programming. These funding opportunities helped to support the growth and efficiency of BCWBS and increased the opportunities that we provided for grass roots to high performance programs.

BCWBS would like to acknowledge all of our partners and the many organizations and foundations that supported us in 2016 - 2017 season and continue to help us increase the opportunities to play wheelchair basketball at all levels!

Thank you!

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# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## Hoopfest

Hoopfest 2017 presented by Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR), was a great success with 9 corporate and community team participating in our annual corporate challenge fundraiser. The Surrey Firefighters team were crowned Hoopfest 2017 champions after narrowly beating the Burnaby Fire Fighters in the final championship game. Together, we raised \$25,000, which will help everyone in the province have an opportunity to participate in wheelchair basketball. Thank you to our presenting partner YVR and all of our other event partners and supporters for one of the best Hoopfest events ever.

#### Annual Awards - 2016

The 2016-17 BCWBS annual awards were presented in Victoria, BC, in-conjunction with the finals of the BC- CWBL Championships. We are pleased to acknowledge the following recipients:

### **BCWBS** Annual Awards

- Official of the Year: Fred Riel
- Coach of the Year: Joe Higgins
- Let's Play Award: Krista Horn from Edgewater Elementary
- Outstanding Community Support: SOS Emergency Response Technologies
- Volunteer of the Year: Dan Coombs
- Junior Athlete of the Year: Tanner Jung
- Female Athlete of the Year: Janet McLachlan
- Male Athlete of the Year: Alphonsus To
- MJ Boudreault True Sport Award: Sarah Black
- Kenny Hall Spirit Award: Bryan Shore

#### BC-CWBL 2016-17 Season League Awards

- Rookie(s) of the Year: Hal Bennett (Okanagan Thunder), Colin Huppee (Gold Rush).
- Most Improved Player of the Year: Matthew Norris (Gold Rush)
- Leadership: Parker Ayers (Tacoma)
- True Sport: Sarah Freidman (Gold Rush)

## **High Performance Highlights**

BC Athletes Amanda Yan and Janet McLachlan were key members of Team Canada at the 2016 Paralympic Summer Games in Rio, where the team finished in 5th place. Both athletes have been past members of the BC Breakers.

BCWBS Chair, Bo Hedges and Victoria resident Deion Green, represented BC on the Men's National Team in Rio at the 2016 Paralympic Summer Games. The team had a disappointing 11th place finish but has lots of depth coming from the U23 Men's Program. Tanner Jung and Ben Hagkull (Langley Gold Rush) played for Team Canada at the U23 World Championships in Toronto, where the team finished 6th.

#### Hall of Fame Inductions

It was a busy year with some key BCWBS individuals being selected for Hall of Fame Inductions. Congratulations to Marni Abbott-Peter and Richard Peter being elected into the Basketball BC Hall of Fame. Joe Higgins, long time Canadian National Team Program Coach, being elected into the Delta Sports Hall of Fame and renowned Team Canada coach Tim Frick, being elected into the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

## **Coach Development**

We were honoured to have Tim Frick led mentorship sessions for young coaches at 4 different events this year, cultivating the next generation of sport leaders.

#### **Player Development**

A Langley program began running practices at the Timms Centre led by, volunteer, Steph Park. This is great new initiative for the area and has allowed for consistent skills development, weekly gym time and on-going player development as a feeder system for the BC-CWBL.

As we continue to focus on player development at a provincial level, it was a busy year with 3 performance camps and 2 Canada Winter Games Camps for our development players. Our focus has been on our preparations for the 2018 BC Winter Games.

**BC-CWBL** had the following teams training in their various regions and competing in league and tournament play. Teams include Vancouver Classics, Vancouver Cable Cars, Fraser Valley Gold Rush, Victoria Chargers, Okanagan Thunder, KASA Bulldawgs. Included in our tournament and league play are the Tacoma Titans, based in Tacoma, WA and players from Seattle, WA who play on various league and tournament teams.

Have a Go 13 Events

School and Community Visits 32 visits 9500 students HP Athletes
11 CWBL
10 Breakers
18 Canada
Games

**Let's Play** 29 Female 32 Male Bridging the Gap 8 Game Nights 34 players

High Performance & Camps High
Performance
5 Tournaments

Canada Cames 2 Camps

# **LET'S PLAY**

Since BC Wheelchair Basketball Society's creation of "Let's Play: Sport Wheelchairs for Kids" in 2009, BCWBS has gained valuable insight from both our internal working experience and from our community partners involved in the projects' implementation. With this knowledge, Let's Play is supporting a program delivery model which we believe will give children with mobility related physical disabilities in BC the opportunity for a happy and healthy start to being physically active.



Updated July 2016

# Community Chair Champions Location of Let's Play Children

Northern Prince George (3) Fort St John (3) Charlie Lake (1) 150 Mile House (1) 100 Mile House (1)

Powell River (1)
Courtney (1)
Nanimo (1)
Victoria (3)
Qualicum Beach (1)

Lower Mainland Vancouver (3) Burnaby (1) Coquittam (1) Surrey (9) Delta (5) Chilliwack (5) Langley (5) Mission (1) Abbotsford (1) Hone (1)

Interior Kelowna (1) Penticton (1) Edgewater (1) Cranbrook (3)



# Community Chair Champions Location of Let's Play Chairs

Northern
Prince George (10)

Vancouver Island Powell River (4) Nanimo (4) Victoria (13)

> Lower Mainland Vancouver (13) Surrey (3) Chilliwack (12) Langley (8)

Interior Kamloops (10) Kelowna (16) Cranbrook (4) DETS
PLAY FOR CHILDREN
WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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#### **BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended May 31, 2017

For the year ended May 31, 2017		
	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenues		
Grants	315,012	333,477
Gaming	98,532	75,052
Donations and fundraising	70,399	60,257
Membership, registration and other	65,221	65,527
	549,164	534,313
Expenses Amortization	20.206	22.029
Coaching and development (Note 6)	29,386 125,325	23,038 108,946
Fundraising	38,685	37,487
General and administration (Note 6)	87,325	98,329
Program and games (Note 6)	291,429	286,263
	572,150	554,063
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(22,986)	(19,750)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
May 31, 2017		
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current	25.510	210 (22
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables	25,510 55,007	218,632 49,726
Prepaid expenses	55,007 4,750	49,720
-	85,267	273,108
Investments (Note 2)	61,378	61,378
Property and equipment (Note 3)	124,887	111,346
	271,532	445,832
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	20,803	104,263
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	4,914	77,917
	25,717	182,180
Deferred capital contributions (Note 5)	125,008	119,859
	150,725	302,039
Fund Balances		
Unrestricted	(4,080)	32,447
Invested in property and equipment	124,887	111,346
	120,807	143,793
	271,532	445,832
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