



BC wheelchair basketball



Annual Report 2017 / 2018



MISSION

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

VISION

Everyone has the opportunity to be included in wheelchair basketball

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello to all members,

The 2017/18 season has provided great insight into where we are as an organization. We have had some great additions, returns and successes, but with that, we have suffered a tragic loss to our wheelchair basketball family with the passing of Masen and Cody Shreve-Hein. Through this all, the staff's ability to work together and support one another has been the key. Our biggest opportunity this past year was learning how BCWBS can grow to better serve its' members while achieving its' strategic goals.

This past summer we held a retreat that included both staff and board members. Identifying and realizing our limitations as an organization but also as individuals was a key component. Through this workshop, plans with benchmarks and end goals were established. As we look to this next season, we will hold ourselves accountable to this new plan as we move projects forward.

In terms of our strategic goals we are doing exceptionally well with our **Fund Development**, thanks to Sian Blyth's skills in the growth of our annual Hoopfest event, the expansion of corporate partnerships and with extensive relationship building. It is extremely important for our organization to increase our funding capacity beyond our government resources.

We have had success in our **Coach and Club Development** in certain regions throughout the province. We are fortunate to have some outstanding regional clubs, like those in Kamloops and Victoria.

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Work still needs to be done by board and staff to continue to help develop coaches and support clubs in other regions to create more opportunities for people throughout the province.

The addition of an exhibition NWBA team this season will help to provide new **Opportunities to Play** and in turn, support our **High-Performance Program** plan to achieve our long-term goals. Some additional **Opportunities to Play** have been added over the past year in the lower mainland, but we are still looking for ways to add both developmental and competitive environments for athletes to enjoy our sport. **High Performance Program** concerns are a nationwide issue at this time in Canada for men's, women's and mixed competitions. We are looking for ways to provide experiences for our members that match their needs, but outside support is needed in order for these goals to be realized.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me through email, phone or on social media. I want to hear on both our successes as well as our short comings, so that we can work together to make our organization the best it can be.

Sincerely,



Bo Hedges

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2017/18 season was full of events that showcased our sport, our athletes, our coaches, our officials and our supporters!

The years saw us continue to increase the opportunities to play wheelchair basketball at all levels!

Early in the season Alphonsus (Fonzie) To, our 2016 Athlete of the Year recipient, competed at the Asia Qualifier representing the Hong Kong National Team. The team finished in eighth place, falling short of qualifying for the 2018 IWBF World Championship. Fonzie has been a long-time component of many of BC's programs, representing BC at CWBL Finals for the last 5 years, and he has been an instrumental advocate in getting newer athletes involved and ensuring they feel welcome.

To kick off the 2017/18 season, we were thrilled to announce our new partnership with Dockstader Subaru. It has been a busy year for our new Subaru Outback, which has now accumulated many hundreds of kilometers as our team travels to tournaments, events and to over 40 schools and communities during this last year! We love our Subaru and it is nicely wrapped with amazing graphics, photos and branding!

The big event of the season for many of our juniors was the 2018 BC Winter Games held in Kamloops,

which was tons of fun with hard fought matches between five zones. It was great to have so many of our young athletes experience a multi-sport games for the first time. Congratulations to our medalists - Gold going to Zone 6 (Vancouver Island), Silver to Zone 2 (Thomson Okanagan) and Bronze to Zone 8 (Cariboo - North East). We could not have had this much overall success without the support of all of the Zone coaches and managers, the officials and volunteers and our local Sport Chairperson, Dan Coombs!

BCWBS was proud to host the CWBL Women's National Championship in April at the Richmond Oval and have some of our younger female athletes come out to participate in a 'Girls Only' event. It was a great weekend to inspire the next generation by watching other female athletes play at this elite level!

We have worked hard to develop our partnerships and grow our funding sources and I would like to acknowledge all of our partners and the many organizations and foundations that supported us in 2017/18. I would also like to thank Debbie Carnaby, our Finance Coordinator, who was part of our team for over 20 years and wish her well in her retirement.

Thank you!



Sian Blyth



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Hoopfest

Hoopfest 2018, presented by YVR - Vancouver Airport Authority, set records in a few ways. Not only did we raise a record amount through our corporate and community partners, over \$32,000, we also hosted a record 10 teams at the event. The Vancouver Police Department faced Burnaby Fire Department in the championship game. Both teams were undefeated in round robin play, and by a close margin, the Vancouver Police department took top spot on the podium, Burnaby Fire Department taking 2nd place and the 2017 Hoopfest champions, Surrey Firefighters finished in 3rd place. Rounding out the teams for 2018 were CIBC, Dockstader Subaru, Murphy Battista LLP, Steamworks Brewing, YVR, and viaSportBC. Hoopfest 2019 will be our 25th Anniversary event and we can't wait to see everyone back.

Annual Awards & Recognition

The 2017-18 BCWBS annual awards were presented in Kamloops in-conjunction with the BC-CWBL championship. We had the pleasure of recognizing these amazing individuals and community partner.

2017/18 BCWBS Awards

Female Athlete of the Year - Tara Llanes
Male Athlete of the Year - Alphonsus To
Junior Athlete of the Year - Ben Garrett
Coach of the Year - Brad Hagkull
Volunteer of the Year - Dorothy Zuzarte
Official of the Year - Jesse Lafontaine
Outstanding Community Supporter - YVR Vancouver Airport Authority
MJ Boudreault True Sport Award - Tanner Jung
Kenny Hall Spirit Award - Ivan Yeung
Let's Play Award - Deb Murin

2017/18 BC-CWBL League Awards

Outstanding Leadership - Dan Coombs
Rookie of the Year - Derek Jezewsky
Most Improved Player - Ray Frang
True Sport Award - Ivan Yeung

We would also like to congratulate our amazing members who continue to go above and beyond with their roles at BCWBS.

Brad Hagkull, BCWBS board member and Coach of the Chilliwack Cheetahs was awarded the Award of Merit from the Public Health Association of BC for his contribution to enhancing the health of his community.

Wheelchair Basketball and multi-sport athlete Joel Ewert was awarded the 2017 Petro Canada Fueling Athletes and Coaches Excellence Grant (FACE) grant for Wheelchair Rugby with his coach Adam Frost. Ben Hagkull and Simon Cass were also awarded the 2017 FACE grant, for Wheelchair Basketball. This grant enabled BCWBS to do more 1-on-1 training for Ben to assist with his continued growth and development.

"I have been a part of the team BC program for 6 years now and I have had some pretty cool experiences. From travelling all around Canada to play for my province to representing BC at Canada Games in 2015, this program has given me so much and helped me better myself as an athlete in so many ways. This summer, I have the opportunity to train with Canada's best wheelchair basketball players, working towards World championships in Hamburg. I owe a lot of my success to BCWBS and its amazing programs and coaches." - Ben Hagkull

Let's Play

Since 2009, Let's Play BC, an initiative of the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society, has been providing kids with sport wheelchairs, in partnership with BC Wheelchair Basketball Society. Through this partnership, 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.



Why Let's Play Matters: Wheel Kids program in Nanaimo - The Wheel Kids program corresponds directly to the Active Start/Fundamentals stages of the Canadian Sport for Life athlete development model and fills an identified gap in the development pathway for athletes with a disability. This program delivers fundamental skill development through a combination of well-structured play in a safe, fun environment. Expansion of this program into other communities on Vancouver Island will allow children with disabilities to become more active and to improve their physical literacy skills in their own community or school. Giving these children access to regular programming improves their fundamental movement skills and increases their self-confidence, leading to independence in their daily living tasks and to the competencies required for participating in recreation and/or sport specific programming. PacificSport Vancouver Island is a partner of Let's Play BC of the viaSport Regional Alliance and they are a collective of provincial sport delivery organizations passionate about enriching lives and energizing communities via sport and physical activity. Their mandate, values and programs are aligned with national physical literacy strategy and the long-term athlete development model.

School and Community Outreach



"The highlight for many students and teachers was trying out the wheelchairs and having the perspective of someone who lives with a physical disability, for a short while. As the coordinator, I thought having Tanner come to the school was so inspiring. To hear his story and his accomplishments first hand was worth all the planning and work leading up to the event." - Upper Lynn Elementary School

High Performance Report

BC Breakers and CWBL Women's National Championship: The BC Breakers had a bit of a shorter playing season this year for various reasons, including having players move into the Women's National Team program and also with others playing more focused junior high-performance events. After playing 2 tournaments during the season as a team, the BC Breakers went on to finish in 4th place at the CWBL Women's Nationals which we hosted in Richmond. Each game saw great improvement by our mix of rookie and veteran players. This team was led by an all-female staff with included Assistant Coaches, Shira Stanfield and Kady Dandeneau, Team Manager, Nadine Barbisan and Head Coach, Marni Abbott-Peter.

During CWBL Women's Nationals, a Girls Only weekend was hosted with 12 young female participants looking to try various wheelchair sports. During the weekend, with the support of BC Wheelchair Sports Association, these girls were able to try wheelchair tennis, wheelchair throws and wheelchair basketball. They were also able to meet and watch the elite level female players competing at nationals for a little added inspiration.

CWBL National Championship: Our Open CWBL team finished in 2nd place after a loss to Quebec for the 2nd straight year. The injuries to Deion Green and Kady Dandeneau were definite setbacks, but thanks to some newcomers to the team (Tara Llanes and Ben Hagkull) as well as some assistance from veterans of the game (Richard Peter and Stuart Olsen) filling in for those injured players, we had another strong finish. The team will look to improve for next year. Congratulations to Bo Hedges and Aidan Love for being named tournament all-stars.



BC Juniors & Canada Winter Games Team: This young team continued to improve tremendously throughout the year. From playing games with scores that ended with 40-point differences in December against Alberta (who placed 1st at Jr Nationals) and Saskatchewan (3rd at Nationals) to playing much more competitive and consistent games at the 2018 Junior National Championship, keeping the games to under 10-points margins against Saskatchewan. Our 5th place finish at Junior Nationals is a great measurement of how far the team has progressed. The Team BC coaches are very proud of the work all the players have put into this year. This is a young team that is building towards the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer in February 2019 and beyond.

Player News: BC junior player Thomas Venos has been accepted to the University of Alabama for Tennis. Though we won't see him on the basketball courts as much this year we wish him well. Ben Hagkull spent the summer training with the Wheelchair Basketball Canada national academy program in Toronto and will travel to Japan with the team in November 2018.

Coach Education: BCWBS ran a NCCP Introduction to Competition course in September 2018. 8 coaches from across BC attended (Gloria Chan, Sarah Black, Orion Ng, Josh Campbell, Rob Stiles, Riley Stiles, Art Keltz, and Kelly Harris). We are happy to report that we have trained coaches in 12 out of 14 club programs around the province. Thanks to Tim Frick and Marni Abbott-Peter, for their expertise in facilitating this course. We are planning to hold the next level (Introduction to Competition Advanced) within the next 14 months to continue this coach development.

High Performance Highlights: Tara Llanes, Kady Dandeneau were centralized in Toronto with the Wheelchair Basketball National Team Academy and made their debuts at the 2018 IWBF World Championship. Kady played her way into a starter's role by the end of the tournament, where the team finished in 5th place. Bo Hedges, who has been with the Senior Men's National Team program since 2007, was named co-captain for the 2018 World Championship. After a successful season, Bo, Kady and Tara will be back to their National teams, as they look towards the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

Alphonsus To has continued competing with the Hong Kong National Team, and even invited BC Coach Joe Higgins along on a trip so Coach Higgins could provide some training for local coaches. We are proud of both Joe and Fonzie as they take on roles as international Ambassadors for the sport.

"BCWBS has given me something rare, the chances and opportunities to play the sport from the very beginning, all the way to the highest of levels. It's been a blessing to have the wonderful opportunities and coaching offered and the chance to work with some of the very best in the sport right close to home." - Alphonsus To

Thanks, Coach

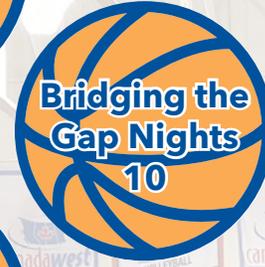
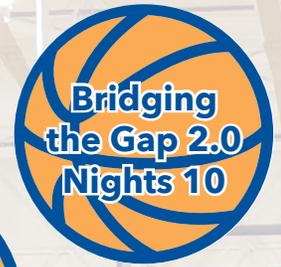
Thanks to all coaches who have helped throughout the year with all of our programs, but in particular to Joe Higgins, Tim Frick, and Kelly Harris who are instrumental in helping our high-performance athletes this year. An extra thanks to Bo Hedges and Alphonsus To, for providing a mentorship role for our younger up-and-coming development athletes.

Player Development

BC Games: 2018 BC Winter Games, held in Kamloops, had the lowest zone representation as we only had 5 of the 8 zones represented. Our top highlight was Prince George finishing in 3rd place as they had not won a single game since 2008. Zone 6, coached by Simon Cass and Kelly Harris finished in 1st place at the BC Winter Games. The team was comprised of many athletes who started in wheelchair basketball being coached by Tim Frick. Many of these athletes have now moved onto our Canada Games program. At these games, BCWBS also hosted a wheelchair basketball demonstration with Badminton BC and all participants also tried wheelchair badminton. This was a first for many of the BC Games event staff and athletes.

BC-CWBL: During the season, we hosted four BC-CWBL tournaments, plus the BC-CWBL Finals. The 6 teams who were part of the 2017/18 league, included the Kamloops Bull-Dawgs, Langley Gold Rush, Okanagan Thunder, Tacoma Titans, Vancouver Cable Cars and the Victoria Chargers. After going 12-1 during the season, the Tacoma Titans took home the 2018 League Championship title at the BC-CWBL Finals, hosted by Kamloops Adapted Sports Association.

In addition to the competitive team play, many of our tournaments also hosted player development events which featured skills, drills and sessions focused on the developing player and new players. To be able to host Have-A-Go events, Let's Play events and Bridging the Gap events enabled us to enhance the development aspect of these tournaments and introduce more people to the sport of wheelchair basketball.



**Have A Go
Events**
13

**Have A Go
Participants**
100

**1 Girls Only
Weekend**
featuring **12
girls**

Regional Clubs: One of our highlights for the 2017-18 season was the re-start of the Prince George Lumberjacks.

Here's a recap of the great things they have done this season. Welcome back.

PRINCE GEORGE LUMBERJACKS WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

2017 / 2018 season highlights



**ZONE 8 CARIBOO-NORTH EAST
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM
WON BRONZE AT 2018 BC WINTER GAMES**



TWO OF THE ATHLETES WERE ALSO AWARDED THE COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS LEADERSHIP BURSARY



8-39
AGES OF PARTICIPANTS



16
% OF PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES



Anyone can play!

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BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended May 31, 2018

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues | | |
| Grants | 420,747 | 315,012 |
| Donations, sponsorship and fundraising | 108,098 | 90,099 |
| Gaming | 91,000 | 98,532 |
| Membership, registration and other | 57,580 | 45,521 |
| | <u>677,425</u> | <u>549,164</u> |
| Expenditures | | |
| Amortization of property and equipment | 36,456 | 29,386 |
| Coaching and development (Note 7) | 110,918 | 125,325 |
| Fundraising | 37,441 | 38,685 |
| General and administration (Note 7) | 107,933 | 87,325 |
| Program and games (Note 7) | 376,659 | 291,429 |
| | <u>669,407</u> | <u>572,150</u> |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | 8,018 | (22,986) |

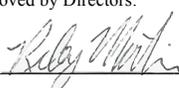
BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

May 31, 2018

| | 2018 | 2017 (Restated - Note 2) |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash | 72,907 | 25,510 |
| Receivables | 40,412 | 55,007 |
| Prepaid expenses | 8,915 | 4,750 |
| | <u>122,234</u> | <u>85,267</u> |
| Investments (Note 3) | 61,841 | 61,378 |
| Property and equipment (Note 4) | 137,927 | 124,887 |
| | <u>322,002</u> | <u>271,532</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current | | |
| Payables and accruals | 41,309 | 20,803 |
| Deferred revenue (Note 5) | 8,600 | 4,914 |
| | <u>49,909</u> | <u>25,717</u> |
| Deferred capital contributions (Note 6) | 143,268 | 125,008 |
| | <u>193,177</u> | <u>150,725</u> |
| Fund Balances | | |
| Unrestricted | 79,860 | 103,049 |
| Internally restricted | 36,140 | - |
| Invested in property and equipment | 12,825 | 17,758 |
| | <u>128,825</u> | <u>120,807</u> |
| | <u>322,002</u> | <u>271,532</u> |

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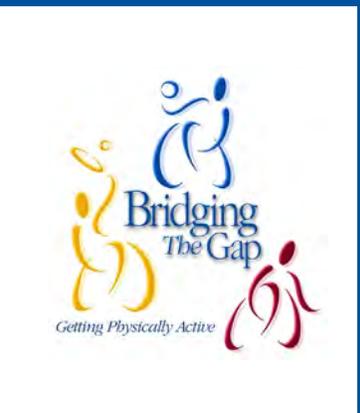
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