



# Annual General Meeting of the Membership Oct 13, 2018

**Venue:**

Hillcrest Community Centre  
Multipurpose room 328  
4575 Clancy Loranger Way, Vancouver  
5:30pm – 8:00pm

**Agenda:**

- 5:30pm - Sign-in, awards for Duck golf #1
- 6:00pm - Call to order, board introductions and affirmation of quorum (20 members present)
- 6:10pm - AGM agenda approval and addition of other business
- 6:20pm - Motion to approve minutes from AGM Oct 17, 2018
- 6:30pm - Annual report - President (see Appendix 2)
- 6:40pm - Financial report - Treasurer (see Appendix 3)
- 6:50pm - Board elections (see below)
- 7:10pm - Other business
  - electronic voting, is updating our voting process a possibility (Dan will address)
  - membership, implementation of new \$10 flat fee, online signup
  - use of PDGA payout tables at Duck Events (Tara)
- 7:30pm - Adjournment

<b>Elections</b>	
<p><b>President-elect:</b> nominations and presentations (elected to a one-year term, three year leadership position) BCDS nominations committee recommendation: <b>Carrie Neal</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation of officers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President: <b>Craig Sheather</b></li> <li>- Past president: <b>Dan Laitsch</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Appointed officers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Duck golf coordinator: <b>Tara Lynch</b></li> <li>- Membership: <b>TBD</b></li> <li>- Communications: <b>Jenne Brett</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Members at large (MAL):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interior: <b>TBD</b></li> <li>- Islands: <b>TBD</b></li> <li>- North: <b>TBD</b></li> <li>- Lower Mainland: <b>TBD</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Volunteers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statistician: <b>John Gould-Thorpe</b></li> <li>- PDGA Coodinator: <b>Leanne Fulton</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer:</b> nominations and presentations (extended to a three-year term for 2018-19 election) BCDS nominations committee recommendation: <b>Steve Crichton</b></p>	
<p><b>Board Executive:</b> nominations and presentations (elected to a two-year term): <b>TBD</b></p>	



## Appendix 1: BCDS 2016 AGM Minutes

### **BCDS AGM 2017**

**Saturday Oct 7th, 2017**

**Venue: Langley Passive Park**

**12:00 pm - Credentials check in, proxy verification, sign-in, lunch**

**12:15 pm - Call to order, board introductions, and affirmation of quorum**

*(34 people present; quorum affirmed - see appendix for list)*

**12:20 pm - AGM Agenda approval and addition of other business**

*Motioned by Eric Vachon, seconded by Stewart Mclsack*

#### **Call for other business:**

North Van (East View) course update

Abbotsford course update

**12:25 pm - Motion to approve the 2016/2017 AGM minutes**

*Motioned by Steve Crichton, seconded by Stewart Mclsack*

**12:30 pm - Annual report - delivered by Leanne**

*- see appendix*

#### **12:45 pm - Board elections**

**BCDS President Elect**

Nominations committee recommendation: Stewart Mclsack

*- Unanimously passed*

**BCDS Treasurer 2018 (2 year term)**

Nominations committee recommendation: Steve Crichton

*- Unanimously passed*

**BCDS Board Executive 2018 (2 year term)**

Tara Lynch will continue with year 2 of the term she was elected to in 2017



## Presentation of officers

Elected officers	Appointed officers:	Members at large (MAL)	Volunteers:
President: Carolynn Howard	Duck golf coordinator: Tara Lynch	Interior: Carrie Neal Dennis Greffard	Statistician: John Gould-Thorpe
Past president: Leanne Fulton	Membership: Paul Brownfield	Islands: Colin Filliter	PDGA rep: Leanne Fulton
President elect: Stewart Mclsack	Communications: Jenne Brett	North: Daniel Martin, Curtis Spence	
Treasurer: Steve Crichton		Lower Mainland: Brendan Stookey	

## 1:00 pm - Other business

1. Motion from the BCDS Board presented to the membership:

“The BCDS will revise membership fee structure in 2018-19 to a flat fee of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for minors (<16)”

- Majority of attending members voted yes; motion passed

## 2. Duck golf fees

Duck golf fees have been a focus of discussion of the BCDS board due to a shrinking bank account balance and the BCDS' inability to secure grants. The Board recommends raising entry fees for the 2017-18 Duck golf season after 15 years of fees remaining the same. This fee increase caused great protest among the membership. Treasurer Steve Crichton presented a breakdown of how the money will be spent, and convinced the majority of the necessity of this change.

Three options were presented to the membership for revising fee structure for Duck golf events for 2017-18 season (based on Professional division rate):

Option 1 fees <i>(BCDS recommendation)</i>	Option 2 fees	Option 3 fees
\$65- Entry \$10- BCDS \$3- CTP \$5- Club admin \$2- PDGA \$45- payout	\$55- Entry \$10- BCDS \$3- CTP \$5- Club admin \$2- PDGA \$35- payout	\$40- Entry \$10- BCDS \$3- CTP \$5- Club admin \$2- PDGA \$20- payout

The attending members' vote was 23 in favor of Option 1, 19 for Option 2 and zero for Option 3.



### **Notable comments and recommendations for coming year:**

- the BCDS needs a minimum of 500 members to qualify for Provincial Sporting Organization (PSO) status, which would open us up to new funding opportunities. Growing our membership will give us leverage.

- Deposits and fees will be imposed for clubs or organizations going forward for using BCDS equipment and insurance; BCDS board to develop framework and fee structure for this in upcoming meetings.

### **1:15 pm - Treasurer's report:**

- *See appendix*

### **2:00 pm - final other business**

- request by membership for posting agendas and minutes to BCDS website in a timely manner for increased transparency- board agrees to do this going forward.

### **Eastview (North Vancouver) course update:**

- Public forum on Oct 12; urge members to attend to ensure disc golf is well represented

### **Abbotsford course update:**

- article in local paper re new course incorrect, there is no plan for a disc golf course in the city's road master plan. Recommendation members keep an ear to the ground re possible public meetings or consultation opportunities.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

*Motioned byCarolynn Howard, seconded by Tara Lynch*

### **1:30 pm - Adjournment**



## Appendix 2: President's Report

It's been a year of a lot of work and transition; the team worked hard to provide support for the membership. Successes include yet another well-attended Duck Golf winter series, the development of a new role within the Board, the crafting of a mission statement, and work on policies around equipment rentals and the development of the "Affiliate Club" designation. Great efforts were made to raise funds, save money and to create and maintain open and transparent channels of communication between the board and the membership.

### Successes

The Duck Golf series was strongly attended. Eight events were held October through May, accommodating 531 participants, and disbursing an approximately \$4,000 pro purse. Most of the events filled almost immediately once registration opened and all were at capacity with the exception of Campbell River and Kamloops. We all owe a debt of gratitude for the clubs and tournament directors and staff who stepped up and held events, including Van City United, Campbell River, Burnaby, Nanaimo, Mission, Kamloops and the Fraser Valley DGC who hosted the series finale at the scenic and challenging Eighteen Pastures golf course. Many thanks to **Tara Lynch**, the series coordinator, and **Steve Crichton**, treasurer, who had their hands full organizing the schedule and working with individual TDs to ensure the financials and logistics were in place for every event.

The **BC Open** June 15-17 was an incredible success again this year, thanks to the efforts of **Eric Vachon**, **John Gould-Thorpe**, **Stewart Mclsack** and their organizing team. Securing Eighteen Pastures golf course and setting up two very challenging temporary courses made for a memorable and well-run event, one that has become one not to miss. The coverage of the BC Open by Central Coast Disc Golf made us all proud and highlighted that the BC disc golf scene has an abundance of talent of our own.

Speaking of BC talent, this was a record year for attendance by BC players at the US Disc Golf Championships in Rock Hill, South Carolina. **Duncan Schultz**, **Casey Hanemayer**, **Chris Hartmann**, **Dave Ross** and **Eric Vachon** survived the rigorous qualification process to compete amongst the best players in the world in October, confirming the competition level in British Columbia continues to rise. Thanks to this group for representing all of us here in BC with strong and courageous efforts on the toughest course in the world.

BC Provincials was held this year for the first time in Cranbrook, by all accounts expertly directed by **Serge Gosselin** and team. Per **Jenne Brett**: "Provincials was great. Good volunteer participation. Seamless check-in. Good representation for most divisions. Serge was a great host and scores were up promptly. CTPs and raffles and a players' party which was fun. Also there was a players meeting that we all went for dinner after. I enjoyed it. Courses were great as well. Wyclyffe is awesome and it was in great condition". Per Serge's recommendation for next year and ongoing, the board will look at seeking proposals for Provincials well in advance, with the goal of announcing the following year's host in a more timely fashion, ideally a year in ahead of time.



## Development of a Club Liason Role

Carrie Neal was nominated for and agreed to take on this position, reaching out to clubs in BC to see if BCDS support is needed. The role is intended to help with guiding clubs through processes with government and parks boards, advocating on their behalf if needed. Carrie's considerable experience advocating for disc golf is a valuable asset, and we're grateful to her for taking this on.

## Development of mission statement for the BCDS

Under the guidance of Stewart Mclsack, the team created "an aspirational statement of why the organization exists, at the most meaningful level" to help focus our efforts and guide better define the purpose of the BCDS. Thanks to the governance team for giving up a Saturday to create the following mission statement:

British Columbia Disc Sports is a non-profit organization that supports its members, affiliate clubs and key community partners. We provide access to resources, build community partnerships and provide education to make disc golf the most accessible sport for today and tomorrow.

Other successes, on a more administrative level, include creating an inventory of all equipment in storage, and moving it to a smaller-sized locker. The change in costs to the BCDS amount to savings of \$1200-1500 annually. Thanks to Steve Crichton and Tara Lynch for taking on these tasks.

The creation of the Affiliate Club Program is also credited to Stewart Mclsack, who took on the task of creating a set of criteria for a club to qualify as an affiliate of the BCDS. The criteria includes submitting membership dues, running at least one charity event (like an Ice Bowl) per year, and hosting at least one PDGA-sanctioned event over a calendar year. The benefits of the affiliation include insurance coverage for club events posted on the BCDS calendar, access to greater fundraising power, access to funds for events and course development, access to BCDS equipment, TD resources, and access to the expertise of the board team itself.

The BCDS played a role in helping to develop new courses in Hope, by selling nine of the old QE baskets. We look forward to seeing a new crop of disc golfers in that area, and contributing financially to the new Raptors' Knoll disc golf course currently under construction at Jackman Wetlands Park in the Township of Langley. We're all very excited to see what opportunities a course of this calibre will provide for the community as a whole. In addition, a single basket has been installed in McMinn Park in Saanich on Vancouver Island, with an "Around the Nine" layout that allows players to practice upshots and putting. It is the first disc golf basket installed in the lower island region by a public organization in over 10 years, and a small step forward for a future with more baskets in other public parks on the Island.

## Challenges

Changes in personnel at the Board level and creating continuity and manageable duties have been a challenge this year. We all owe a debt of gratitude to **Paul Brownfield** for managing membership, **Stewart** for spearheading and bringing the affiliate program and mission statement to life, and **Carolynn Howard** for her time and considerable effort at the helm.

Again, meeting demand for events was a challenge; one of the tasks of the upcoming board will be to look at exploring the development of more regional series and events outside the Lower Mainland. The upcoming board will also look at scheduling the Provincial Championship further in advance, using a newly-developed bid document and hosting the event at a broader selection of locations.

### **Looking ahead**

Our pledge as a board is to continue to administer and support tournaments and events in BC in the most transparent fashion possible, to continue to supply insurance for events and to continue to work on setting up clear succession plan for future boards for all aspects of the work we do. We will aim to grow our membership base and to continue to prioritize showing value to our membership.

With an exciting new season of Duck Golf upon us, we are honoured to support the community we are so fortunate to share with each other. Please reach out to me or any of the board members directly with any ideas or concerns. I'm looking forward to seeing you out on the course.



## Appendix 3 - Financial report

Revenues	General Fund	Gaming Fund	Total	2017
Provincial Funding	0	0	0	0
Membership Fees	\$2,965	0	\$2,965	\$2,460
Tournament Registration	\$2,420	0	\$2,420.00	\$2,895
Fundraising	\$1,500	0	\$1,500	\$1,247
Interest & Other	\$21.34	0	\$21.34	\$18.74
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$6,906.34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$6,906.34</b>	<b>\$6,620.74</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Admin	\$526.45	0	\$526.45	\$874.64
AGM	\$327	0	\$327	\$275
Banking	\$25	0	\$25	\$25
Bursaries	0	0	0	0
Club Grants	\$0	0	\$0	\$0
Coaching	0	0	0	0
Course Development	\$500	0	\$500	\$0
Honorariums	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure	\$0	0	0	\$0
Insurance	\$2,500	0	\$2,500	\$2,000
Membership dues	\$0	0	0	\$0
Misc	\$0	0	\$0	\$2,000
Promo/Marketing	\$0	0	0	\$0
Seminars	\$0	0	0	\$0
Storage	\$3,641.40	0	\$3,641.40	\$2,935.80
Tournament Operating Cost	\$1,186.66	0	\$1,186.66	\$2,864.30
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$8,706.51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$8,706.51</b>	<b>\$8,974.74</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>-\$1,800.17</b>	0	<b>(\$1,800.17)</b>	<b>-\$2,327.00</b>
<b>Fund Balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>\$6,880.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,880.92</b>	<b>\$9,207.90</b>
<b>Year End Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$5,080.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,080.75</b>	<b>\$9,207.90</b>



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	General Fund	Gaming Fund	Total 2017/18
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash on Hand	0	0	0
Cash in Bank	\$5,080.75		\$5,080.75
Membership Shares	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	0
Short-term Investments	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$5,080.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,080.75</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable & Accruals	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Externally Restricted	0	0	0
Internally Restricted	0	0	0
Unrestricted	\$5,080.75	\$0.00	\$5,080.75
<b>Total Liabilites &amp; Fund</b>	<b>\$5,080.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,080.75</b>