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SPORT BC ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTORS

Vancouver, British Columbia – June 1, 2013 – President and CEO Rob Newman is pleased to announce the appointment of two new directors to the Sport BC Board of Directors, following the organization’s Annual General Meeting.

Sport BC’s new Chair, Denise Coutts was born and raised in the Okanagan where she developed her passion for sport. Growing up she ‘played everything’ and took her passion to UBC where she earned a Bachelor of Physical Education and Masters in Sport Administration and Program Planning. Denise worked in the Sport BC building for 17 years, first as the Program Coordinator at Basketball BC and then as the Executive Director for Squash BC, Badminton BC and BC Disability Sports. She served as the ED of the Richmond Youth Service Agency and Minerva Foundation for BC Women and is presently the ED of Pacific Parklands Foundation. With all organizations she was passionate about their mandates and led each through significant change and renewal processes; building infrastructure, capacity and sustainability. Denise, a resident of Richmond, has more than 25 years of provincial, national and international sport, multi-sport and Games experience as a player and coach and volunteer and administrator.

Sport BC’s new Director-at-Large, Debbie Pyne, a Richmond resident as well, has long been an advocate of sport and recreation and has worked to provide opportunities to athletes, coaches and volunteer leaders throughout her 25 year career in sport. She is currently the Managing Director of Player Development for British Columbia Golf where she helped to create the player development division, the first in Canada for a provincial golf association. Debbie also spearheaded the creation of a province-wide elementary school golf program, introducing 52,000 children to the sport of golf. In her previous position as the Executive Director of the BC Ladies Golf Association, Debbie assisted with the amalgamation process of the BC Golf Association (BCGA) and the BC Ladies Golf Association (BCLGA), to create one unified voice of 70,000 members. Debbie currently serves on the ProMOTION Plus Board of Directors as the Past Chair and has been involved in other provincial associations for sport and recreation over the years. She brings with her the commitment to help create and enhance services to the sporting community of BC.

Rob Newman said “We are proud to welcome Denise and Debbie to our Board of Directors.” “Both individuals bring diverse skill sets and years of experience to our Board. I look forward to working with the new board and I see great opportunities ahead for Sport BC and our members.”

Denise and Debbie join an enthusiastic and dedicated group of Sport BC board members including Brock Turner (Vancouver), Vice Chair; Carey Dillen (Vancouver), Director-at-Large – Finance & Audit; and directors Kimberly Gilhooly (Coldstream) and Heather Turner (North Vancouver).

About Sport BC (www.sportbc.com)

Formed in 1966, Sport BC is the non-profit sport federation, representing over 60 Provincial Sport Organizations in British Columbia. As a member-based organization, Sport BC offers services and programs to build the capacity of our members and advocate on their behalf to improve the landscape for organized sport in BC.

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