

Officials Annual General Meeting
BC Athletics
October 18th 2014, Surrey, BC

Attending: (n=35) Committee members noted with asterisk (*)

John Akehurst	Ina Wallace	Evelyn Parent
Brian Thomson *	Sandra Dever	Alice Kubek *
Gene Sanderson	Wayne Elke *	Cheryl Elke
Bill Koch *	Alwilda an Ryswyk	Gabriella Moro
Shirley Byington	Jeff Byington	Hans Young
Shirley Young	Sue Kydd *	Celina Wong
Jake Madderom	Peter Fejfar	David Weicker
Dale Loewen	John Cull *	Carol Cull *
Vince Sequeira	Dave Short	Rose Hare
Steve Blacklock	Laurel Wichmann	Brian Beck
Enrique Merkt	Marthy Merkt-Caprile	Kirstie Merkt-Caprile
Judy Needham	Sanda Turner	

General Announcements

- Thank you to Ocean Athletics for their generous donation that has supported this AGM.
- Thanks to the following groups for providing door prizes
 - BC Wheelchair Sports
 - BCA Officials Committee
 - Cheetahs Track and Field Club
 - Judy Needham
 - Nor'Westers Track and Field Club
 - Ocean Athletics
 - Universal Athletics Club
 - Valley Royals Track and Field Club
- Election to the Officials Committee will take place at the end of this meeting.
- Forms were distributed to attendees for awards nominations.

Agenda:

- David Weicker – Officiating outside of BC and Canada
- Annual Report
- Dale Loewen Annual Review
- Election of committee
- Lunch

David Weicker – “It’s a Whole Different (Same) World Out There.”

David reviewed diverse meets at the local, provincial, national, and international level with respect to rules, athletes, officials, and facilities. He emphasized the need for officials to adapt to new situations, use logic rather than rote reliance on written rules, and to be helpful both to athletes and to other officials.

He emphasized that an effective official is:

- Knowledgeable
- Systematic and aware
- Calm
- Unbiased but helpful

He encouraged all officials to develop and enhance their skills by:

- Volunteering at a wide variety and levels of meets
- Finding a mentor as well as mentoring others
- Attending training clinics and studying on one's own
- Encouraging other officials
- Adapting to new situations
- Enjoying officiating.

David's presentation flowed into a discussion on development opportunities for officials.

Annual Report

- Competitions – many competitions assisted by varying numbers of officials. Generally, championship and international meets were well-staffed with officials, local school/club meets less so.
 - Lower mainland meets (Zones 3, 4, & 5) came in for special discussion given the growing number of meets, timing conflicts between some meets, and resulting difficulties staffing such meets with officials. A Fixtures Congress is planned for November 2014 and the Officials Committee will be represented.
- Mentoring and Upgrading – numbers and locations of different workshops, numbers of officials upgraded were reviewed.
 - Discussion of drafting a letter to the National Officials Committee regarding expansion of mentoring opportunities to larger provincial meets (e.g., BCHS championships) given the complexity and size of such meets that provide appropriate challenges to officials.
- Budget/Financial Report –
 - Competition budget fully spent
 - Donations account has a healthy surplus to cover any over-expenditures
- Spectator Code of Conduct and its pending implementation were briefly discussed.
- Officials Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee – has met on two occasions, results of survey of club executives and officials were highlighted.

Dale Loewen's Year in Review Show

As in previous years, Dale commemorated officials' contributions to the local athletics community with his creative presentation. It provided highlights of officials in action around the province and well very well-received by those attending.

Election of Committee Members

This year, all 4 committee members whose terms are expiring stood for re-election. We had an additional nominee from the floor, Evelyn Parent from Zone 6. It was pleasing that we had a number of talented people willing to give up their time to work on the committee. Therefore an election was held of the members present at the meeting. Ballots were counted by Brian Thomson and Bill Koch.

Elected to the Committee for 2 years terms beginning in November 2014 were (names listed alphabetically):

- Neil Chin Aleong
- Sue Kydd
- Evelyn Parent
- Kathy Terlicher

The AGM was adjourned at 1 pm after lunch,

Bill Koch
Chair – Officials Committee