

**BC Athletics Junior Development Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, February 2, 2014**

**Teleconference: 2pm – 5:10pm**

**Present:** Graeme Fell, Tyler Heisterman, Dave Short, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Dan Horan, Dawn Copping, Birgit Weaver, Tom Dingle, Bill Masich, James Meehan, Maureen de St. Croix

**Regrets:** Winston Reckord

1. Review / Acceptance of the agenda. Motion: Acceptance of Agenda.  
Moved Dave Short, Seconded Birgit Weaver. Passed.
2. Acceptance of July 2013 minutes with correction that Birgit was responsible for handing out the XC plaques and 14 year old certificates at the 2013 JD Banquet. Motion: Acceptance of July 2013 minutes with correction.  
Moved Dave Short, Seconded Birgit Weaver. Passed.
3. Acceptance of October 2013 minutes.
4. Motion to accept new members Winston Reckord and Bill Masich to the JD Committee.  
Moved Dave Short, Seconded Alwilda van Ryswyk. Passed.
5. Motion to accept Graeme Fell as JD Committee Chair and Birgit Weaver as Vice-Chair of the JD committee as per vote organized through Tom Dingle. Position of Secretary currently open.  
Moved: Maureen de St. Croix, Seconded: Dave Short. Passed.  
Motion: Maureen de St. Croix nominated for JD Committee Secretary. Moved: Dawn Copping, Seconded: Birgit Weaver. Maureen accepts Nomination. No further nominations. Passed.
6. Motion to extend application period for 1 remaining at large position on the JD Committee to the end of February, 2104.  
Moved: Dawn Copping, Seconded: Dan Horan. Passed.  
Action item: Graeme to inform BC Athletics to add date of nomination period to the end of February 2014.
7. Discussion of BCA webpage access to JD information.  
Motion: Tom Dingle and Tyler Heisterman investigate how to improve access to JD information on the BCA website. Moved: Maureen de St. Croix, Seconded: Dave Short  
Action item: Tom Dingle and Tyler Heisterman to investigate BCA JD information. Tom and Tyler to bring to JD committee at the end of February 2014 recommendations to discuss and bring forward to BCA to improve navigation to JD information.
8. Discussion of criteria for acceptance of meets for JD awards and standards.
  - Need to re-define criteria
  - Meet list has not been updated to either add new meets nor remove meets not up to standard
  - Need a system to assess quality of a competition
  - Too many meets will put undue pressure on statistician
  - Need reliable, consistent method of submitting results so that statistician is not overwhelmed but good competitions are not missed because they are new and increase # meets

**Motion:** JD committee approach BCA to determine what criteria is used to determine sanctioning and standards for competitions. Moved: Maureen de St. Croix, Seconded: Dave Short. **Passed.**

**Action item:** Graeme to ask BCA for criteria used to grant BCA sanctioning. Report to JD committee in two weeks – February 17, 2014

**Action item:** Alwilda van Ryswyk and Dawn Copping to supply past criteria – report to JD committee in two weeks – February 17, 2014

\*\* February JD Committee meeting should be set up to finalize Track and Field Season so that information can be disseminated to zones and clubs in time for upcoming season.

9. JD Manual Update:

a. Championship entry fees discussion:

Motion to set JD Pentathlon Championship fee to \$25/athlete, \$35 late fee

Moved: Maureen de St. Croix, Seconded: Alwilda van Ryswyk. Passed.

Motion to set JD Track and Field Championship fee to \$7/event with a set late fee of \$15/event, and to retain relay entry fee at \$8/team with no late fee, and to set BC JD X Country championship fee \$7/athlete with a set late fee of \$15/athlete.

Moved: Alwilda van Ryswyk, Seconded: Birgit Weaver. Passed

**Action Item:** Graeme and Maureen will present XC fee structure to BC XC committee and ask for approval. Graeme to present suggested JD Pentathlon and JD Track and Field Championship fee structure to BC Athletics and ask for approval.

b. Requirement of participating clubs to provide officiating at Championship events:

**Motion:** Continue the practice of expecting participating clubs to supply help at Championship events.

Moved: Alwilda van Ryswyk, Seconded: Dawn Copping. **Passed.**

c. Discussion of whether or not to allow Non-BC Athletic members to participate in JD Pentathlon Championship and JD Track and Field Championship. Agreement to continue the practice of competitive BCA members only at JD Pentathlon Championship and JD Track and Field Championship.

10. Review of mileage compensation for travel of committee members to JD Banquet and AGM

Current reimbursement is \$0.43/km. Discussion that should be \$0.30 with one person in vehicle, \$0.43 if 2 or more persons carpooling. \$0.30/km reimbursement considered to be insufficient reimbursement when travelling from the north. Additional expenses can be applied for prior to travel. Discussion that there should be one common expense form for all BCA activities similar to one used by Officials Committee.

**Motion:** Change mileage reimbursement from \$0.43/km to \$0.30/km regardless of # passengers.

Moved: Dawn Copping, Seconded: Birgit Weaver. **Defeated.**

**Action item:** Graeme to request that BCA use 1 expenses form for all BCA committee work.

11. Discussion of AGM vote to group 14/15 yr olds into one Midget age group, and award as one Midget group.

Discussion centered on revisiting the concept of keeping the 14, 15 year olds as two separate groups.

Discussion items:

i. Formalized discussion with track coaches, parents, and athletes of consequences of combining 14,15 year olds – perhaps a survey

ii. Ask for criteria used to decide to combine 14,15 year olds

iii. Take a look at LTAD model – is the decision to combine in line with LTAD model

iv. A motion for 2014 AGM may be required if discussions, surveys and other tools used to gather information indicate strong support for separation of the 14, 15 year olds.

Further discussion tabled to the April JD Committee meeting.

**Action Item:** Graeme to meet with Brian McC Calder to discuss the grouping of the 14, 15 year olds.

12. Committee Structure: Present JD structure consists of a representative from each of the 8 BC Summer Games Zones + 3 members at large. BC Athletics Board advises a committee structure of representation as follows:

Zones 1, 2      1 representative

Zones 3, 4, 5    2 representatives

Zone 6          1 representative

Zones 7, 8 1 representative

With remaining positions filled by members at large.

Discussion: although a diverse representation is desirable (geography, event specialists, officials/coaches/administrators), it is difficult to get representation from each of the 8 zones. If zone representation is not possible, position should be added to members' at large pool.

**Motion:** Keep committee structure as presently defined with the ability to collapse zones in line with the BC Athletics Board advisement and to off-set the non-represented zones with members at large, with a preference to individuals from clubs not represented on the JD committee and who are interested in promoting the JD programs. Moved: Graeme Fell, Seconded: Tyler Heisterman. **Passed.**

13. Annual Meeting of Committee Heads with BCA Board of Directors – March 8, 2014

Graeme will begin to format information as to direction and priorities of the JD Committee for 2014.

**Action item:** Committee members to send to Graeme before March 3, 2014 suggestions for direction and priorities for JD Committee for 2014.

14. Using shortened wire lengths for hammer for 12, 13 year olds.

Discussion: What is purpose of shortening wire lengths? Does it lead to improved hammer throwing? Is it merely allowing a novelty item to be tried by the athletes with no long term increase in athletes in the event? Is it something to allow for an introduction at practice but not for competition? Need to consider 2 variables – wire length and implement weight.

**Action item:** Dan Horan and Dawn Copping are to develop a scheme for progression for JD's for hammer development, and bring to the October meeting for a decision on whether or not to put forth motion at BCA AGM in December 2014.

**Action item:** Graeme to ask BCA for a list of JD Hammer Coaches

15. JD Banquet –

Discussion: Survey results indicate that there is general support for continuing the JD Banquet/Awards. 2013 Banquet food considered to be of lower quality than past years. Parking continues to be a problem, especially if there is another event at the venue.

Further discussion tabled until the April JD Committee meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Direction of JD Committee – use of surveys seems to give useable information – survey used for JD banquet was successful.

a. Meet Formats

Discussion: Performance/Results vs. placing. Are the meets too focused on performance? Should there be a stronger fun element?

What problems currently exist in competitions? What elements would enhance meets and participation?

Coaches have large impact on the athlete's experience – is the coach pushing winning or personal achievement?

Encouraging parents to become officials would greatly enhance parental understanding and involvement.

BC considered to be doing a good job judging by # good athletes produced.

**Action item:** develop a survey that looks to find information for ways to improve delivery of Track and Field – what do athletes, parents like/dislike? What would improve the track and field experience for both athletes and parents? What areas need to be looked at?

**Action item:** Graeme: Obtain from BCA a list of JD clubs.

**Action item:** Committee members: Obtain a list of JD contacts – coaches, parents, administrators

**Action item:** Birgit to contact other provinces for their JD criteria and meet formats. What role does stipulating that JD athletes must compete in a run, a jump and a throw at every meet?

2. JD Committee meeting at BCA AGM in December.  
 Discussion: Face to face meetings tend to be more productive than teleconference meetings. Vast majority of Committee Members present at BCA AGM – good opportunity to meet even though it is a busy weekend.  
**Motion:** One of the proposed JD Committee meetings be held at the BCA AGM. Moved: Tyler Heisterman, Seconded: Maureen de St. Croix. **Passed**  
**Action item:** Advise BCA of JD Committee meeting 5-7pm Friday of the AGM weekend.
  
3. Date of JD committee AGM  
 Discussion: Very few non Committee members attend as it is at the end of a long BCA X Country championships. Difficult to have a meeting before JD banquet as setting up for banquet, and afterwards as families need to get on the road to return home. Meeting cannot be held much later as it may produce motions for the BCA AGM. Suggested that during the JD track and Field Championships would be a better weekend as a far greater number of JD athletes and parents are present at the Track and Field Championships as compared to the BC JD XC championships.  
**Motion:** JD Committee AGM continue to be held following the BCA X Country Championships. Moved: Alwilda van Ryswyk, Seconded: Dawn Copping. **Passed.**
  
4. Committee Meeting dates and Formats – Following up discussion that occurred early with having a JD committee meeting at the BCA AGM, a request was made to consider meeting face to face as often as was possible. The April 6, 2014 meeting would seem to be a good meeting to try to meet face to face.  
 Discussion: Travelling from north difficult – perhaps a hybrid meeting is possible. Is the BCA office able to accommodate teleconferencing? Apparently yes. Meeting room needs to be booked and office opened. .  
**Motion:** the April 6, 2014 JD Committee meeting be a hybrid meeting consisting of as many Committee Members as possible meeting face to face at BCA office, with members unable to attend in person, taking part via teleconferencing.  
 Moved: Tyler Heistermann, Seconded: Maureen de St. Croix. **Passed.**  
 Action: Birgit and Graeme volunteered to contact other provinces for their JD criteria and meet formats."

**JD Committee Meeting Dates for 2014**

April 6, 2014	Time to be determined	BC Athletics Office, Fortius Centre + Teleconferencing
September 7, 2014	Time to be determined	Teleconference
October 25, 2014	Following BC XC Championships	Abbotsford
December, 2014	BCA AGM – Friday, 5-7pm	Richmond

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Dave Short, Seconded: Tyler Heisterman.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm, Sunday, February 2, 2014