

**BC Athletics Junior Development Committee Meeting**  
**Sept 11th, 2016 meeting**  
3:02pm- BC Athletics Office, Fortius Centre + Teleconferencing

1. In Attendance: **Graeme Fell, Maureen de St. Croix, Gordon Kalisch, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Dan Horan, Birgit Weavera, Dawn Copping, Tom Dingle,**  
Absent: **Bernie Katzberg, Tyler Heisterman**
2. Items arising from April Meeting
  - i. Banquet: Action - Birgit and Graeme to do a site inspection and make recommendations.  
**Graeme did site inspection - impressed with site - interior better than CCC, location in industrial area, great parking Located just off Knight Street bridge - SE side Riverside Banquet hall - new management trying hard for new business - good to work with so far**  
**\*\* food reportedly good, service has been poor in past but that has been corrected**  
**\*\* Graeme reviewed Western buffet**  
**\* Banquet and AGM Oct 30th**  
**\* Upstairs room for AGM AGM following lunch**  
**\* deposit from CCC returned**
  - ii. JD Handbook: Action - Graeme to send and request posting to BC Athletics.  
**\*\* sent to Brian but Brian super busy with AMG, will get back when Brian returns**
  - iii. XC Team Competition for Lower Mainland Cross Country Series: Action: Graeme to continue to discuss with Running Room. **Graeme will follow up, Running Room has been less than responsive, Team event unlikely to occur for 2016 season.**
  - iv. Tom's Successor.-  
**\*\* Tom – quite busy, not able to follow-up at this point – will continue on as statistician this year, Tom does not mind carrying on as long as his health is good, but important to get someone to transition in – may be better ways to do it than Tom knows – he is looking for input**  
**\*\* Tom has been building up a manual - Tom will put together a manual for committee to look at.**  
**\*\* Put out a BCA blog asking for someone to take on the statistician job**  
**\*\* Ask for volunteers at the awards banquet and AGM**  
**\*\* Tom suggests someone who is retired – task will be very time consuming for someone to learn at first**  
**Graeme will contact Edwin Liu again as he was interested in position before**
3. Review of JD Series meets  
**\*\* not a lot of feedback received on meets,**  
**Anecdotal info: all meets seemed to run quite well in spite of weather**  
**Voc meet, very slippery for HJ - event moved to inside of Richmond arena**  
**\*\* Maureen shared Surrey and Fraser Valley high school ruling that athletes not allowed to compete in HJ, LJ, hurdles without spikes if weather is inclement**  
**Action item: Graeme will discuss with BCA the liability issues of competition on slippery surfaces caused by inclement weather.**  
**Trail event was behind time - comment that it appears to be a continuing problem**
4. Championship reviews  
**Track and Field Championships**  
**\*\* Graeme resent JD championships review to committee members to aid in discussion**  
**\*\* Maureen gave an overview from BCA officials perspective, indicated that numbers were good even with it being the long weekend., suggestions for changes were listed in report**

**\*\* Dan - supports recommendation that JD champs relays be run on Friday and Saturday, and eliminated from Sunday program. Discussion that recommendations for 2017 and future JD championships be continued once the 2017 host has been identified, and that the discussion be part of the JD AGM and in cooperation with the JD championships host. - worry about it when host is established**

**Action Item: Maureen to put together recommendations for discussion at JD AGM**

### **Pentathlon Championships**

**\*\* JD pentathlon report has been sent but not available to be sent to committee members during the meeting.**

**\*\* Graeme gave brief overview of event**

**\*\* Maureen gave an update from the 2016 Competition Congress that BCA would like to see the JD pentathlon as part of a Multis event festival that includes JD/Midget Pentathlons, Youth/Junior/Senior Heptathlon and Youth/Junior/Senior Decathlon on the same weekend, the standard JD Pentathlon weekend being the recommended weekend**

**\*\* Gordon Kalish in favour, good encouragement for JD pentathletes to continue in the Multi Event**

**\*\* Concern expressed that the HJ event will be difficult to schedule to accommodate all groups**

**\*\* JD pentathlon will occur on the Saturday of the Friday, Saturday, Sunday Multis Event weekend**

**\*\* Chilliwack Club was happy with the hosting of the event and have offered to host again in 2017 if no other bids received.**

5. Likely dates for JD Track & Field championships:

**2017 July 21, 22, 23**

**2018 July 27,28, 29**

6. Opening of Bidding for Championships - ***Bidding process on BCA site now***

7. JD Awards: Review and acceptance

**\*\* 60 of 83 award winners were nominated on line - Tom caught the rest . 4 that were nominated did not fulfill criteria. In past, errors due to the way info posted - different spelling of the same name continues to be a problem If BCA# not listed then difficult to ascertain who the athlete is**

***Motion: Dawn Copping moved that the JD Awards list be accepted as listed, with the caveat that if changes were found, those would be accepted. Birgit seconded the motion. Passed.***

**Action Item: Graeme will distribute/advertise information on how to order banquet tickets**

8. JD Banquet: Pricing, task assignment – see list from previous banquet.

**\*\* Gordon Kalisch will take over Dave Short's job of seling the 50-50 tickets**

**\*\* Banquet tasks remain the same with**

**\*\* Discussion of banquet price ended with agreement of \$17 per athlete, \$30 per adult with all Committee members agreeing to forfeit the past practice of a complimentary ticket.**

***Tasks and staffing from last year (with changes for this year):***

- 1. Birgit – XC LM series winners awards and graduating JD certificates**
- 2. Maureen – table decoration and draw prizes, projector**
- 3. Graeme – confirm location and menu, projector**
- 4. Tom – arrange for screen and projector - Tom may or may not be coming**
- 5. Alwilda – athlete photos**

6. **Dan – arrange athletes for stage presentation**
7. **Gordon + Graeme – door management**
8. **Gordon – 50-50 tickets**
9. **Bernie & Graeme – manage stage and presentation of awards – need to confirm with Bernie**
10. **Dawn – powerpoint – needs help in setting up the equipment**

9. Motions for the AGM:

Protocol: JD Committee to BCA Board of Directors for approval/guidance to BCA AGM

i. Motion – Maureen –

**Whereas the running distances for 9 to 11 year olds and 12 and 13 year olds are 600m/1000m and 800m a 1200m (2000m for 13 year olds also) respectively, and the walking distances are 800m and 1500m respectively, and given, there is an inequality in the distance and the time we are asking the athletes to compete, be it resolved that:**

**“The JD Racewalk distances be revised to 600m for 9 to 11 year olds and 800m for 12 and 13 year olds”**

***Graeme seconded. Discussion. Generally agreed that motion is good for JD athletes, but concern that Athletics Canada may insist on current distances.***

***Passed***

ii. Motion – Sue Kydd Seconded-Jessie Dosanjh, Universal Athletics

“Whereas age 13 is the first year that athletes can compete in Pole Vault and given the lack of entrants in the JD Championships and the significant set-up time and equipment required to host the event, and whereas the expense and accessibility of pole-vault equipment may discourage smaller clubs from bidding to host the JC Championships, it is moved that:

“The 13 year old boys and girls PV event be incorporated into the Jamboree Championships, but that the 13 year old athletes will be scored and awarded separately, and given JD medals and recognition.”

***Maureen gave overview and reasoning behind motion***

***Gordon – only downside, inconvenience to parents***

***Graeme – wrt Thunderbird perspective - athletes do practice but do not compete - perhaps should be training but not a JD event***

***Alwilda – 13 year olds ‘love’ the event, clubs can ask other clubs to help host PV if they do not have the equipment***

***Maureen – ‘love’ of event does not translate into participation, Sharing of resources only works if clubs are close. Only a handful of clubs have the ability to host PV***

***Maureen seconded motion.***

***Motion defeated 4-2***

***Motion to be brought forward at JD AGM for further discussion***

iii. Motion – Graeme Fell

“Whereas the 200m event is a significant source of fatigue for younger athletes, and heats and finals of this event multiply this effect, be it resolved that:

“The 200m heats be removed from the JD Championships and be replaced by timed finals.”  
Seconded –

***Maureen seconded the motion.***

***Discussion:***

***\*\* Graeme – may have the result of increasing the #participants running the 200m and 200m hurdles events – Difficult for this age group to run heats and finals in the 200m as well as run the 200m hurdle event.***

***Passed***

iv. Motion – Graeme Fell

“Whereas the sprint hurdles event has a significant variability due to the technical nature of the event, and that at present the JD Championships sprint hurdles are run as a timed finals, be it resolved that:

“The sprint hurdles at the JD Championships be run as heats and finals.”

***Dan Horan seconded the motion – no discussion***

***Passed***

10. AOB

Jane Swan award  
JD Coach of the Year

**Action Item: Graeme will put information for awards on BC Athletics Blog to gather nominations.**

11. Motion to adjourn -

***\*\* Moved by Graeme Fell to adjourn meeting at 4:37  
Seconded by Alwilda van Ryswyk***

***Passed***

***Meeting adjourned at 4:37.***