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**MINUTES OF THE BC ATHLETICS 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 25, 26 AND 27 AT THE HILTON VANCOUVER AIRPORT HOTEL, RICHMOND, B.C.**

SESSION I - FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm with Larry Harper in the Chair. Refer to Addendum for a list of the delegates in attendance.

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

1.1 Board Chair, Larry Harper, welcomed the delegates and thanked them for attending and for their contributions to Athletics during the year. He indicated that the AGM reports posted on the BCA website provide a great deal of good information on the activities of the Association and urged everyone to read all of them.

1.2 It was confirmed that Danny Daniels would act as the Parliamentarian and Tom Dingle would be the Timer to regulate discussion time on reports.

2. VOTING PRIVILEGES

2.1 The voting procedures and number of votes allowed per club was listed on the BCA website and was included in the delegates' packages.

2.2 Danny Daniels, confirmed that a quorum was present. Refer to Addendum for a list the voting delegates.

3. AGENDA

3.1 An agenda was posted on the BCA website and was included in the delegates' packages.

3.2 ***MOVED (Denise Clements/Diana Hollefreund) THAT THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, BE ADOPTED. CARRIED***

4. MINUTES

4.1 **Minutes of the 2007 BCA AGM**

MOVED (Greg White/Denise Clements) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BCA 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 19, 20 and 21 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED

5. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE 2007 BCA AGM MINUTES - None

6. AGM RELATED CORRESPONDENCE – None

7. NOMINATING REPORT

The positions open for election were confirmed and Nomination Forms were available for submission of additional nominations.

8. COMMITTEE, PROGRAM, DIRECTORS AND STAFF REPORTS

- All reports received prior to noon January 24, 2008 were posted on the BCA website. Other reports circulated at the meeting will be posted on the BCA website after the meeting. (Note: For anyone who does not have computer access, a copy of any report is available on request from the BCA Office.)

- Delegates were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments relative to each report.

#1 **Awards** (Brian McC Calder) – report is posted on the BCA website

#2 **Communication** (Brian McC Calder) – report is posted on the BCA website

#3 **Cross Country** (Jerry Tighe) – report is posted on the BCA website

#4 **Discipline** (Larry Harper) – verbal report. No actions were taken by the Discipline Committee during the year.

#5 **Facilities** (Brian McC Calder) – report is posted on the BCA website

#6 **Fixtures**

a) Road Running and Cross Country (Maurice Wilson) – Events are listed in the Calendar of Events on the BCA website.

- b) **Track & Field** (Brian McCalder) – Events are listed in the Calendar of Events on the BCA website.
- Event organizers are urged to post their events in the Calendar of Events on the BCA website as soon as possible.
- Any corrections or updates to events listed should be sent to Jessica Olfert at the BCA Office. (jolfert@bcathletics.org)

#7 **Heritage** (Brian McCalder) - verbal report

- Bill McNulty oversees the Heritage component for BCA. He recommends nominees for the BCA Hall of Fame and assists individuals and committees who are nominating people for the BC Sports Hall of Fame. He collects memorabilia and information on records, past performances and individuals' contributions to the sport. Historical data is available from Bill on request.
- The 2007 inductee to the BCA Hall of Fame will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Saturday.

#8 **Insurance** (Brian McCalder) - report is posted on the BCA website.

- In response to an inquiry, it was confirmed that course measurers are covered under the BCA policy provided they are BCA members, have advised the BCA office of their activity on behalf of an event and have received BCA approval.

#9 **Junior Development** (Denise Clements) - report is posted on the BCA website.

- a) **Achievement Awards/Crest Program** - No report
- b) **BC Summer Games** (Diana Hollefreund) - report is posted on the BCA website.

- Relating to Games, Brian noted that BCA also takes part in the Northern Winter Games and Road Running has been part of these Games for the last 3 years so there is this component happening in the winter time and they get good participation.

#10 **Marketing and Communications/Events & Promotions** (Brian McCalder) - report is posted on the BCA website.

#11 **Masters** (Jake Madderom) - report is posted on the BCA website.

- Tom Hastie is now the Chair of the Athletics Canada Masters Committee.

- It was suggested that all BCA Committees be asked to publish their meeting schedules on the BCA website.

#12 **Memberships** (Sam Collier) – report is posted on the BCA website and includes documents providing information on the 2007 BC Athletics Membership - By Club/Membership Type, Gender and Ages – and a BC Athletics Membership Yearly Comparison 1995-2007

- A request from Frank Stebner for a report providing membership numbers in 5 year increments for athletes aged 20+ was referred to Sam Collier.

#13 **Branch Officials** (John Culll) - report is posted on the BCA website.

- Jerry Swan suggested that information on the new seeding rule should be communicated to event hosts since it could affect their computer program. This information could be posted on the BCA website.

- Richard Collier noted that there appears to be discrepancies in the way Race Walk Rules are applied and it was suggested that there should be more stringent enforcement of Race Walk Rules at all levels.

#14 **PacificSport National Endurance Centre, Victoria** – verbal report (Brian McCalder)

- In the absence of a report from the Centre, Brian provided an update on the Centre's partnerships, funding support and staffing.

- Athletics Canada has advised that effective April 1, 2008 PacificSport will be withdrawing \$50,000 funding from the Victoria and other National Training Centres in B.C. This will create a challenge for the Centre. PacificSport will be directing these monies to the development of a Sport Institute in Victoria in partnership with Camosen College.

#15 **Records and Statistics**

a) Track & Field (Richard Collier) – Records are listed on the BCA website

b) Masters Track & Field (Harold Morioka) – Records are listed on the BCA website

- Any questions, errors or omission re: the records listed should be referred to the BCA office.

- BCA will have to change the term “Juvenile”. IAAF and Athletics Canada no longer use “Juvenile”, it is now “Youth” (16 and 17 year olds). As a result, the present BCA term “Youth” (15 year olds) will also have to be changed.

#16 **Regional Centres**

a) **PacificSport Fraser Valley Regional Centre** (Gerry Swan) - report is posted on the BCA website

b) **PacificSport Interior Regional Centre** (Judy Armstrong) – report was available at the meeting and will be posted on the BCA website.

#17 **Road Running** (Frank Stebner) – report is posted on the BCA website

- Use of personal audio devices: - these are banned by IAAF/AC within arena as they are considered to be assistance to athletes.

- US Track & Field has banned the use of these devices in non-stadia events.

- Concerns have been expressed re: the use of these devices as a safety hazard. BCA will be checking with Athletics Canada to determine if there is any consideration being given to having them banned for this reason.

#18 **Zone Directors Reports**

a) **Zones 1 and 2** - No Report

b) **Zones 3, 4 and 5** – No report was available at the meeting. Report will be submitted later and posted on the BCA website

c) **Zone 6** – verbal report (Diana Hollefreund)

- Have great representation from the Zone at the BCA AGM

- Have cooperative series of meets each year, clubs officiate at each other's events

- Hold two meetings each year to set dates and discuss issues.

- Last year initiated a new type of officials training program – this year now have 41 new people on an officials list.

d) **Zones 7 and 8** (Tom Masich) – report is posted on the BCA website.

9. **REVIEW**

- The proceedings for the Saturday Meeting Sessions, Awards Banquet and Sunday Committee Meetings were reviewed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT OF FRIDAY SESSION**

MOVED (Al Johnston/Greg White) THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED (9:00pm) TO RECONVENE AT 8:30am SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008. CARRIED.

SESSION II - SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

The meeting was called to order at 8:50am with Larry Harper in the Chair.

The Parliamentarian, Danny Daniels, confirmed that a quorum was present

The Nominating Committee confirmed the nominations to date and requested additional nominations be considered.

11. **REPORTS**, continued

#19 **Athletics Canada** (Danny Daniels) - report is posted on the BCA website.

- Jerry Swan stressed the need for the AC Head Coach and top athletes to be better known and have a presence to inspire coaches and younger athletes.

- Richard Collier suggested that AC should select the 2012 Olympic Team Coaching Staff now (rather than waiting until the year of the Games) and then have the coaches check on athletes that are likely going to represent Canada at the Games to ensure we have a Team that is ready to go.

- Joanne Mortimer, CEO Athletics Canada, was in attendance and made some positive comments about BCA's influence at the National level because of the high level of involvement from the committee structure, to the Board of Directors, the Appeals Panel, Technical Committees and Run Jump Throw. She indicated that moving to 2012 one of AC's goals will be harmonization with the PSOs and throughout the planning process and LTAD development model AC will work with BC first to build templates for the rest of Canada. She also offered congratulations on BCA's planning initiative and the use of Rose Mercier to assist in this process.

#20 **Run Jump Throw** (Thelma Wright) - report is posted on the BCA website

#21 **Senior/Junior/Juvenile Track & Field** (Ron Bunting) – report is posted on the BCA website

- Reports from the Sprints (Ian Cameron), Hurdles (Ron Parker), Jumps (Barb Vida), Throws (Richard Collier), Combined Events (Greg Peters), Distance/Middle Distance (Gerry Swan/Sue Northey) and Race Walk (Jerry Dragomir) Groups are also posted on the BCA website.

#22 **Finance** (Liz Jones)

- A report, including the 2006-07 Audited Statement, was posted on the BCA website. Also included in the report was a Revenue and Expense document showing: 2007-08 Year to Date Actuals, Annual Budget YTD, 2007-08 YTD Variance, 2007-08 Annual Budget, 2006-07 Audited Year End, 2007-08 Projected Year End and 2008-09 Draft Budget.

#23 **Planning – Strategic Plan Update and Future** – Referred to the Strategic Planning Session to be held later in the meeting.

#24 **Technical Manager, Road Running and Cross Country Running** (Maurice Wilson) – report is posted on the BCA website

#25 **Technical Manager, Track and Field and Director Power/Speed Events** - verbal report (Brian McCaldler)

- This staff position is currently vacant. Have targeted March/April, 2008 to have the position filled.

- Brian has been relying on the Senior Track & Field Committee to provide guidance and assistance.
- Have retained Ron Bunting as coordinator for Coaching Certification and Education working out of Kamloops.,
- The Senior Track & Field Committee meeting this weekend is critical to finalize discussions re: Athlete Assistance, 2009 Canada Summer Games preparation and BC team selection standards for 2008.

#26 **Chair, Board of Directors** (Larry Harper) – report was available at the meeting and will be posted on the BCA website. At this time Greg White gave a Power Point presentation which highlighted the many achievement of BCA in 2007. This presentation will be posted on the BCA website.

#27 **President and CEO (Brian McCaldler)** - report is posted on the BCA website

MOVED (Greg White/Denise Clements) THAT ALL THE COMMITTEE, PROGRAM, DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS BE RECEIVED AS PRESENTED. CARRIED

12. **STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

- Rose Mercier, Maverick Consultants, gave a power point presentation and outlined the process and timelines to be used to develop the BCA 2008-12 Strategic Plan. (A document outlining the presentation is posted on the BCA website.)
- The meeting delegates then broke into work groups to discuss topics relative to the Strategic Plan. (A summary of these discussion will be posted later on the BCA website as an Addendum to the Minutes.)

13. **2007 ACTIONS OF NOTE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

MOVED (Denise Clements/Pam Medland) THAT THE “2007 ACTIONS OF NOTE TAKEN BY THE BCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT”, AS POSTED ON THE BCA WEBSITE, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED

14. **RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Tom Hastie noted that at present the BC Sports Hall of Fame has a category “Track & Field” and expressed the feeling this should be changed to “Athletics”

Moved (Tom Hastie/Al Benson) that BCA request the BC Sports Hall of Fame to change their category heading to “Athletics” to reflect the four components of the sport. Carried.

15. **RESOLUTIONS**

#1 **Event Listing Fee**

(Frank Stebner/Geoffrey Buttner) BE IT RESOLVED THAT IN ORDER TO CREATE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS, THE LISTING FEES WILL NO LONGER APPLY AND THEREFORE ALL BCA CALENDAR LISTINGS WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE WITH LIVE EVENT WEBSITE LINKS GIVEN ONLY TO BCA SANCTIONED EVENTS. CARRIED. (3 opposed)

#2 **Publishing of the Calendar of Events**

(Bob Reid/Frank Stebner) BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PRINTED “CALENDAR OF EVENTS” PUBLICATION NO LONGER BE PRODUCED. CARRIED

#3 **Eligibility for BC Road Running Championship Medals**

(Rick Jenkner/Bob Reid) BE IT RESOLVED THAT ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDALS IN THE BC CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD RUNNING RACES BE EXTENDED TO BC ATHLETICS MEMBERS OF ANY MEMBERSHIP TYPE INCLUDING DOE MEMBERS, BUT THAT BC ATHLETICS PRIZE MONEY ONLY BE AWARDED TO WINNERS WHO HAVE AN ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP IN BCA.

(Greg White/Tom Hastie) MOVED THAT THIS MOTION BE TABLED AS THIS MATTR HAS BEEN REFERRED TO A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. THE SUB-COMMITTEE IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 2008 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. CARRIED (49/13).

Action: This resolution was referred to Greg White to have this matter addressed asap.

#4 **BC Athletics 8km Road Running Championship**

(Bob Reid/Frank Stebner) BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN 8km RACE BE ADDED AS AN OFFICIAL ROAD RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP DISTANCE. CARRIED

#5 **Masters Series Events – Age Category Determination for Masters**

(Rick Jenkner/Bob Reid) BE IT RESOLVED THAT REGULATION 5.6b AND 8.5b BE AMENDED TO READ: “FOR A SERIES OF RACES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AGE GROUP BE DETERMINED BY AGE AT THE FINAL EVENT OF THE SERIES.”

(Greg White/Denise Clements) MOVED THAT THIS MOTION BE TABLED AND REFERRED TO THE BCA MASTERS COMMITTEE AND ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD. CARRIED (36/18)

- It was noted that when a recommendation is received back from referral, the Board could react to the recommendation without waiting for the next AGM.

**#6 Masters Age Edibility for: (a) BCA Masters Road Running Championship Awards,
(b) BCA Masters Road Running Teams, and
(c) BCA Masters Annual Road Running Awards**

(Bob Reid/Frank Stebner) Be it resolved that for BC Road Running Championship, Masters Awards only be made to athletes aged 40-plus, and that selection to any BC Masters Road Running Team, or eligibility for annual Masters Road Running Awards be limited to athletes aged 40-plus; and

Be it resolved that BC Athletics' Athletics Canada representatives make a similar resolution at the next Athletics Canada AGM.

It was agreed that the resolution would be split into 2 separate resolutions. *The first resolution was voted on and was defeated (14/43). The second resolution was then withdrawn.*

#7 Masters Age

(Tom Hastie/George Gluppe) BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BC ATHLETICS SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO THE ATHLETICS CANADA AGM THAT THE MASTERS AGE BE CHANGED TO 40+ FOR TRACK & FIELD, ROAD RUNNING, CROSS COUNTRY AND RACE WALKING. CARRIED (41/24)

#8 Withdrawal of BC Athletics Awards

(Diana Hollefreund/Tom Dingle) BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BC ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REVIEW AWARDS MADE TO INDIVIDUALS FOR ACTIONS:

- . THAT RESULT IN THE INDIVIDUAL BEING EXPELLED FROM THE ASSOCIATION; OR*
- . THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND/OR CANADA; OR*
- . THAT IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON THE AWARD; OR*
- . THAT IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON BC ATHLETICS AND/OR THE SPORT OF ATHLETICS.*

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BC ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BY A THREE-FOURTHS MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS PRESENT, HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW BC ATHLETICS AWARDS, SHOULD UPON REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION IT BE DETERMINED THAT SUCH ACTION IS TAKEN. CARRIED

16. NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE BCA 2009 AGM

16.1 BC Athletics Members Fees

For the 2010 membership year (to take effect October 1, 2009), a motion with respect to an increase in BC Athletics Annual Membership Fees will be presented at the 2009 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting.

16.2 BC Athletics Criminal Record Check for Volunteers and Employees

For implementation in 2009 (post 2009 BCA AGM) a motion will be presented at the 2009 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting (upon approval from BC Athletics legal counsel) for the implementation of a Criminal Records Check Policy.

(Note: The Draft Criminal Record Check Policy and clarifications as prepared and presented by Diana Hollefreund, 2007 Vice Chair, BCA Board of Directors is posted on the BCA website)

17. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair, Board of Directors	Greg White	1 year term	(elected by acclamation)	
Director, Marketing & Communications	no nominee	2 year term	(referred to the Board to appoint)	
Director, Administration & Planning	no nominee	2 year term	(referred to the Board to appoint)	
Director, Zones 1 and 2	Ian Cameron	2 year term	(elected by acclamation pending his acceptance)	
Director, Zones 3, 4 and 5	no nominee	2 year term	(referred to the Board to appoint)	Director,
Zone 6	Denise Clements	2 year term	(elected by acclamation)	
Director, Zones 7 and 8	Tom Masich	2 year term	(elected by acclamation)	

18. OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 Guidelines re: Eligibility for Awards and Championship Events : Bob Reid expressed concern that in order to win a BCA Athlete of the Year Award only results from sanctioned events are considered and to win Awards at Championships Event you must be a full BCA member. These guidelines prevent some top Road Runners from being named Athlete of the Year and restrict the growth of participation in Road Running Championships.

18.2 Frank Stebner expressed disappointment that the BCA Board did not hold the required meeting prior to the AGM to address the Eligibility for Awards issue raised by the Road Running Committee.

- Board Chair, Larry Harper acknowledged Frank's concerns but felt that the volunteer Board had accomplished a great deal over the year (as shown in the Power Point presentation). While time or circumstance did not allow for some issues that were addressed to be finalized in 2007, the incoming Board will work toward competing these matter as soon as possible in 2008.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED (Greg White/Denise Clements) THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED (4:00 pm) CARRIED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 2008

The following meetings were held:

1. BCA Senior, Junior, Juvenile Track & Field Committee
2. BCA Junior Development Committee
3. Lower Mainland Cross Country Series Committee
4. Cross Country Committee
5. Road Running Committee

Respectfully submitted
Ann Kirk, Recording Secretary
2007/01/29

Director _____

Director _____

2008 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting – Registration / Attendance

Fri., January 25, 2008	Vote	No Vote	Sat., January 26, 2008	Vote	No Vote	Sat., January 26, 2008	Vote	No Vote
Armstrong, Judy		✓	Armstrong, Judy		✓	Stebner, Frank	✓	
Benson, Al	✓		Bunting, Ron		Staff	Swan, Gerry	✓	
Bird, John	✓		Buttner, Geoffrey	✓		van Ryswyk, Alwilda		✓
Buccini, Marco	✓		Candola, Gurchot	✓		Vida, Barb		✓
Bunting, Ron		Staff	Clements, Denise	✓		White, Greg	✓	
Clements, Denise	✓		Collier, Richard	✓		Wilson, Maurice		✓
Collier, Richard	✓		Collier, Sam		Staff	Wright, Thelma		✓
Collier, Sam		Staff	Copping, Dawn	✓				
Copping, Dawn	✓		Cull, Carol		✓			
Cull, Carol		✓	Cull, John		✓			
Cull, John		✓	Cunningham, Clifton		✓			
Daniels, Dan		✓	Daniels, Dan	✓				
de St. Croix, Maureen	✓		de St. Croix, Maureen	✓				
Dingle, Florence		✓	Dingle, Florence		✓			
Dingle, Tom	✓		Dingle, Tom	✓				
Dragomir, Gerry	✓		Dragomir, Gerry	✓				
Harper, Larry	✓		Fagan, Evan	✓				
Hastie, Tom	✓		Fell, Graeme	✓				
Hinze, Jim	✓		Harper, Larry	✓				
Hollefreund, Diana	✓		Hastie, Tom	✓	✓			
Jenkner, Rick	✓		Hinze, Jim	✓				
Jones, Liz	✓		Hollefreund, Diana	✓				
Johnston, Al	✓		Inman, Mike		✓			
Kirk, Ann		✓	Jenkner, Rick	✓				
Madderom, Jake		✓	Johnston, Al	✓				
Maryschuk, Peter	✓		Jones, Liz	✓				
Masich, Tom	✓		Kirk, Ann		✓			
McCalder, Brian		Staff	Madderom, Jake		✓			
McLean, Jarett	✓		Maryschuk, Peter	✓				
Medland, Pam		✓	Masich, Tom	✓				
Mercier, Rose		SP	McCalder, Brian		Staff			
Morfitt, Graham	✓		McLean, Jarett	✓				
Mortimore, Joanne		A.C.	Mece, Besnik	✓				
Southern-Lloyd, Sheila	✓		Medland, Pam		✓			
Stebner, Frank	✓		Mercier, Rose		SP			
Swan, Gerry	✓		Morfitt, Graham	✓				
Tighe, Jerry	✓		Noel, Cathy	✓				
van Ryswyk, Alwilda		✓	Norrington, Susan	✓				
White, Greg	✓		Reid, Bob	✓				
Wilson, Maurice		Staff	Southern-Lloyd, Sheila	✓				

Fri., January 25, 2008 – 25 Voting, 9 Non-voting, 4 Staff, 2 Other
Sat., January 26, 2008 – 30 Voting, 12 Non-voting, 5 staff, 2 Other