

Minutes
BC Junior Development Committee Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Hilton Hotel, Richmond, B.C.

Attendees: Dawn Copping (Chair), Peter Maryschuk (Co-chair), Kevin Clarke, Len Van Ryswyk, Alwilda Van Ryswyk, Sam Walker, Dave Short, Denise Clements, Tom Dingle, Gordi Kandola, Tom Maisich

Regrets: None heard from

The meeting began at 10:04 a.m. with a call to order by Dawn Copping (chair)

Approval of New Members of Committee: Two new members were voted onto the committee unanimously. Judy Gaiesky (Zone 7/8-Prince George) and Kevin Clarke (Zone 6-Alberni) were welcomed to the committee. These are both two year positions.

Voting on Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of JD Committee:

Denise C. acted as overseer of this task by asking for nominees for chair. Alwilda V. nominated Dawn C. for chair. No others were nominated so Dawn C. was acclaimed chair. Denise C. acted as overseer of the task of asking for nominees for co-chair. Dawn C. nominated Peter M. for co-chair. No others were nominated so Peter M. was acclaimed co-chair. There were no nominees for secretary so the position will remain vacant. The JD Committee can appoint a secretary when and if a person comes forward. Tom M. from Prince George will discuss the possibility with Judy G.

Approval of Agenda: Alwilda Van Ryswyk/Kevin Clarke

Minutes of AGM (October, 2008): discussed some omissions but approved Len Van Ryswyk/Clarke.

Minutes of last meeting—Sept. 7, 2008: Alwilda Van Ryswyk/Kandola

Business Arising from Minutes—committee felt that they were included in later topics on the agenda.

JD Coaches Award: for this year we used the old criteria. The question is how do we measure the criteria (yrs. of experience, successful athletes, levels, etc)? Many members carried out a good discussion of their points of view with the idea that JD coaches should be looking at the JD program as their curriculum, not just results. Sam Walker and Len Van Ryswyk volunteered to look at the existing criteria, the criteria for the other awards, etc and report back with some ideas and suggestions for the April meeting.

There was some discussion under this heading of the qualifications of the coaches. Should they be level 1 or 2? There is now a requirement that Summer Games coaches be level 2 .

Jane Swan Award: presented to Shirley Young for the 2008 season a unanimous choice by the committee. Discussion—do we keep the nominee review within the committee or ask for input

from the general membership (clubs can nominate). It was decided to open it up but have the Committee decide.

Pole Vault for 13 Year Olds (Len Van Ryswyk): Len brought this forward after some concern from last summer for the limited opportunity for 13 year olds throughout the meet season. Some clubs who had the ability and hosted older athletes refused to allow 13 year olds (within the call of the Meet Director). However, in order to encourage 13 year olds and the event in general, it was discussed and agreed upon by the committee that the JD Committee should communicate with all clubs who have the equipment to include 13 year olds in their 2009 meets. (Even if this means combining age groups on the schedule.) The results would still be separated for placement and awards. This was unanimously agreed upon by the committee. Dawn Copping is to write the communication memo to all clubs concerned.

Legalities for a JD Athlete to compete in higher age group? (Sam Walker): Sam shared some ideas and concerns from his club regarding this subject. They wanted to know where athletes stand in regards to this. Dawn C. read from the JD manual criteria outlining the criteria, etc.

Possibility to host a Heptathlon and open it to Jr and JD aged athletes in order to qualify for the Canadian Jrs. (Sam Walker): It was pointed out that 19+ and under is the Junior age grouping. Sam is going to find out what the BC Athletics/High School criteria is and report back for April. Following the difficulties experienced by JD's competing as Juniors at the Legion Championships it was felt that the Committee should not promote JD's competing as Juniors. The committee suggested that Tom Dingle takes these questions back to the BC Athletics Board to revise the ages regarding the regulations for age groups particularly for World Youth. A report will come back from Tom D. for the April meeting.

Banquet Planning:

Registration—Sam Walker will handle

Overhead and Media Presentation—Dave Short will talk to Ted de St Croix

Venue—same venue booked for Nov. 1, 2009 (same weekend as the Cross-country Championships and the JD AGM)

Awards Planning—Tom Dingle has his criteria. Some discussion of the 60 metre accuracy now we have more data to generalize the criteria. The criteria that athletes must follow has not changed.

New Indoor Results—not enough data yet to qualify athletes for awards. As more indoor meets are held in Kamloops and Richmond this will be readdressed. Tom will save data each year.

Tom also brought forward the idea of having the top Cross Country runners included in the awards. 1st in age/gender group, .5% from the top performers, etc. Doing this based on Tom's criteria would produce approx. 5-6 more award winners. We will discuss at the April meeting. In 2009, we would award for the 2008 Championships.

Standard Criteria—discussed and agree upon that it should be posted on website. 60 metres—standards can be posted but based on limited data (2 years). Therefore, it should still be up to the committee to make final decisions.

It was moved by Len Van Ryswyk that we should use the criteria posted for 60m but that the committee still has the discretion of the final decision when awarding. Seconded Tom Dingle.

Tom Dingle will post standards to the BC Athletics site. Also, included with be the Crest standards. It was moved by Alwilda Van Ryswyk and seconded by Dave Short to publish the criteria on the BC Athletics site.

Approved List of Meets—discussion of what meets are sanctioned and what are approved?

Sanctioned by BC Athletics means looking at the safety, facilities, insurance and officiating. Approved means the standards and officiating are according to JD criteria.

April 1, 2009 is the deadline for clubs to apply for approval. The JD Committee will look at the list in their April 2009 meeting. Alwilda will bring a list of those not approved and why for discussion in April.

Manual Updating: (Dawn Copping)

Dawn C. has been updating and revising the web page and will forward her changes to the BCA website. When changes go up would all members should review them for accuracy. Contact Dawn if any glitches are noticed.

JD Championships—July 18	JD Pentathlon	hosted by Coquitlam
July 24-26	JD Championships	hosted by Ocean Athletics
Oct. 31	JD Cross Country Championships	
Nov. 1	JD Awards Banquet	

New Business:

Summer Games shirts—a long discussion was carried out by all members regarding the quality or lack thereof of the 2008 Summer Games shirts for the Athletics portion of the Games. A reference was made to the quality and looks of the other sports. The t-shirts were hot, uncomfortable and not ‘track’ worthy. Denise Clements is to talk to Diana Hollefreund and see if she can help Diana Holefreund. Diana will report back. It was felt that white singlets with coloured numbers was OK. The increased price was not seen as a deterrent.

Race Walk: John Cull from the official’s committee suggested we review and discuss the following--

The length for JD Racewalks are either 800m or 1500m. It takes at least two different officials giving out yellow cards to disqualify a competitor. There are to be no infractions during the last 100m or the chief judge can red card and disqualify on the spot—no warning. John asked that this be added in the manual. It was suggested by some of the committee members that the starter review the rules again at the beginning of the race for the benefit of the young athletes. This is in the manual.

Meeting Dates for JD Committee for 2009:

Sunday	April 5	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	Sept. 13	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Oct. 31	7 p.m.

All meetings to take place at the pavilion building at Brighthouse Park (Granville and #3 Rds) The key pick up which has been a headache in the past will be looked into by Sam Walker. He is going to contact Sam Collier at the BC Athletics office for help and advice.

Meeting Adjourned Ryswyk/Maryschuk 11:55 a.m.