

**Minutes: BC Athletics Officials'
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, October 28, 2007**

Abbotsford, Madison's Restaurant

Present: Judy, Armstrong, April Arsene, Jackie Barrington, Brian Beck, Dawn Beck, Jeff Byington, Shirley Nelson Byington, Gary Bell, Bob Cowden, Joan Cowden, Carol Cull (recording secretary), Susan Creighton, John Cull, Peter Fejfar, Peter Hesketh, Sue Kydd, Mark Lillicrap, Aileen Lingwood, Dale Loewen, Janice Loewen, Al McLeod, Louise Meville, Keith Newell, Michele Peacock, Penny Roze, Gene Sanderson, Wally Smeaton, Gerry Swan, Jason Swan, Kathy Terlicher, Sanda Turner, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Ina Wallace, Laurel Wichmann, Shirley Young,

1. Call to Order

John Cull, 10:00 am

2. Awards

Recognition was given to the BC Athletics' Officials award recipients for 2007 April Arsene was presented with a plaque commemorating her receipt of the 2006 NOC Official of the Year Award – presented by NOC Chair, Keith Newell.

Many thanks were extended to those Clubs and individuals who provided support for our AGM through the donation of draw prizes (South Fraser Track and Field Club, Langley Mustangs, Burnaby Striders, Coquitlam Cheetahs, Penny Roze, Kathy Terlicher). Once again we also extend great appreciation to the Achilles International Track Society and to the Valley Royals Track and Field Club for their sponsorship of our most excellent lunch.

3. Farewell

It is with great sadness that we recall the passing of Gary Tayler earlier this year. Gary's dedication to and long involvement with the sport of Athletics will be fondly remembered by all.

Fiona Clarke has been forced by ill-health to retire from what was her very active involvement in both provincial and national Athletics. Her expertise and friendship will be missed.

4. Agenda

Approval of the agenda: Sanda Turner / Mark Lillicrap

Passed

As suggested, the AGM package will be distributed via email to all provincial Officials.

5. Minutes – 2006 AGM

Approval with noted date change (item #4 2004 should read 2005)

Dale Loewen / Ina Wallace

Passed

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Farewells as noted above

7. Annual Report of the Branch Committee (attached)

- * Budget – clarification of line items
 - * Competitions – add BC High School Cross Country Championships to list of Meets requesting Officials
 - * Technical Support for Competitions
 - We hope to expand the use of the 'Event Feedback Forms'
 - Consultation: Many thanks to Peter Fejfar for his work in consulting with several groups regarding new or renovated facilities.
 - Meet Directors' Handbook – Thank you to authors Sue Kydd and Jackie Barrington for their work in drafting this document. We expect to produce a finished product in 2008
 - On-Line Resources – numerous print resources are now available on the Officials' Website.
 - * Recruitment and Education
 - Jackie Barrington has contacted Clubs encouraging them place information concerning Officials or links to the Officials' websites on their own Club pages.
 - Business Cards are now available to Officials to distribute to Volunteers who show an interest in becoming Officials. Cards were passed out to Officials attending the AGM. Additional cards will be available throughout the coming season (see John Cull).
 - * Objectives for 2008 – as listed these include Competitions, Recruitment and Education and Communication
 - * The Parking Lot (ideas waiting for time, authors, or the right moment)
 - An interactive web-based review for technical rules
 - A revised and 'groovier' Volunteer brochure
 - Video-based training for 'Throws Officials'
 - On-line request form for Rule Books
 - Formalized training document for Junior Officials
- Further Suggestions
- A Contact Home and Cell Phone list for Officials
 - Posters of Officials to be used as a means of promotion. (John to distribute posters created by Glen Kurmey when requested)

Motion to Accept the Report – Alwilda van Ryswyk / Jackie Barrington
Passed

8. Elections

The following were elected to a two-year term on the Officials Committee:

Alwilda van Ryswyk

Bob Cowden

John Cull

Sue Kydd

Anne Lansdell

Carol Cull

The following have one year remaining in their term:

April Arsene

Jackie Barrington

Alice Kubek

Kathy Terlicher
Laurel Wichmann
Shirley Young

9. National Officials Committee Update

Chairperson – Keith Newell

The following are members of NOC – Keith Newell, David Weicker, Philippa Fairbairn, Bud McInnis, Jane Edstrom, Jennifer Campbell, Serge Thibaudeau, Leroy Washburn

* The mandate of NOC is to supervise the affairs of National Level Officials (i.e. Levels 4 and 5)

* NOC keeps a National Directory of all Officials levels 3 to 5

* The current Committee member in charge of Mentoring is Serge Thibaudeau

* Upgrading Requests are dealt with twice each year

Fall – November

Spring – April

A note to all – Please remember to read your evaluation before having it submitted.

* National Level Clinics will all follow a Power Point format. These clinics should all be ready for distribution by April, 2008

* The Committee is ever eager to help with the recruitment of Officials

* The 2009 Canada Games which will be held in Prince Edward Island will present a challenge because of the limited number of Officials currently residing in that Province. NOC will be working to overcome this difficulty.

* Leroy Washburn is overseeing Officials Development to ensure readiness for the 2010 World Juniors Meet to be held in Moncton, NB.

Note – the rule for recruiting Officials from outside the Province in which it is being held is 'Nearest and Best'.

* Praise was offered by Keith for the many initiatives that have been begun in BC under the leadership of John Cull. These are initiatives which are seen as being worthy of emulation by other Provincial Branch Organizations.

* SOC (Sports Officials of Canada)

a body which is attempting to increase the representation of Officials Organizations

They are making requests for individuals to become members. They wish to create a single voice to represent Sport Officials to the Government through Sport Canada.

10. New Business

The following have been discussed and are supported by the Officials' Committee:

Volunteer BC Membership

Cost to BCA - \$75 per year (available to Provincial Voluntary Organizations)

Cost to Clubs - \$0

Benefits – Free listings on the Web for Volunteer opportunities
Access to training

Laurel Wichmann has agreed to represent Officials to Volunteer BC

Diana Hollefreund and Steve Martin, both BCA Board Members have been made Aware of this program

Motion of support to take this forward to the BCA AGM
Ina Wallace / Sue Kydd Passed with unanimous approval

Volunteer Recognition and Retention Program

All constituent parts of BCA have a role in promoting, recognizing and retaining volunteers.

- i.e. BCA as an organization
- Member Clubs
- BC Officials Committee
- All individual Officials

Our sincere gratitude was extended to Laurel Wichmann for her work in bringing this information to us.

Motion of support
Gene Sanderson / Aileen Lingwood Unanimous

With regard to increased spending in this year's Officials' Budget -
We were reminded by Gerry Swan that BCA does not have the same demands on its budget when National Championships are held in-Province. When this situation occurs, the Officials Committee should apply for an expanded budget to cover increased travel and accommodation expenses.

Rule Changes

New IAAF Technical Rule changes which are most likely to affect Officials were addressed by Keith Newell, Peter Fejfar and Carol Cull. See accompanying document.

Misconduct

A discussion was held concerning the misconduct of Athletes, Coaches and spectators.
The consensus of opinion indicated that Officials must be fair but firm – 'The bar is where you as the Official sets it'.

Equipment

We may need to move in the direction of having Officials responsible for carrying their own small equipment i.e. measuring tapes, flags, tape etc. This is something that many Officials already practice.

Officials List

It was agreed that a published list of Officials indicating their Credentials would be useful. The information will be posted on the Officials web page (without contact information)

Adjournment

Carol Cull / April Arsene

Thank you to April Arsene for yet another wonderful slide show. It was masterfully executed, great fun and was a heartfelt tribute to our friend Gary Taylor.