

# **BCA ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE - Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 28, 2007 following Road Running AGM

6pm, Sport BC, Room 106, Main Floor 1367 Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Frank called the meeting to order at about 7:30.

**1. Acceptance of Agenda** – MOTION Jake/Geoff That we deal with items 2, 3, 4 and 5 only at this meeting. Carried.

## **2. Review and Acceptance of Dec 06, 2006 minutes**

- Dan Ouimet response.

Frank reported that he had been in contact with Dan Ouimet from Run Canada and that he was pleased with our changes to the sanctioning process.

- Timex Series HBC 10k

Jerry reported that BCA staff will have a conference call with HBC 10k on March 29 to confirm if they still want to be in the Timex Series. If so they will have to abide by all association rules.

- Sanctioning policy (See item #3)

*(A motion to accept the Dec 2006 minutes was not made. This will need to be carried over to the next meeting.)*

## **3. New BCA Sanctioning policy (Approved by BCA membership at BCA 2007 AGM)**

The Road Running Sanctioning subcommittee made a few small changes, then obtained Board approval on March 6, 2007. Larry thanked the members of the subcommittee for their hard work.

Brian indicated that a manual sanctioning process will be available on the website by April 1, 2007 for implementation. On-line implementation will have to wait until BC Athletics finds a programmer to do the work.

He said that a minor change had to be made to the wording of the policy at the advice of All Sport Insurance. The names of the fees were changed to “Competitive Registrant Fee” and “BC Athletics Participation Fee”. After some discussion, there was general agreement on the name change. Maurice indicated that the document headings should be changed to clarify the difference between the costs associated with Alternative Liability Insurance and the costs associated with the Participation Fees. It should be clear that when the Alternative Liability Insurance for BC Athletics Sanctioned Events is selected and the Liability Insurance Waiver Fee has been paid that the BC Athletics Participation Fees for Sanctioned Events does not need to be paid.

Brian also provided a check list for liability insurance and a waiver and indemnification form. He indicated that two senior directors of a hosting organization need to sign the form. BC Athletics and Directors of BC Athletics are also covered under the BC Athletics policy should the hosting organization default.

Bob suggested that all of the different sanctioning fees are a little confusing and that we should look at simplifying the fees and processes.

Bob indicated that many of the races on the Island have agreed to BC Athletics sanctioning for their future races.

## **4. Road Running Calendar of events (online & printed)**

- fees

- non sanctioned events section

- how to change sanctioning status.
- list sanctioned events outside of BC.
- international events listings.

Much discussion took place concerning the existing Calendar of Events. Bob indicated that a comprehensive calendar of events is one of our best assets. He indicated that the process for updating the 2007 calendar was cumbersome and has resulted in about 70% fewer listings. We should have rolled over last year's calendar with the one day date change and accepted the fact that a few errors would have been made. Going forward, we should contact the various organizations that have on-line calendar of events and attempt to get all of the information into our calendar.

Brian mentioned that there have been problems with the on-line process and that the programmer that was working on the project quit. BCA is looking for another programmer.

Bob suggested that the format should be changed so that the first column contains "s" (sanctioned), "c" (certified), "p" (provincial championship) or "C" (Canadian Championship). We should focus on BC events and perhaps put national and international events in a separate section. We should attempt to get as many of the BC events into the calendar as possible.

Brian indicated that the current format was recommended by the Road Running Committee.

Jerry said that the hard copy calendar is almost ready for printing. It should be available for distribution by the end of April. There is some chance that it may be ready for the Sun Run.

Geoff asked if we have considered doing away with the hard copy. Brian replied that much non-calendar information required by our membership is in the calendar.

Maurice asked if we have considered two six month calendars. Brian replied that would be too expensive.

#### **5. BCA Road Running Championships, Distances, Hosting Grants, cost of medals, eligibility. Recommendation (Motion?) to change 20K champs to an 8K Champs**

We currently have the 5k (held two weeks ago), 10k, half marathon, marathon and road relay championships. Bob recommended that we replace the road relay championship with an 8k championship. After some discussion, he agreed to write up a proposal for the next meeting. Bob said that we should have some mechanism in place so that all participants in a championship race can be eligible for the championship awards.

There seemed to be agreement that the profile of championships needs to be raised, and that we should approach events we find suitable to ensure a true BC championship. There was also agreement that the eligibility requirements need to be broadened.

#### **6. Other Business - None**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm