

**BC ATHLETICS AGM
TRACK & FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT**

JANUARY 2009

The committee members currently are:-

Ian Cameron – sprints;	Richard Collier - throws
Ron Parker- hurdles	Tom Nielsen - throws
Gerry Dragomir – walks	Greg Peters – Combined Events
Al Johnston – walks	Byron Jack - jumps
Gerry Swan – middle distance	Laurier Primeau – combined events
Graeme Fell – middle distance	Barb Vida - Jumps
Sue Northey – distance	Mike Murray - Hurdles
Besnik Mece – distance	Tara Self – Sprints
Jarett McLean – Sprints	Ron Bunting – Chair

This committee met this past year on the following dates:- Jan. 27, April 27, June 22, July 13, Oct. 26, and Dec. 7. The committee meets and elects committee members at the AGM. At present there are a number of committee positions coming up for renewal.

The committee spent a great deal of time in looking at selection standards and criteria for our provincial teams. Discussions occur not only at our meetings but via email as well. There is always healthy dialogue prior to any decision in regard to the selection standards.

Another area that was a focus for the committee each year is the Athlete Assistance Program. The committee reviewed the Age Performance Standards and made adjustments to the previous year's standards. Currently there are approximately 75 applications being processed. Funding is awarded to the athletes who have met the funding standards and our selection criteria. First of all we look at those who are nationally carded; the second category is for those athletes achieving Age Performance Standards; thirdly the injury card requests are processed and then the fourth category is to provide the remaining funds to support those athletes who have achieved nearness to the age performance standards. A scorecard is created for each and every applicant. The amounts assigned to each applicant is determined mainly by their performances and their team selection along with other criteria as posted.

This past year the committee determined that an athlete and their coach must submit an annual training plan prior to receiving their AAP funds. A second requirement was for an athlete to attend the provincial championship meet. The on-going requirement of the athlete being available to a provincial team should they be selected continues. This is especially significant during the years of Western Canada Games and the Canada Summer Games.

In August of 2009 the Canada Summer Games will take place in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. A number of training camps have been arranged for age eligible athletes

to participate in these camps in order to become more aware and familiar with not only training preparation for the games but also to become familiar with the Canada Games coaching staff. These camps are being conducted in various locations around the province with a full provincial camp being planned in April in Abbotsford. The team will be selected at the Provincial Championship meet in Abbotsford on the weekend of July 10-12. In addition there will be a Pep Rally in Vancouver on July 25 for all of the various sports who will be attending the Games.

As BC continues to be the only provincial sport organization across Canada who sends a provincial team to the Nationals the Track and Field Committee looks at applications for Team staff to accompany these teams. Applications are reviewed by the committee and staffing is determined by the different event areas. An important role of Team Manager is also determined with input from BC Athletics staff.

Award nominations are received and reviewed by the Track and Field Committee and recipients are selected based upon the discussions regarding the different applicants.

The Committee is a strong representation of the various event areas along with regional representation.