

## **2009 BC CROSS COUNTRY DIVISION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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### **DIVISION MEETING**

A meeting was held February 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Attendance was low, partially because of coaches attending the track & field committee meeting at the same time.

Discussion took place on the possibility of organizing a B.C. Athletics winter or spring distance training camp in San Diego. With the Olympics coming that plan would have to be put on hold but discussion will take place for 2011.

There will be a short meeting Sat, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM to select the hosts for the 2010 - 2011 B.C Championships. Agenda planning for a division meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 of cross country, trail and mountain running will also occur.

### **B.C. CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

B.C. cross country championships for all ages was held October 31<sup>st</sup> at Jericho Beach Park. The event was moved 4 days before at the request of the Vancouver Parks as the Brockton area was heavily under water.

Total numbers were down about 100 possibly from the Hallowe'en weekend. The weather was clear and the competition for BC team spots was exciting.

The 9 - 12 age groups were split into single years and that worked well.

### **HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Held November 7<sup>th</sup> in White Rock at Crescent Park. Large fields in both the Junior and Senior events. Great competition with a grade 8 girl winning the senior race. In both the girls and boys races there are many talented young runners. Now the challenge is to keep them in the sport.

### **CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the Canadian Championships were in Guelph, Ont. They will host again in 2010. Bids for 2011 – 2012 will be up and coming. It would be beneficial if they came to the west coast. Would help the clubs and associations budgets. No snow after 3 years. Vancouver 2006 and Guelph 2007 – 2008.

### **CROSS COUNTRY SERIES IN B.C.**

We have a base of clubs involved in fall series events in B.C. Is their interest in a coastal / island winter series?

Thanks to Maurice Wilson in the office for all his work with cross country, trail and mountain running. Especially with the collection of data on our sport in B.C. Very enlightening and i urge you to read his report.