

BC ATHLETICS AGM TRACK & FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

December 2009

The committee members currently are:-

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

This committee met this past year at the following times:- in January at the AGM, in Kelowna to select the Juniors at the end of June, in July in Abbotsford to select the Legion Teams and the Canada Summer Games team and Dec.6 . The committee meets and elects committee members at the AGM. At present there are a number of committee positions coming up for renewal as well having a discussion in regard to the composition of the committee itself.

Each year the committee spends 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 throughout the year as well. There is always healthy dialogue prior to any decision in regard to the selection standards.

Another focus of the committee each year is the Athlete Assistance Program. The committee reviews the Age Performance Standards and makes adjustments to the previous year's standards. 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 the 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 dollar amount 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 as we are wanting to highlight our top athletes at the Provincial Championships. 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.

At the end of this past August the Canada Summer Games took place in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. A number of training camps were 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 were conducted in various locations around the province with a full provincial camp occurring in Abbotsford. The team was selected at the Provincial Championship meet in Abbotsford on the weekend of July 10-12. Team BC participated very well and some great performances occurred.

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. Some further discussions are planned for our up-coming meeting on December 6th to see if we are providing enough opportunities for coaches around our province.

Award nominations are received and reviewed by the Track and Field Committee and recipients are selected based upon the performances of the athletes. It is always difficult in choosing between many talented individuals.

The Calendar of Events is another important task of this committee as we need to determine our provincial meets to take place when they are best able to meet not only the National Calendar but also tie into the international competitions that some athletes will be participating in.

The Committee is composed of two representatives from each event area with coaches located in many regions of our province. Discussions will occur about the composition of this committee at this year's AGM.