

2011 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting
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A. INTRODUCTION

Thank you to the members of the BCA Road Running Committee for their commitment to offering value to the road running community. Many of the individual members on the committee are active road race organizers with some of BC's largest road running events, including the BMO Vancouver Marathon, Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon, the Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon, the PRR First Half Marathon as well as the Vancouver Sun Run. Our committee members have a first hand knowledge of what is required to organize road races and what the needs of the road running community are.

As defined in the BCA Terms of Reference, the road running committee is “responsible for examining the current status of Road Running in British Columbia, designing, planning, and recommending programs and policies to the Board of Directors and implementing approved programs and policies to ensure the existence, growth, and development of road running in British Columbia.”

Goals for 2011 that have been realized.

1. Increased number of applications (11) to host our five different 2012/2013 BCA road running championship events.
2. Greater depth of athletics competition at BCA Road running championship competition but still a long way to go.
3. 12% increase in number of sanctioned road races in BC (from 91 to 102 in the past year).
4. Increased age, gender and regional representation on the road running committee, with the introduction of new committee members.

Goals for 2011 that still need work.

1. Continue to encourage runners under age 20 to participate in road running events and officially recognize them at annual awards. Participation by Junior BCA members at road running events and championships and other road running events is still fairly minimal.

We hope to develop a strategy to attract younger (under 30) athletes to the sport as well as become BCA members in road race events.

B. 2011 BCA ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 2011 the BCA Road Race Champions were held for the 5K, 8K, 10K, half Marathon and marathon championship events. As the BCA membership voted to eliminate the junior, senior and masters championship categories at the 2010 AGM, championships medals were again awarded to the top three overall eligible male & female BCA members. Eligible BCA members are Juniors, Seniors, Masters, and Road & Trail members.

A motion was passed by the road running committee this past year to also offer age-graded championship medals. The motion was referred to the BCA board and is currently under review.

Thanks to recent changes in BCA membership benefits, Road and Trail members of BCA have now also become

eligible to compete for championship medals and prize money.

Championship ribbons were also awarded three deep to eligible male & female BCA members in the 18-19 category and 5 year age groups from 20 to 100+ as per new championship rules. \$3500 in championship prize money was again awarded to the top three male & female medalists of the 5 different championships events.

The Road Running Committee would like to thank the host organizing committees of the following 2011 BC Road Race Championships.

BCA 8K Road Race Championships

Prairie Inn Pioneer 8K

January 09, 2011

Saanichton, BC

Organized by: the Prairie Inn Harriers

Championship Winners:

Overall Male: Jim Finlayson 24:45

Overall Female: Natasha Wodak 27:51

BCA 5K Road Race Championships

Dave Reed Spring Classic, March 26, 2011

Vancouver, BC

Organized by: VFAC (Vancouver Falcons Athletic Club)

Championship Winners:

Overall Male: Matt Clout 15:02

Overall Female: Natasha Wodak 16:53

BCA Half Marathon Championships

Sunshine Coast April Fools Half Marathon and Relay

April 03, 2011

Gibsons to Sechelt, BC

Organized by: Sunshine Coast Athletics

Championship Winners:

Overall Male: Kevin O'Connor 1:09:59

Overall Female: Keddi-Anne Sherbino 1:18:03

BCA 10K Road Race Championships

Vancouver Sun 10K

April 17, 2011

Vancouver, BC

Organized by: Vancouver Sun

Championship Winners:

Overall Male: Dylan Wykes 29:15

Overall Female: Natasha Wodak 34:01

BCA Marathon Championships

Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon, Half Marathon and 8K

October 09, 2011

Victoria, BC

Organized by: Victoria Marathon Society

Championship winners:

Overall Male: Ryan Day 2:26:42

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Overall Female: Suzanne Evans 2:57:38

C. 2012/2013 BCA ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

After reviewing 11 applications, the 2012/2013 road race championships have been awarded to the following five events. There were no applications to host the Road Race Relay Championships. Given the increased interest, a fair selection process needs to be identified with well defined selection criteria.

Links to the race websites can be found on the BCA website under Road Race calendar of events.

BCA 5K Road Race Championships

BMO St. Patrick's Day 5K

March 17, 2012 / March 16, 2013

Vancouver, BC

Organized by: Pronto Events

BCA 8K Road Race Championships

Running Room Shaughnessy 8K

May 27, 2012/ May 26, 2013

Vancouver, BC

Organized by Lions Gate Road Runners

BCA 10K Road Race Championships

Vancouver Sun Run 10K

April 15, 2012 / April 14, 2013

Vancouver, BC

Organized by: Vancouver Sun

BCA Half Marathon Championships

Pacific Road Runners First Half Marathon

February 12, 2012 / February 11, 2013

Vancouver, BC

Organized by: Pacific Road Runners

BCA Marathon Championships

Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon, Half Marathon and 8K

October 7, 2012, October 13, 2013

Victoria, BC

Organized by: Victoria Marathon Society

D. 2010 NATIONAL ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The BCA road running committee would like to congratulate the following BCA members who placed in the 2010 National Road Race Championships.

Unfortunately there was no BCA representation at the 2011 Canadian Open Half Marathon Championships in Montreal or the 2011 Canadian Marathon Championships in Ottawa for both AC open and the CMA masters championships. There were no CMA Masters 10K Championships held in 2011.

Canadian 10K Road Race Championships

Oasis Zoo Run 10K

September 24, 2011

Toronto Ontario, BC

Organized by: Canada Running Series

Men's Championships

4 th	Dylan Wykes	30:20
8 th	Jerry Ziak	31:13
9 th	Matt Clout	31:18
11 th	Steve Osaduik	31:38
13 th	Dylan Gant	32:18

Women's Championships

6 th	Natasha Wodak	35:40
7 th	Shauna Skinner	36:05
11 th	Gillian Gook	36:59
12 th	Care Wakely	37:02

E. 2011 BC TIMEX SERIES RESULTS**MEN:**

1.	Jim Finlayson	4421 points
2.	David Jackson	4405 points
3.	Jeremiah Ziak	4403 points
4.	Kevin Friesen	4288 points

WOMEN:

1.	Natasha Wodak	4420 points
2.	Shauna Skinner	4253 points
3.	Melissa Ross	4206 points
4.	Care Wakely	4170 points

F. 2011 CANADIAN TIMEX SERIES 10K FINALE**Oasis Zoo Run 10K**

September 24, 2011

Toronto Ontario, BC

Organized by: Canada Running Series

TIMEX TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**MEN**

1st	1:33:11	TEAM BC (31:04)
	30:20	WYKES, Dylan
	31:13	ZIAK, Jerry
	31:38	OSADUIK, Steven
	32:18	GANT, Dylan

WOMEN

1st	1:48:44	TEAM BC (36:15)
	35:40	WODAK, Natasha
	36:05	SKINNER, Shauna
	36:59	ROSS, Melissa
	37:02	WAKELY, Care

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	30:20	WYKES, Dylan
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G. ROAD RACE RANKINGS

BC Road Race Rankings

The BCA road race rankings have unfortunately been discontinued in 2011.

Canadian Road Race Rankings

The AC Road Race rankings have now been formatted to complement the AC Track & Field rankings. Word still needs to get out to member branches, race directors and clubs to submit results for the rankings. Only competitive AC members are eligible to be included in the rankings. Special thanks to Andrew Cameron at Athletics Canada for maintaining the road race rankings.

H. MASTERS AGE FOR ROAD RUNNING CHANGES BACK TO AGE 35+

Although the IAAF, AC and BCA had adopted the 40+ masters age for road running in 2009, the IAAF recently changed the masters age for road running back to age 35 in 2011. It was the World Masters Association (WMA) that put pressure on the IAAF to change the masters age for road running back to 35, but the WMA has yet do identify the value that it provides to the masters road running community given that it currently only officially recognizes performances for the marathon distance.

As BCA masters road running members now having to pay extra fees for a mandatory CMA/WMA membership, it remains to be seen how many BCA road running masters will take out a BCA masters membership given that most masters road running members receive virtually the same benefits with a cheaper BCA Road & Trail membership. The Masters category has been removed from BCA non-Stadia Championships and Road & Trail members are now eligible for BCA road race championship medals and prize money.

J. UPDATING BCA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

This is the same concern that was reported in the 2009 & 2010 Road Running Report.

In December 2009 a motion was brought forth to the BCA AGM to the BCA board and legislative committee to update the BCA policies and procedures in a timely manner. However the resolution was unfortunately not presented at the AGM and there was no discussion or vote to formally accept or reject the motion.

The motion was basically put forth to have our policies and procedures updated in a timely manner as it has been over 6+ years since the association rules have actually been updated and many rules are almost ten years out of date.

An action item at the April 2009 Board of Directors meeting indicated that BCA was to update the policies and procedures before the 2010 AGM in Dec 2009. This unfortunately was not done. Now another year later it is very disappointing to see that the policies and procedures have still not been updated.

Hence another resolution to update the policies and procedures has been put forth for the 2012 BCA AGM to actually create a BCA legislative committee to update the policies and procedures each year. This resolution is supported by the BCA Board of Directors. The BCA Road Running Committee looks forward to seeing the BCA Policies and Procedure updated in 2012.

K. GOALS FOR 2011

Standard goals

1. Continue to increase the number of sanctioned road race events.
2. Continue to offer more value to the BCA Road Running Community.
3. Continue to enhance the reputation and credibility of the BCA Road Running Championships to attract and award BC's best road runners.
4. Monitor and ensure consistent enforcement of BCA policies that affect road running.
5. Continue to encourage runners under age 20 to participate in road running events and officially recognize them at annual awards.

Help to develop strategies to attract younger (under 30) athletes to the sport to both mass participation and competitive events.

6. Road Running Committee to develop criteria to financially subsidize BCA Competitive members to attend the Canadian Half Marathon and Marathon Championships as there are funds in the budget to support this.

7. Develop a race director's manual and race director's forum to share ideas on race management.

8. Reinstate BCA Road Road rankings to include top performances of all BCA members.

L. BCA ANNUAL ROAD RUNNING AWARDS

The road running committee is also responsible for selecting the annual junior and senior road runners of the year.

The winners for 2011 are:

Senior Male - **Dylan Wykes** - Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team

Senior Female - **Natasha Wodak** - Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team

Junior Male - **Anton Humeniuk** - Strathcona Lions

Junior Female - **Paula Tannert** - Vancouver Thunderbirds

The committee would also like to congratulate Master road runners of the year that were selected by the BCA Masters committee.

Masters Male - **Kevin O'Connor** - Vancouver Falcons

Masters Female **Lenore Montgomery**

M. BCA ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE 2012 AGM

The Annual General meeting of the Road Running Committee has been tentatively scheduled for March, 2012.

Actual date is still to be confirmed.