

Report for Zone 3, 4 &5 for the Year 2010-2011

This report is based on my appointment time on the Board from May 2011 to present.

Zone 3,4 &5 covers the geographical area from Sunshine Coast to Hope on both sides of the Fraser River. Currently I'm the only representative for these Zones which includes 3 Universities and some Colleges. The responsibilities of this position from my understanding are firstly to the clubs and then to the membership which results in it being a full time job and not 2 hours a week volunteer job.

Highlights from Zone 3, 4 &5

- Increase in the membership both voting and non-voting
- Increase in the number of clubs
- Held the BC Jamboree
- Worked with the Sun Run Group
- Major of the Pacific Series is held in these Zones
- Athletics and Coaches making the BC Teams
- Largest number of sanctioned events in the Province
- First indoor Track Meet in Richmond at the Oval
- New scholarships for Athletics through the Schools and not a club Scholarships
- BC Cross Country Championship
- BC High School Championship
- Loss a facility to construction
- Rebuild facilities coming on line
- Summer Games coming to Surrey next year
- Granting the Canadian League Games for 2013 to Langley
- Developing a stronger presence from Trinity Western in the University category

Concerns for the future of this region

One of the biggest challenges that these Zones have is the burnout rate for the administration of the clubs with less and less parents stepping up to be leaders in the clubs. This lack of leadership currently is falling into the hands of few resulting in coaches having to pick up the slack for the betterment of the athletics and club.

Communication between the clubs and different levels of government and the Board is on the increase which I feel in the future will have an affect on the quality of the organization. For example – I sent out an e-mail to all of the clubs register with BC Athletics notice that they had a new representative only to have less than a dozen clubs responds to the e-mail yet the number of calls to the BC Athletics Office is on the increase. Therefore it is more difficult for the support staff to do their job. The question that begs to be asked -If the Office was not in this region would the staff be getting as many calls as they do now. Do the clubs know who their representative is and what the duties of the person are?

Secondly the number of facilities in the area that are in need of repair and how, where and when can monies be found.

Thirdly I would like another representative to help out in this area. In the future would it be advantage for this region to have Zone Representative for 4&5 and Zone 3 has 2 people representing them. Fourthly what about the increasing number of non-voting membership (25%) that has little or no help from BC Athletics?

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