

Athletes, Officials, Coaches, Volunteers and Club Members

In my first year as Chair, my goal was to meet as many of our athletes, officials, coaches, volunteers and club members, as possible, by attending cross-country meets, road races, track & field events, athlete award and recognition events, club events and committee meetings.

During the year, I was delighted to travel the province and meet so many enthusiastic and dedicated members that volunteer their time and effort to provide for opportunities for athletes of all ages to train and compete.

Competition & Teams

This has been a very busy year for our athletes in major competition events. In addition to the BC Championships, National Championships and University/College meets this year, our BC Athletes participated in the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games in Kamloops, BC, 2011 Pan American Games and Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico and the 2011 IAAF World Championships in Daegu, South Korea. We look forward to seeing our BC Athletes compete in the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Athletics Canada

As a member branch of Athletics Canada, we have been very active in the positive changes with Athletics Canada. We participate in monthly conference calls and also meet in person, twice a year, with the other provincial branches and Athletics Canada staff and board of directors. The Annual General Meeting is in May each year in Ottawa. The Semi-Annual Meeting of the branches and Athletics Canada, normally in Ottawa, will be in Richmond, BC, December 7 & 8, 2011.

Over the past year, there has been a review of some of the committees of Athletics Canada with an emphasis on increasing the participation from the branches in the Run Canada, Athlete Development and National Teams committees. Announcements of the new committee structure and committee members will be made by Athletics Canada to be active in April 2012.

Sport BC / BC Sport Agency

As a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO), BC Athletics is a member of Sport BC and our offices are located in the Sport BC / BCIT campus in Richmond. BC Athletics has a commitment to this location until March 2013.

Over the next few months, Sport BC will have some structural changes as it relates to membership services, communications and events and will have a decrease in the staffing level including a change in the CEO role.

The long-term role of Sport BC is still to be determined, based on some financial factors, a change in the Sport Campus concept and the formation of the new "BC Sport Agency". This new "BC Sport Agency" supported by BC

Games, Canada Sport Centre Pacific, Sport BC, Legacies Now and the BC Provincial Government has been formed this year and its mandate, board of directors and staff are being put in place over the next year.

BC Athletics Board of Directors

We were delighted to have the role of Director, Marketing and Communications filled after having been vacant for the past two terms.

A special thank you to the Athlete Representatives, Claudia Richard and Nigel Hole, who are now completing their two-year term on the board. Both Claudia and Nigel were very pro-active in bring the athletes' perspective forward to the board.

We also say thank you to Larry Harper as he completes his role as Past Chair. Larry has now served 16 years on the board in the roles of Director of Finance, Chair and Past Chair. On a personal note, Larry has been a great mentor for me in preparing for my responsibilities on the board. Larry has not gone too far, we look forward to working with Larry in his role as Chair of the Board of Directors for Sport BC.

Our team at the BC Athletics Office

I am constantly amazed at the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of our BC Athletics team. This last few months has been especially challenging for them with the BC Cross Country Championships, hosting the National Cross Country Championship in Vancouver, organizing the JD Awards Banquet, the new Whistler 50 Relay and Ultra, changes with Sport BC, preparing for the Track and Field season and especially the "all hands on deck" approach to preparing for the AGM, Awards Banquet and committee meetings this weekend.

I am fortunate to be able to work with this team on a weekly basis and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to formally thank Brian McCalder and his wonderful team for making the extraordinary effort all year long to serve the members and clubs of our association.

Greg White

Chair, Board of Directors

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