

**BC ATHLETICS
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Brighthouse Park Pavilion
January 21, 2007.**

Present: Dawn Copping; Denise Clements, Sam Walker, Tom Dingle, Peter Maryschuck, Greg Clark, Rob Kragelj, Maureen de St. Croix.

Regrets were received from John May and Alwilda Van Ryswyk.

The meeting was called to order at 10.10am

Agenda:

Motion (Maureen de St. Croix/ Peter Maryschuck) to accept the agenda as printed.. **Carried**

Minutes:

Motion (Sam Walker/Peter Maryschuck) to adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2006 JD Committee meeting: **Carried**

Business Arising:

Dawn Copping will contact the clubs in Zone for 4 for a representative from that area.. She will request that the opening be posted on the BC Athletics web site.

AGM Resolutions

For juvenile women the 1500m steeplechase has been changed to a 2000m steeplechase in order to bring it in line with the distance run at the Legion meet.

The discontinuation of the 200m and 400m for 9 and 10 year olds was discussed. This change was passed at the BC Athletics AGM. It is important that coaches promote the change in a positive manner to the athletes and stress the importance of the adding of the 60m for 9, 10 and 11 year olds.

The 15 year olds will no longer come under the jurisdiction of the JD Committee. As they now attend the Legion Camp and are considered for World Youth Championships it makes sense that they be managed by the Juv/Jnr/Snr Committee. As well girls fit into the Learning to Compete Group of the Long Term Athlete Development model as do the Juveniles and older. The 15 year olds will be awarded at the January BC Athletics Awards Ceremony by the same rules as they would have been if they were JD's. Hopefully the larger number awarded will keep these young athletes encouraged and staying longer in the sport. A Championship for this age group will be held in conjunction with the Juv/Jnr/ Snr Championships each year so that the 15 Legion Team members may be chosen. This means that the Alternate Event to the Summer Games shall probably not be held in the future. Possibly the BC Summer Games age groups may be changed.

Triple Jump

A request to consider a change in the age when athletes begin competing in triple jump was brought forward. The suggestion was that athletes start training in this event at 13 years of age.

1500m

The JD Committee was also asked to look at eliminating the 1500m for 9 and 10 year olds.

Both these items can be discussed during the year and a decision made at a suggested yearly meeting with the Juv/Jnr/Snr Committee. From this meeting decisions can go forward to the BC Athletics AGM as a motion supported by both groups.

JD Championships

A letter is to be sent to Kamloops stating that the throws area of the new facility needs to be brought up to safety standards for the JD Championships by March 15. If Kamloops is to retain the bid for the Championships the throws area must be improved to the satisfaction of the JD Committee and accredited for a JD Championships by the BC Athletics officials. Another club will be sought in case this eventuality occurs.

The final decision on the location of the JD Championships shall be made at the April 1 JD Committee meeting.

The video of the proposed indoor Olympic facility in Richmond was discussed.

Representative to Cross Country Committee

Maureen de St Croix volunteered.

2006 Top 10's

Shirley Young has advised that the 2006 Top 10 results are available for loading on the BC Athletics web site. Shirley is to be invited to the next meeting. Clubs are not sending the meet result information to her as requested. Hopefully she shall explain the format that she requires.

Shirley can also answer questions re. the 2008 Summer Games.

Relays

Motion (Peter Maryschuk/ Rob Kragelj) that for the top 10 record book for medley relays the 11 and 12 year olds will be grouped together and the 13 and 14 year olds No 9 and 10 year olds will be permitted to run up with these age groups in medley relays. Carried.

Motion (Dawn Copping /Sam Walker) The relay age groupings for relays in which 9 and 10 year olds may compete (ie composed of distances which are approved for these age groups) will be as follows: 9/10, 11/12, 13/14. Carried.

Shirley Young is to be asked to discuss the problems with the recording of the relays in the top ten records. Maybe clubs need a document that can be filled out with information that she needs for recording the winners.

Jane Swan Award

The nomination form, procedures and criteria need to be reviewed. The award should be for an outstanding volunteer (ie. administrator). This award should not go to a coach for their volunteer efforts as a coach.

BC Athletics has approved it being awarded at the AGM. Alwilda will contact Jerry Swan to seek his approval.

JD Coach of the Year

Sam Walker and Dawn Copping are to work on the criteria for choosing a JD Coach to be awarded at the BC Athletics Banquet in January. The Juvenile/Junior/Senior coach criteria is not totally appropriate for the JD category.

JD Awards Criteria

Much positive feedback has been received about the more equitable awards system that Tom Dingle is developing for choosing JD award winners. A list of qualifying standards should be received at the April 1 meeting for posting on the BC Athletics web site. A note needs to go on the web site to say that the criteria is changing and links to supporting evidence posted. Tom Dingle is to be sent comments by committee members on the proposed changes by March 15.

Any clubs who want to have a meet included on the list of approved meets for JD awards and Top 10 must apply by March 15 to BC Athletics.

Banquet

A booking for the JD Banquet on October 14th needs to be confirmed at the Croatian Cultural Centre. The JD AGM will be held on the North Shore at 2pm on Oct. 13th.

Banquet planning will take place at the April JD Committee meeting and committee members assigned responsibilities.

Review of the JD Handbook needs to take place at the April 1st meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 12.56pm.

A Committee List will be distributed via email.

Proposed 2007 Meeting Schedule

BC Athletics AGM Meeting– Sunday meeting. Jan 21, 2007

Sunday, April 1, 2007 Brighthouse Park Pavilion.

Sunday Sept 9, 2007, Brighthouse Park Pavilion

JD AGM October 13, 2007, North Shore Venue.