

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF BC ATHLETICS
October 30, 2010 at 4:00 pm
Encore Restaurant at 27279 Fraser Highway
Aldergrove, BC**

MINUTES

Present

Dawn Copping	Chair, NorWesters
Tom Dingle	BCA Board Rep, temp sec.
Florence Dingle	Pen Track
Dave Short	Ocean Athletics
Birgit Weaver	NorWesters
Alwilda van Ryswyk	Kamloops T&F
Tatjana Mece	Vancouver Olympics
Besnik Mece	Vancouver Olympics
Sheila Weegar	Alberni Track

1. Review/acceptance of the 2010 agenda.

Additions:

Para-Athletics Program (see New Business)

Voting for JD Championship bids (see New Business)

Motion: **to Accept 2010 Agenda as amended**

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk

Second: Dave Short

Carried

2. Minutes from the 2009 AGM.

Motion: **to Accept 2009 Minutes**

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk

Second: Tom Dingle

Carried

3. Business arising from minutes.

Two year cycle for Championships – discussed under new business

Reports on Championships

Cross Country 2010 – Orally by Dave Short

Start line problem –use of rope – suggest alternate – flour

Good but challenging course with lots of hills – all grass

Well run and on time
Lucked out with the weather

JD Pentathlon 2010 – Written and submitted by Ocean Athletics
Acceptance of Report from Ocean Athletics – no comments other than to say a good report

Motion: **to Accept JD Pentathlon Report**

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk Second: Besnik Mece

Carried

JD Track and Field Championships 2010 – Orally by Alwilda van Ryswyk

Some comments:

Need spare hurdle tops to replace those broken

Sprinkler problems affecting electrical box and hence the electronic timing

Board problem for triple jump

Motion: **to Accept JD Championship Report**

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk Second: Besnik Mece

Carried

4. **Review of dates** for JD Championships and Club bids to host the Pentathlon and JD Championships for 2011.

Discussion revolved around having championships two years running at same venue – When was this voted on?

Some felt JD championship meet bids should be every year and rotated interior – lower mainland – island – lower mainland (discussed further under new business. Summer Games problems – unwillingness of communities to bid for Games due to lack of significant support from the government.

2011

Ocean Athletics bid – XC Championships

Kamloops bid - JD Championships

Ocean Athletics– JD Pentathlon Championships

Motion: **to Accept these Championship sites for 2011**

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk Second: Besnik Mece

Carried

Motion: **Move that JD championships should be available for bidding from clubs every year with the hope that they rotate from the interior to the lower mainland and to the island.**

Mover: Dave Short Second: Besnik Mece

Carried

See new business below for second motion on this topic

5. Coming changes in JD events to meet requirements of the Long Term Athlete Development model (LTAD).

See attached report and recommendation from T Dingle on behalf of the JD committee.

Considerable discussion around various aspects of the report:

--dropping 150m and replacing with 100m and 200m as appropriate

--keep hurdles the same

--pros and cons of having water in the steeplechase races (actually already in place for 14 year olds)

- don't want to combine age groups (e.g. 10-11, 12-13) Our consensus is to keep one year age groupings (e.g. 9, 10, 11, 12 13)

--keep the Pentathlon (5 events) for JD aged athletes for the Championships. A triathlon could be a fun event at another time.

--keep the same long jump boards, not the wider 1 metre boards

--old false start rule

--the committee does not support having a ball throw or standing long jump.

--keep pole vault for 13+. Len mentioned that in Bellingham, Washington there are 10+ athletes learning how to pole vault.

--start triple jump at 13+

--keep medley relays but they become the option and design of the host club putting on the track meet. Further discussion before implementing a specified medley relay at the JD Championships

--separate awards for 14 year olds and 15year olds but have them compete together where possible

--2k for hammer for 11, 12 and 13 year olds

Motion: to accept report, post it on the JD page and in the BC Athletics Blog requesting responses from the membership. Copies to be sent to all members of the 15+ Committee. Based on these responses submit a resolution to the BC Athletics AGM in January, 2011

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk

Second: Tatjana Mece

Carried

Coming out of the discussion, the JD committee is going to discuss with expert throwing coaches the appropriate age and implement weights for younger hammer athletes.

There was a considerable discussion as to where the 14 year olds should be placed (under JD or Track and Field Committee). The 14 to 15 year old age range is a transition period with some 14 year olds ready to compete at a higher level and some not. Since there is a considerable loss of athletes in this age range it was felt that every effort should be made to encourage them to stay in the sport. This means recognition in the form of medals and ribbons at all meets and at the awards ceremonies in the fall and winter. However, it was felt that it was important for 14 and

15 year olds to compete together as much as possible with the same technical specifications. Therefore the members present considered the following motion.

Motion: **that the following recommendations be passed on to BC Athletics:**

- a. **14 year olds remain in the JD group – awards being given at JD banquet as is now done**
- b. **14 year and 15 year olds compete together at meets but 14 year olds and 15 year olds be awarded separately**
- c. **14 and 15 year olds compete together at the Jamboree but be awarded separately**
- d. **14 and 15 year olds compete at a JD/ Midget Championship Pentathlon meet (this means they do not have to make a choice between doing combined events and single events at the championships)**

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk

Second: Besnik Mece

Carried

It was also felt that the Track and Field committee should make awards to 15 year olds as is now done with 14 year olds and as was **only done** the first year the 15 year olds came under the control of the Track and Field committee.

6. **Crests**- Proposal to change method of awarding crests – orally from Dawn Copping. Change from existing system to an averaging system.

Motion: **that JD crests be award on an averaging system over the top three events using 3 for gold, 2 for silver and 1 for bronze and rounding down average to assign crest.**

Mover: Birgit Weaver

Second: Dave Short

Carried

7. **Election of members** for 2010 JD committee.

Sheila Weegar (from Alberni Track) elected as Island (Zone 6) representative – 2years

Barbara Lund (from Pen Track) elected as member-at-large 2 years

Besnik Mece (Vancouver Olympic) elected as member-at-large 1 year

Dawn Copping (NorWesters) reelected as Zone 5 rep for 2 years

Peter Maryschuk (Kelowna Track) reelected as member-at-large for 2 years

Len van Ryswyk (South Fraser Track) has 1 year to go

Alwilda van Ryswyk (Kamloops Track) has 1 year to go

Dave Short (Ocean Athletics) has 1 year to go

Motion: **To accept the nominations of Sheila Weegar, Barb Lund, Besnik Mece, Dawn Copping and Peter Maryschuk for the terms specified above.**

Mover: Birgit Weaver

Second: Dave Short

Carried

8. **2010 Awards Banquet** update – Oral report from Dawn Copping – Awards ceremony seems to be on track for following day. Some discussion of final details as to who does what.

9. **New Business**

a. Parathletics – Members to pass on information in proposal submitted by the Langley Mustangs.

b. Votes for Meets –

Motion: **That bids for JD Championships (combined event and Track and Field) be posted on JD page along with covering information so that JD Track and Field Clubs can vote on the bids by email, each club having the same number of votes as at the BC Athletics AGM**

Mover: Alwilda van Ryswyk

Second: Dave Short

Carried

10. **Meeting Dates for 2010.**

Next meeting to be held on Sunday, January 30, 2011 (probably 10:00 am) in conjunction with the BC Athletics AGM. Dates for further meets in 2011 to be determined at that meeting with the usual timeline of sometime in April, September and October.

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

Mover: Birgit Weaver

Second: Dave Short

Carried