

BC ATHLETICS
OFFICIALS' COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, November 20 2005

Abbotsford, Madison's Restaurant

Present: Anne Lansdell, April Arsene, Kathy Terlicher, Shirley Young, Peter Fejfar, Louise Meville, Judy Armstrong Joan Cowden, Al McLeod, Michele Peacock, Len van Ryswyk, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Ina Wallace, Sanda Turner, Penny Roze, Hugh Morrison, Ken Porter, Diana Hollefreund, Jackie Barrington, Sue Kydd, Jennifer Woodcock, Lark Lillicrap, Jason Swan, Gerry Swan, Dale Loewen, Janice Loewen, John Cull, Carol Cull (recording secretary)

1. **Call to Order** - Anne Lansdell at 10:30

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Approval: Sanda Turner / Peter Fejfar

3. **Minutes of the 2004 Agenda**

Errors, Omissions, Additions: Equipment Recommendations item #2 refers particularly to 'Special Competitions' ,i.e. Masters, Visually Impaired etc.

Moved to accept: Sue Kydd / Shirley Young

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) Reminder that information regarding specifics of Hurdle Heights, weights and measures of throwing implements etc. needs to be forwarded to Coaches as well as Meet Organizers.

b) Reminder that Level 2 Officials and above are to receive new Handbooks for the 2006/2007 competition years. There will be no charge to those Officials who are registered with BC Athletics and have paid their membership fees. Books are to be distributed once they have been received by the BC Athletics Office.

5. **Branch Committee Reports**

a) Chair - Anne Lansdell

- A written report was presented
- Information was sent to BC Athletics for inclusion in the Bulletin regarding the protocol for compensation to Officials for Travel expenses. These are for expenses incurred for travel both within and outside of the areas in which Officials live in order to attend Competitions. It was suggested by John Cull that there are difficulties in both the understanding and application of this reimbursement process. Further discussions on amendments to create a simpler more workable process will be held at the next Officials' Executive Committee Meeting. It was further suggested by Diana Hollefreund that information concerning changes to this process as well and information regarding Hurdle Heights, Implement Weights and Measures etc. be forwarded to BC Athletics for inclusion in the Bulletin.
- Requests for upgrading should be made directly to Kathy Terlicher by the Official involved.
- An explanation was given as to the difference between Mentoring (an ongoing teaching / learning process) and Evaluating (as the word implies, for upgrading purposes).
- Officials must be members of BC Athletics in order to be covered by the BC Athletics Insurance policy for Sanctioned Meets. In Non-sanctioned meets, Officials would be covered as 'volunteers' under the Insurance Policy of the Host Club or Organization.
- There is a continuing need for additional Athletics Officials. It is everyone's responsibility to help with this recruitment. Discussion ensued and information was given regarding recruitment methods used in Alberta which does not have a Club's-based recruitment program.

Moved to Accept: Alwilda van Ryswyk / Mark Lillicrap

b) Treasurer - Ina Wallace

- A written Officials' Budget was presented
- Future expenditure of funds for Officials' travel for Mentoring/Upgrading purposes is expected to be \$4500
- Further expenses for equipment purchases for this fiscal year to include a replacement javelin board, clocks and rule books

Moved to Accept: April Arsene / Hugh Morrison

c) Assignments - Carol Cull

- A written report was presented
- The report dealt primarily with those meets in the Lower Mainland for which Officials had been requested
- It was noted that once again we have the problem of too many meets being held in too short a period of time or with meets whose dates conflict.

Moved to accept: Hugh Morrison / Mark Lillicrap

d) Education - Karen Davidson (absent)

- A written report was presented
- New Level 1 and Level 2 workshops are being rewritten in order to update information and to include the discipline of Long Distance Officiating (Off Track)

Moved to accept : Ina Wallace / Mark Lillicrap

e) Upgrading - Kathy Terlicher

- A written report was presented
- It was noted that those names which are asterisked have upgrades which are pending.

Moved to accept I: Shirley Young / Sue Kydd

f) Equipment - John Cull

- A written report was presented
- A new Javelin Board will need to be purchased or constructed (Hugh Morrison and Peter Fejfar have offered to do this). Digital Clock(s) will also be purchased.
- The Starting Pistols are being serviced. John is actively searching for starting equipment to supplement or replace our current stock.
- Some problems have arisen because of the increase in the requests for weighing and measuring services. We require more trained individuals to handle these requests as well as additional equipment to facilitate this need. While we are aware that these problems are more applicable to Lower Mainland Competitions we strongly recommend that clubs purchase their own weighing and measuring equipment.
- Race Walk Paddles will need to be altered in order to comply with Rule changes.
- Additional equipment difficulties that have arisen this year are: the continuing need at every facility for Legal Vertical Jumps Bars and Throwing implements of the correct weight and design.
- Other requirements for Meets are Accident Forms and Evaluation forms that can be completed by Officials attending the Meet.
- Noted corrections to the Equipment List: There are 3 each of the Umpire bags and Race Walk kits.
- A Weather Writer (special clipboard designed for all weather conditions) was shown. It was suggested that these could be purchased by Clubs for use at their Meets. It was further suggested that these would be a desirable incentive item for Fall 2006. Those individuals who would like to order a Weather Writer for their personal use this year should contact Carol or John Cull.

Moved to accept: Hugh Morrison / Louise Meville

g) Technical - Anne Lansdell / John Cull

- Anne Lansdell and Ken Porter completed their inspection of the facility in Duncan

- John Cull stated that we require direction from the CEO or Technical Director at BC Athletics before a review or inspection of a facility is made.
 - There are several sites which will potentially require an inspection for the coming Track and Field season: Kamloops, Simon Fraser, South Surrey
- Moved to accept: Carol Cull / Judy Armstrong

h) Awards and Incentives - Shirley Young

- Incentive items were shown as well as the new BC Athletics Officials' shirt.
- Draws were held throughout the meeting for items that were donated by 3 Provincial Clubs.

i) Communication - Sue Kydd / Jackie Barrington

- Please remember to contact members of the Committee if you are aware of an Occasion that should be acknowledged.

Presentation

A Handout of the new rule changes for 2006/2007 was compiled by Alice Kubek and presented by Anne Lansdell with some explanatory information provided by Ken Porter and John Cull. Peter Fejfar noted that the revised rules concerning the Hammer design could be found on the IAAF website.

Thank You

Great Appreciation was extended to the Achilles Society for their generous support of the Officials' Annual General Meeting.

Gerry Swan, a representative from the Valley Royals and the Achilles Society spoke to us about both the history and the mandate of this group. As a keen observer and long-involved member of the Athletics community, Gerry was able to provide us with some excellent suggestions for the Officials' organization. He reminded us, as Officials, to speak up when we are aware of areas where improvements can be made. This refers to both facilities and meet organization. He also reminded us of the importance of making full use of our budgeted funds each year.

6. Lunch

7. New Business

a) Officials at Championship Meets.

A priority list exists for Officials attendance at Meets, however, the reality is that Officials choose which meets they plan to attend within their area.

b) Volunteers vs. Officials

It is requested that all Officials should wear the designated uniform of white shirt and navy blue pants or skirt when Officiating at a Meet. This helps to identify your position at a meet and makes you more easily recognizable by fellow Officials and others who attend the Competition. Please help new Officials by giving them this information.

c) Notice of Meets.

Where possible we try to provide ample time to Officials concerning Meet dates. Please reply to those who contact you as promptly as you are able about the possibility of your attendance so that we are not in the position of having an inadequately staffed Competition.

d) Long Distance Running Proposal.

John Cull provided a Handout and spoke to the topic of Certification for Long Distance Running Officials. The new Level 1 and Level 2 Workshops are being revised with this new certification in mind. Long Distance refers to Cross Country, Road Racing, Road Race Walk and Mountain

Racing. Our purpose in creating this new position comes from our discussion with Road Race organizers and our wish to certify people who are already volunteering their time at an Athletic Competition or who may wish to in the future. As a Provincial body we have the discretion to certify individuals within the province up to a Level 3. We recognize the need to invite Officials from outside of the Lower Mainland to Long Distance Competitions in order to provide them with the necessary opportunities to gain credit for upgrading purposes.

e) Langley Invitational

Sue Kydd asked for opinions and observations on extending the Langley Invitational Meet from two days to three. It was noted by many that providing more Officials for a Meet means that our area resources of Officials are not overly taxed. Comment was also made that perhaps Meet Organizers could be made aware of the need to use some of their proceeds from a Meet to bring Officials from other areas within the Province to help with Officiating duties. This could mean travel or accommodation expenses.

8. Election of Officers

The following were elected for a two year term:

Carol Cull	Sanda Turner
John Cull	Sue Kydd
	Alwilda van Ryswyk

The following have one more year to serve:

April Arsene	Ina Wallace
Kathy Terlicher	Shirley Young
Jackie Barrington	Karen Davidson
	Alice Kubek

9. Awards

Nominations for the following awards need to be sent to Shirley Young by November 25 (Handout provided)

- * Mary Temple Memorial Award
- * Ralph Coates Memorial Award
- * Dave Coupland Award
- * Wall of Honor
- * BC Athletics Hall of Fame Award
- * Sport BC Awards

10. Other Business

Judy Armstrong sang the praises of the excellent new Indoor and Outdoor facility that is being constructed in Kamloops.

Adjournment

Ina Wallace / Sanda Turner

Secretary

Carol Cull